



Game 6 rainout



AP
Raindrops cover a seat Wednesday at Busch Stadium in St. Louis after officials announced that Game 6 of the World Series was postponed until tonight.

SIDELINE

WRESTLING

C.R. Prairie's Witte says he'll be a Panther

Cedar Rapids Prairie senior Zach Witte verbally committed Wednesday to wrestle for Northern Iowa and Coach Doug Schwab.

Witte is a two-time state champion and was unbeaten as a junior.

Witte plans to wrestle at 149 for the Panthers.

STUDENT-ATHLETES

University of Iowa ties best grad rate

IOWA CITY — According to an NCAA report, 74 percent of University of Iowa student-athletes who enrolled in 2004-05 have earned degrees, tying the school's best percentage.

The 74 percent rate is 13 points better than a year ago, four points better than all UI students and nine points better than the national average.

Cornell celebrating Bremner's legacy

MOUNT VERNON — Cornell College is celebrating Barron Bremner's legacy with a luncheon and program Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Small Multi-Sport Center.

Bremner was a coach and administrator — including athletics director — at Cornell and Coe from 1959 through 2001. Memories may be shared on a legacy blog at www.cornellcollege.edu. Call (319) 895-4204 for luncheon seating.

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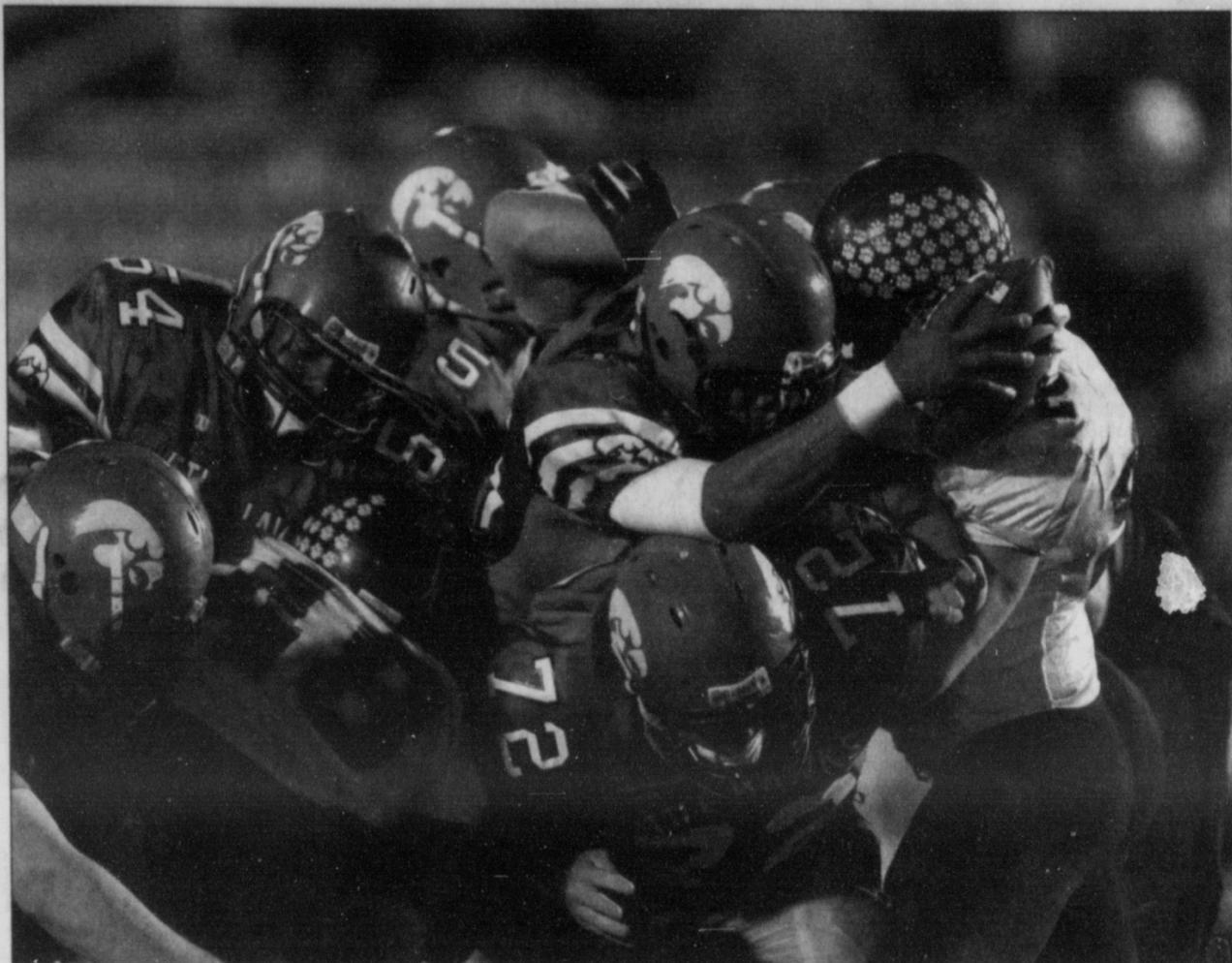
JUNIOR HOCKEY

