

Bend it in there



United States golfer Anthony Kim reacts to his shot from the fifth fairway during a foursomes match Thursday at the Presidents Cup in San Francisco. Story, 3B

SIDELINE

BASKETBALL

Iowa State's Brackins preseason All-Big 12

IRVING, Texas — Iowa State junior Craig Brackins is on the preseason All-Big 12 Conference men's basketball team, and teammate Marquis Gilstrap was tabbed preseason newcomer of the year in a vote of league coaches.

Brackins, a 6-foot-10 forward, averaged 20.2 points and 9.5 rebounds in 2008-09. Gilstrap, a 6-7 forward from Covington, Ga., averaged 22.6 points and 10.1 rebounds last season in junior college.

SWIMMING

Bad knee jeopardizes '12 Games for Torres

Dara Torres overcame staggering odds to make the U.S. Olympic swim team in her 40s. Now, an even bigger challenge awaits.

Torres' arthritic left knee is damaged worse than she thought, requiring a radical, reconstructive procedure that will leave her with a recovery of 12 to 18 months. But she said she's not giving up on the London Games.

"I think this might make me more motivated to go for 2012, just to prove I can get over this," said Torres, 42, who won three silver medals at Beijing.

FOOTBALL

Bradford decision delayed until today

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma Coach Bob Stoops is waiting until today to make a decision on whether Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford will play Saturday against Baylor.

Bradford has missed the past three games for Oklahoma (2-2) with a sprained AC joint in his right, throwing shoulder.

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Meet the Riders

- Name: Jeff Costello
- Number: 11

- Position: Forward
- Age: 18
- Height/weight: 5-11, 202 pounds
- Hometown: Milwaukee, Wis.

• Scouting report: Second season with the RoughRiders. Put up 24 goals and nine assists in 54 games in 2008-09. Had two goals in Cedar Rapids' first game this season. Selected by the Ottawa Senators in the fifth round of the 2009 NHL Draft. Committed to play hockey at Notre Dame. Plays a rough-and-tumble game despite having Type 1 diabetes.



Last week's video not a hot rental

By Marc Morehouse
The Gazette

IOWA CITY — Rarely does anyone have a good first day back at work after being sick. Bryan Bulaga is no exception.

The 6-6, 312-pound junior offensive tackle returned to the lineup for the No. 12 Hawkeyes after missing three games with a thyroid illness. Coach Kirk Ferentz said Bulaga was a little rusty but was OK overall.

"He has things to work on," Ferentz said. Hang onto the "overall" portion of the discussion. Bulaga might have been fine, but the overall performance of the Iowa (5-0, 1-0 Big Ten) offensive line was a loss. A scrappy, under-the-radar



Bryan Bulaga
Iowa lineman

group from Arkansas State pretty much stuffed an O-line that only a week earlier jammed up Penn State and its front seven.

Bulaga didn't cushion the blow.

"It was ugly for the most part," he said. "We didn't do many things right the entire time."

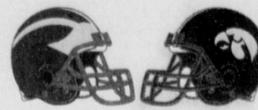
Arkansas State held Iowa to 124 yards on 33 carries, a 3.8-yard average. It was Iowa's second-lowest output this season,

with the lowly 87 against Northern Iowa still holding. They know it has to be better this Saturday. If Arkansas State's front four was unforgiving, Michigan (4-1, 1-1) certainly won't offer a vacation day.

"We were not very happy with our performance as an offensive line," guard Julian Vandervelde said. "I sup-