Meet a Rider

- **Name:** Nathan Widman
- **Position:** Defense
- **Age:** 18
- **Ht./wt.:** 6-foot, 200 pounds
- **Hometown:** Naperville, Ill.
- **Noteworthy:** Acquired this week from USHL's Omaha Lancers for defenseman Nolan Zajac. An eighth-round draft pick of Omaha in 2010 USHL Entry Draft. Played for Chicago Mission program, where he was member of 2010 Tier I U18 national championship team.

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS



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Iowa City High quarterback Jasper Washington stretches with the football extended for a first down over a block by teammate Tim Tvedte (72) during the first half of a Class 4A playoff opener against Cedar Rapids Kennedy last night in Iowa City. City High won, 48-26.

City takes it from Cougars

By Jeff Linder
The Gazette

IOWA CITY — A short field led to a long night for the Kennedy Cougars.

Ninth-ranked Iowa City High feasted on five take-aways, including an interception for a touchdown by Jeremy Johnson, and subdued Cedar Rapids Kennedy, 48-26, in a Class 4A first-round play-

off football game last night at Bates Field.

Johnson got in the end zone, and the Little Hawks (8-2) started three drives inside the red zone in winning a game not nearly as close as the final score indicated.

"We have kids that are able to make plays," City High Coach Dan Sabers said. "We were a pretty focused team

tonight."

The Little Hawks were at full attention because Kennedy (5-5) stayed with them for a half in the regular season, and because the Cougars have developed a reputation as post-season bracket-busters. Kennedy stunned Bettendorf two years ago, then took out Cedar Rapids Xavier and North Scott last year.

There was no upset this time.

The Little Hawks built a 41-6 halftime lead, then weathered some turnover problems of their own. Kennedy got within 41-26 on Josh Jahlas' 33-yard touchdown reception with 5:37 to go, forcing Sabers to reinsert his starters.

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Jeff Cook/Quad-City Times

Cedar Rapids Washington running back Mitch Bredeson sprints away from Davenport Assumption defenders for yardage last night in a Class 4A playoff opener at Davenport. Washington won a game that went down to the wire, 38-35.

Washington survives a weird 4A opener

By Jeff Johnson
The Gazette

DAVENPORT — If a football team can look dazed and confused despite a win, this was it.

"I don't know," said Cedar Rapids Washington Coach Tony Lombardi after his Warriors held off Davenport Assumption, 38-35, in a Class 4A playoff opener last night at Brady Street Stadium. "And I don't mean that in a funny way. I've done this long enough to know that I need to look at the film to find out what just happened. Weird game."