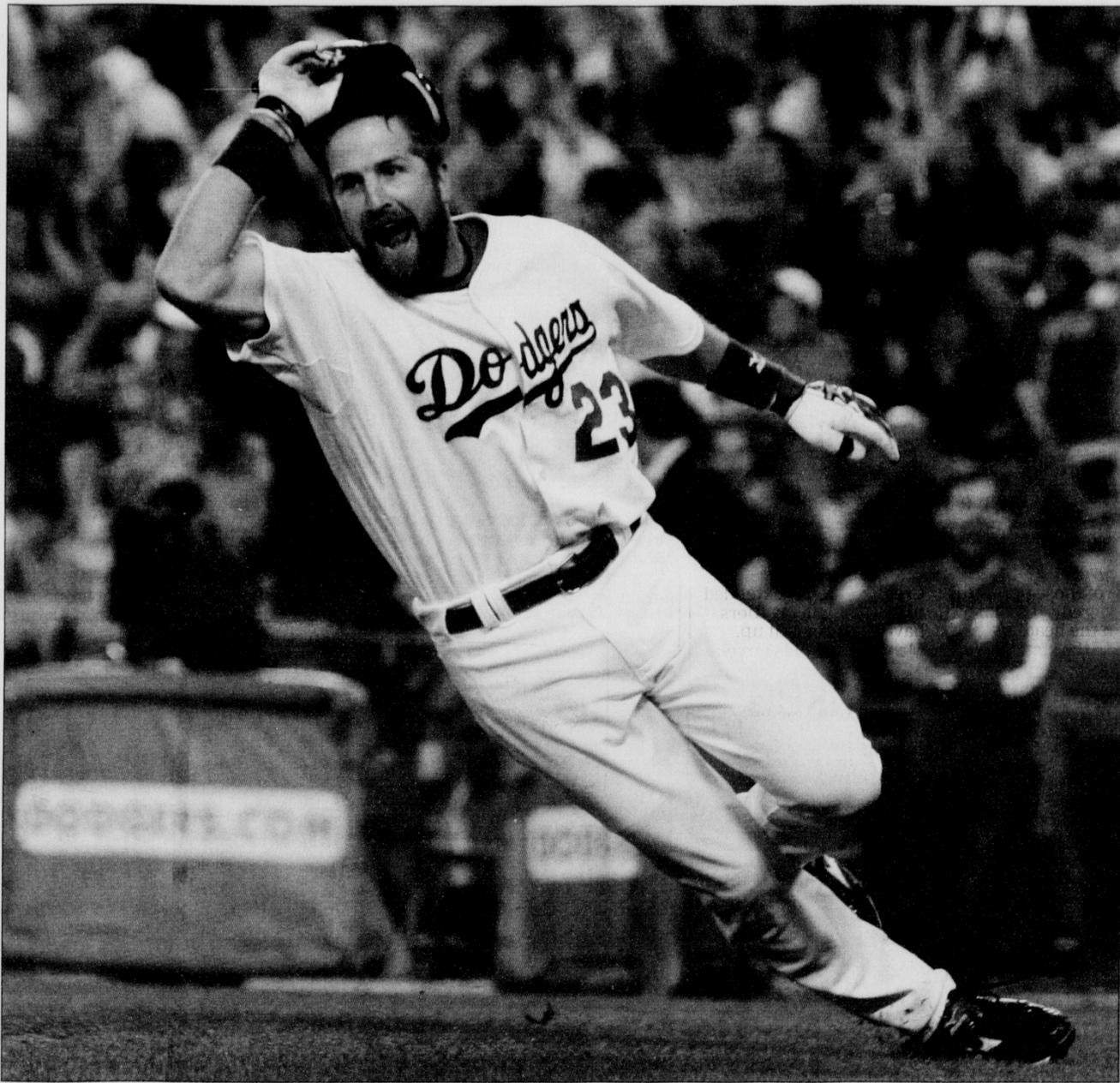
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This week's game



- The teams: Michigan (4-1, 1-1) at Iowa (5-0, 1-0)
- Place: Kinnick Stadium, Iowa City.
- Kickoff: 7:12 p.m. Saturday
- TV: KCRG
- Line: Iowa by 8

Dodgers take advantage



Native Iowan Casey Blake reacts after scoring the winning run for the Los Angeles Dodgers on a single by Mark Loretta in the ninth inning last night against the St. Louis Cardinals. The Dodgers won, 3-2, to take a 2-0 lead in the series.

Holliday's error leads to L.A. rally

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Matt Holliday dropped a sinking line drive for an error with two outs in the ninth inning, leading to a two-run rally by the Los Angeles Dodgers that gave them a 3-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals last night.

Ronnie Belliard and pinch-hitter Mark Loretta came through with RBI singles off closer Ryan Franklin, giving the Dodgers a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five NL playoff series. Game 3 is Saturday in St. Louis.

The Cardinals got a second-inning homer from Holliday and a stellar performance from starter Adam Wainwright, who left

with a 2-1 lead after eight innings. Still, St. Louis went home empty-handed after opening the series with two Cy Young Award candidates on the mound: Chris Carpenter and Wainwright.

With the bases empty in the ninth and St. Louis on the verge of tying the series, Holliday charged in on James Loney's liner to left

field. But the ball hit his midsection and dropped to the grass, allowing Loney to reach second.

Franklin walked Casey Blake before Belliard singled up the middle, scoring pinch-runner Juan Pierre. A passed ball moved runners up to second and third, and Franklin walked Russell Martin on four pitches to load the bases.

Loretta, batting for reliever George Sherrill, was 0 for 15 in his career against Franklin before fisting a soft single to center that drove in Blake.

That triggered a huge celebration, with teammates jumping on Loretta in a pile between first and second base.

"Unfortunately, I did

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Making postseason push?

By Jeff Johnson
The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — They had to figure they'd already have had a spot in the prep football postseason secured by Week 7. But it's really all about if you get there, not when you clinch getting there.

The Cedar Rapids Kennedy Cougars might have finally gotten there last night.

Kennedy won what appears to be the magic third game, dominating Waterloo West from start to finish in a 28-0 victory at Kingston Stadium. The way it's playing out, four victories will for sure get you into the Class 4A substate round.

Three? That might just do it, too.

"I don't know," said Kennedy Coach Tim Lewis. "I'm the worst numbers guy there is. (Assistant coach Bret) Hoyer is the math teacher. I'll leave that to him. I know I like the sounds of 5-4 better than 3-4. It's been awhile since we've had a losing season, and I don't want to get that started."

Kennedy (3-4) outgained West (2-5) by a 342-168 margin, limited the Wahawks to a minus-1 rushing. Most of that was because of a pass rush that sacked quarter-



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Cedar Rapids Kennedy running back Joshua Simmons threads his way through Waterloo West defenders Josh Jaramillo (left) and Dakota Hottle on a 59-yard touchdown run last night at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids.

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Iowa City High's Cassie White (second from left) hugs Melanie Holman (center) as they celebrate with teammates Emily Fagan (second from right), Jill Stephenson (right) and Rebecca Rethwisch after City High won the girls' team title in the Mississippi Valley Conference Cross Country Super Meet in Iowa City.

ISU still waiting on '08 receivers to sparkle in '09

By Eric Petersen
For The Gazette

AMES — Nine catches. The Iowa State receivers many believed would be most sought in the passing game this season — Sedrick Johnson, Darius Darks, Collin Franklin and Houston Jones — have a whopping nine catches among them.

"I would have never thought that," said offensive coordinator Tom Herman.

There have been reasons for the meager production from those players who combined for 114 receptions, 1,307 yards and six touchdowns last season.

Johnson injured an ankle trying to catch a pass early in a season-opening game against North Dakota State.

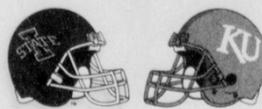
He's played in every game but caught just two passes for 8 yards, both against Kent State.

A pulled hamstring forced Darks to miss much of preseason camp, and he's been trying to make up for lost time. The team's second-leading receiver as a freshman in 2008 with 49 grabs, he has two catches for 13 yards.

Franklin got hold of a virus last month and lost 20 to 30 pounds off his 254-pound frame.

He's finally back to eating solid foods and gain-

This week's game



- **The teams:** Iowa State (3-2, 0-1) at Kansas (4-0, 0-0)
- **Place:** Memorial Stadium, Lawrence, Kan.
- **Kickoff:** 11:30 a.m., Saturday
- **TV:** Versus
- **Line:** Kansas by 19



Sedrick Johnson
ISU receiver



Collin Franklin
ISU receiver

ing his strength. "When you lose a lot of weight it's hard," said Franklin, who has five catches for 41 yards.

Jones was ready to come back last week from an ankle injury but hurt the same ankle in a different way during practice. He's yet to play this year and won't be available Saturday at Kansas. Jones had 32 receptions for 384 yards during a breakout junior season in '08.

Teammates say it's only a matter of time before they break out.

In the meantime, coaches have to put an offense on the field that can score points and can't simply stand still while their expected stars get themselves right.

Players like Jake Williams (14 rec, 162 yds, 2 TDs) and Marquis Hamilton (18 rec, 313 yds, 2 TDs) have instead become the go-to guys.

"You have to kind of roll with the punches," said tight end Derrick Catlett, who has caught seven balls for 112 yards and a score. "Somebody gets sick, somebody goes down, another one jumps up."

Iowa/Offensive line 'regressed' last week

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pose it's good to have that sort of performance and still come out with a win. That'll motivate us this week to work a lot harder at the things we need to improve on. We'll spend a lot more time in the film room and on the practice field focusing on the details this week."