Ninth-seeded Washington ► WASHINGTON, PAGE 2B

(7-3) scored three unanswered touchdowns in the second half to rally from an 11-point deficit and move on to a second-round, or whatever they call it, Monday night at top-ranked Linn-Mar. The Warriors needed a sack by lineman Paul Nash and ensuing fumble recovery at midfield with 25 seconds left to finally cement a game they seemed to have in the bag long before and were actually trailing much of the way despite seeming dominant.

Yep, weird game.

Kill stays on grind of a career path

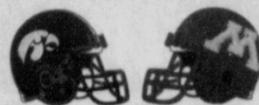
By Scott Dochterman
The Gazette

CHICAGO — He's homespun and hard-nosed. He uses venerable cliches to get his point across. He's an old-school as it gets, and that's the way he likes it.

Jerry Kill is from barren southwest Kansas, but unlike the topography of his native land his climb to the Big Ten has been steep. Kill spent three years at a Missouri high school and 13 years in the Division II ranks. He coached another seven years in Division I-AA and three more in the Mid-American Conference.

Now in his first year

This week's game



- **The teams:** Iowa (2-1, 5-2) at Minnesota (0-3, 1-6)
- **Place:** TCF Bank Stadium, Minneapolis
- **Kickoff:** 2:30 p.m.
- **TV:** BTN
- **Line:** Iowa by 16

at Minnesota, Kill, 50, appreciates the grind of his career path, especially when compared to coaches who never left Division I. His lack of pedigree has hardened his resolve and tested his character, par-

ticularly at Minnesota.

"I started off like owning a restaurant and starting in the kitchen," said Kill, who signed a seven-year contract Tuesday through 2018. "I've kind of gone through the whole regimen of learning what to do and how to do it and how to build relationships with people. I think sometimes it's not what you know but who you know, and through the journey I think I appreciate the profession."

"I carried the bags out to practice. I've done my share. We didn't have 14 equipment managers and all that stuff. Shoot, I marked lines on the field and everything else."

Kill's humble upbringing has served him well. He was a linebacker and team captain at Southwestern (Kan.) College in the early 1980s. He became an assistant at Division II powerhouse Pittsburg (Kan.) State, coaching for Dennis Franchione and alongside best buddy Gary Patterson. He developed lifelong friendships with both and stood up with Patterson at his wedding.

Kill left Pittsburg State to become head coach at Saginaw Valley State, then returned to central Kansas for two seasons at Emporia State. His Pittsburg State cohorts tried to persuade him to join



AP
Minnesota Coach Jerry Kill, working from the sideline against Michigan this month at Ann Arbor, is tackling a rebuilding job with the Gophers while also tackling health problems.

their Division I programs as an assistant in 2001 — Franchione at Alabama, Patterson at TCU. But

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Washington/ Down to the wire

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"We made a couple of mistakes at the end," Nash said. "But right there, I just got back into the backfield, saw the quarterback and hit him."
"In the playoffs, a win's a win," said quarterback Braedon Tovey, who ran for a touchdown and threw one. "It was a nail-biter. We found a way to win, which is what you've got to do in the playoffs. Bottom line. It's win or go home."

Washington ran the ball sometimes at will against eighth-seeded Assumption (7-3), racking up 270 yards. Rotating backs Mitch Bredeson (149 yards rushing and a touchdown) and Will Griffin (100 yards and two TDs) both hit the century mark.

But eight penalties for 95 yards (four 15-yarders) and poor kickoff-return coverage by Washington helped Assumption accrue several short fields it converted regularly. The Knights led at the half, 21-17.

"Can't thank the defense enough," Tovey said. "Because our offense had some opportunities and missed them."

"We made a lot of dumb plays, stupid penalties," Lombardi said.