Leading 24-21 and with the ball at ASU's 47, Iowa needed one first down to drain the final 2:01 off the clock. Running back Adam Robinson gained 3 yards on first down. Good start. Second down, he gained 3 more. On third-and-4, Robinson ran to the left for zero yards.

Iowa punted. Arkansas State had a shot, albeit a long and miraculous shot, but a shot.

"That was very frustrating," Bulaga said. "Gosh, you want to be able to close out a game like that and get 10 yards. That was frustrating. You've got to learn from it and move on to next week."

Ferentz said the offense "regressed." He wasn't talking about the O-line specifically, but the question was about the offensive line. Either way, "regressed" isn't what you're shooting for in week 5.

"I thought we regressed, quite honestly, not so much an effort thing but we had a lot of loose ends and it probably showed up on the scoreboard," Ferentz said. "We just didn't execute fundamentally the way that you would hope after four games. This was our fifth game. I'd like to see us a

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Kirk Ferentz

little further along at that point."

To a man, the O-line didn't buy the "continuity" issue that would be the easy out. It was Bulaga's first game in the lineup since Sept. 5. It was third different O-line this season. But that wasn't it, they said.

"It's just guys making mental mistakes, mental errors," Bulaga said. "These easily can be cleaned up. It's just getting it right and going out there and doing it."

The technical and mental sharpness that helped Iowa rush for 163 yards at Penn State wasn't there against Arkansas State.

They knew Sunday's video session was going to be brutal. It went a little like this:

"There's a laser pointer. There's a lot of pointing," Vanderveelde said. "There's not as much yelling as you might think."

"... They always say the film is never as good or bad as you think it's going to be. Sometimes, that's just not true. It's every bit as bad as you thought it was going to be. This was probably one of those weekends."

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Flu-weakened City High girls still reign

By Jeff Linder
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IOWA CITY — Nobody could put a precise number on the missing.

"Lots," according to Rebecca Rethwisch.

An influenza outbreak is going through City High School. For many athletics programs, it would be crippling.

Not for the City High girls' cross country team, which still managed to grab the Mississippi Valley Conference championship Thursday at the Ashton Cross Country Course.

"We did?" Rethwisch said when she heard the outcome — City High outdueled Iowa City West, 33-42.

"Woo, hoo!"

According to Coach Tom Mittman, "more than 20" of City High's 70 girls' runners stayed home from school Thurs-



Linn-Mar's Carolyn Newhouse sprints to the finish to win the girls' varsity race Thursday in the Mississippi Valley Conference Cross Country Super Meet at Iowa City.

Carolyn Newhouse of Linn-Mar was the individual girls' champion, finishing in 14:42. Madeline Becker of Cedar Rapids Washington was the runner-up, seven seconds later.

"I thought somebody was right behind me the whole race," Newhouse said. "I usually have no idea who's behind me. But that helps me sprint at the end."

After Newhouse and Becker, the next 11 runners were from Iowa City (six from West, five from City), led by Rethwisch.

"The start was really crazy," Rethwisch said. "You have to be reckless to get through all those people."

Mittman credited Cassidy White for the Little Hawks' title drive.

"At three-quarters of a mile, we were back a little farther than I'd have

liked," he said. "Cassidy made a move and pulled everyone along with her."

For boys' champion Frank Canady of Iowa City West, the concern wasn't illness. It was the weather.

"I was just afraid the meet would get canceled," he said.

It didn't, and Canady cruised. His time of 15:56 was 13 seconds better than Cedar Rapids Prairie's Matt Stocker.

Canady surged from the lead pack midway through the race.

"It was a fun, competitive race," he said. "The most efficient race is one with even splits, and I really try to do that."

Cedar Falls didn't have a runner in the top seven but had five in the top 15 and outscored City High, 57-86.

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Prep/West blanked

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backs Connor McClain and Austin McMahan a handful of times and picked them off three times (McClain twice and McMahan once).

The Cougars scored once in each quarter, sealing it with Anthony Crawley's 75-yard kickoff return to start the second half.

It was actually Caleb Mere who fielded it, then he, Crawley and Josh Simmons huddled on a fake before each of them took off.

Crawley was the one with the football.

"We're getting it back together," said Simmons, who rushed for 98 yards and a touchdown as a wide receiver. "We've got plenty of athletes. I think we're just finally getting it strapped up. We're really looking forward to the playoffs. It's the second season."

Kennedy dominated the first half by more than the 14-0 score might have indicated. The Cou-

C.R. Kennedy 28
Waterloo West 0
AT KINGSTON STADIUM

	WW	CRK
First downs	11	17
Rushes-yards	22-(-1)	44-224
Passing-yards	169	148
Comp-att-int.	19-28-3	12-20-1
Punts-avg.	7-38.0	1-31.0
Fumbles-lost	2-1	5-1
Penalties-yards	5-28	7-56
Waterloo West	0	0
C.R. Kennedy	7	7
CRK—Joshua Simmons 59 run (Erik Boyer kick)		
CRK—Jed Havcraft 1 run (Boyer Kick)		
CRK—Anthony Crawley 75 kickoff return (Boyer kick)		
CRK—Kyle Lamaak 8 pass from Havcraft (Boyer Kick)		

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing — West: Carlos Woods 8-19, Mike Sliemel 1-11, Alex Brown 10-2, Connor McClain 4-(minus) 16, Austin McMahan 8-(minus) 17, Kennedy: Joshua Simmons 6-98, Jed Havcraft 14-47, Anthony Crawley 11-41, Christian French 2-18, Max Martino 3-14, Cameron Bradley 4-9, Tyson Mitchell 1-2, Nicholas Seedorff 1-1, Troy Sleep 1-(minus) 2, Dax Sunken 1-(minus) 4.

Passing — West: Connor McClain 12-20-2-124, Austin McMahan 7-8-1-45, Kennedy: Jed Havcraft 12-20-1-148, Troy Sleep 0-1-1-0.

Receiving — West: Isiah Cook 9-60, Javan Alimable 3-41, Josh Diehm 3-26, Carlos Woods 1-14, DaShawn Richardson 1-13, Alex Brown 1-11, Brent Dunlay 1-4, Kennedy: Max Martino 8-88, Spencer Fontana 1-22, Joshua Simmons 2-16, Anthony Crawley 1-14, Kyle Lamaak 1-8.

gars ran 41 plays from scrimmage to West's 26 and outgained the Wahawks by a significant 260-93 edge.

Yet it took a 59-yard touchdown run on a counter play by Simmons in the final 30 seconds of the first quarter to break



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Cedar Rapids Kennedy linebacker Zachary Parsons (right) puts a hit on Waterloo West's Isiah Cook in the first half last night.

a scoreless tie.

It was still just a 7-0 game in the final minute of the second quarter when Kennedy defensive back Michael Rosenthal intercepted a pass from West quarterback Connor McClain and returned it to the Wahawk 24.

Quarterback Jed Havcraft lofted a 23-yard pass to the right corner that 6-foot-5 wideout Max Martino came down with inside the West 1. Havcraft sneaked over on the next play.

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Iowa athletics department tightens belt by 5 percent

By Scott Dochterman
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IOWA CITY — University of Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta said Carver-Hawkeye Arena's \$47 million renovation project remains on track despite a 5-percent departmentwide budget reduction.

Barta remains optimistic that the project, which includes a practice facility and reconstructed arena bowl, will start on time. He plans to break ground on the facility yet this fall.

"My goal is still that it would start this fall, and I've not yet heard any-

thing that would stop that from happening," he said.

Barta hopes to raise at least \$20 million privately for the project and has received more than \$10 million in pledges.

The department unveiled its 2010 budget Thursday at the monthly Presidential Committee on Athletics meeting. Barta and his staff trimmed the 2010 budget by more than \$550,000 from 2009 because of a slowing economy. Barta had each coach cut operating budgets by 5 percent.

"I try not to micromanage," Barta said. "I try to say whether it's shorten-

ing a trip, eliminating a trip, traveling a little bit differently to a trip ... we have some basic parameters."

Among the largest income reductions is a one-year budgeted drop of \$1.173 million in men's basketball ticket revenue. That largely comes from a 17-percent cut in season-ticket prices to stimulate interest in the program.

"We're trying to be conservative in how we're putting our budget together," he said. "I think because we've lowered our prices, because (the basketball program) is really headed in the right

direction in my opinion. The upside is that someday that number could double. When it does and when the economy comes back, whether it's this year or next year, I've got to project growth. I see that as one area."

The department budgeted a \$1 million increase in debt service because of the anticipated arena renovation. Debt service is the department's second-largest budget expense (\$9.83 million) after football operations (\$15.2 million).

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