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Cedar Rapids Washington 38
Dav. Assumption 35
AT DAVENPORT

	CRW	DA
First downs	18	20
Rushes-yards	55-270	38-122
Passing-yards	117	206
Comp-att-int	7-14-0	19-31-1
Punts-avg	5-27.8	3-44.3
Fumbles-lost	0-0	7-2
Penalties-yards	8-95	6-50
CR Wash.	0 17 14 7-38	
Dav. Assumption	7 14 7 7-35	
DA — Ben Kilroy 1 run (Cole Clements kick)		
CRW — Michael Daugherty 27 FG		
DA — Derek Fulton 20 pass from Kilroy (Clements kick)		
CRW — Mitch Bredeson 41 run (Daugherty kick)		
CRW — Will Griffin 6 run (Daugherty kick)		
DA — Zach Mumm 1 run (Clements kick)		
DA — Eric Lammers 27 pass from Fulton (Clements kick)		
CRW — Ryan Cain 7 pass from Braedon Tovey (Daugherty kick)		
CRW — Griffin 2 run (Daugherty kick)		
CRW — Tovey 5 run (Daugherty kick)		
DA — Kilroy 21 pass from Fulton (Clements kick)		

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing — Cedar Rapids Washington: Mitch Bredeson 24-149, Will Griffin 21-100, Braedon Tovey 7-27, Team 3-0. Dav. Assumption: Tim Kilroy 6-85, Zach Mumm 18-42, Bradley Grothuis 1-7, Nick Schebler 1-5, Team 1-0, Derek Fulton 11-0.
Passing — Cedar Rapids Washington: Braedon Tovey 7-14-0-117; Dav. Assumption: Derek Fulton 18-29-1-186, Tim Kilroy 1-2-0-20.
Receiving — Cedar Rapids Washington: Flynn Heald 2-58, David Tann 3-31, Mitch Blades 1-21, Ryan Cain 1-7. Dav. Assumption: Eric Lammers 3-56, Cole Clements 7-43, Zach Mumm 2-32, Tim Kilroy 3-29, Nick Schebler 2-24, Derek Fulton 1-20, Alex Matthys 1-2.

Spartans hang on, top Saints

Quad City Times
PLEASANT VALLEY
— If the playoffs are all about survive and advance, Pleasant Valley is in the right place.

The Spartans staved off a second-half rally by Cedar Rapids Xavier to advance to Monday's second round, nipping the Saints 33-31.

Xavier opened the second half with a return to the PV 42 and Carter Valentine ripped off a touchdown run from there to tie the score at 17.

PV answered two series later and then tackled on another TD to open the fourth quarter.

Xavier drove the Spartan 32 on the ensuing possession but a fumble by Nick Ball turned the ball back to PV who turned it into a field goal.

As PV tried to run out the clock, the ball popped out of Spartan Dylan Latham hands. The officials ruled Latham was down.

"There was one key fumble and there was one fumble we thought we had with a few seconds to go in the game," Xavier Coach Duane Schulte said. "You've got to play 'em as the refs see 'em and they made the call. You've got to live by it."



Cliff Jett/The Gazette

Linn-Mar's Nick Trabucco tackles Clinton quarterback Will Carr and forces a fumble last night during a Class 4A first-round playoff in Marion. Linn-Mar advanced with a 47-0 victory.

Lions strike early, blast Clinton

By Mike Condon
Correspondent

MARION — If Clinton had any thoughts of upsetting No. 2 Linn-Mar last night, those thoughts vanished about 20 seconds into the game.

Senior quarterback Mark Atwater took off on a 66-yard scoring run on the first play from scrimmage and the Lions poured it on from there, rolling to a 47-0 win in the opening round of the Class 4A playoffs at Linn-Mar Stadium.

The Lions (10-0) will host crosstown rival Cedar Rapids Washington in a second-round game Monday night in a rematch of a regular-season contest that Linn-Mar won, 56-7.

Linn-Mar was without top rusher Mitch Wantock, who broke his ankle in the regular-season finale at Xavier. Still, the Lions scored at will in the first half against an overmatched River Kings'

unit that closed at 3-7.

"We always expect a dogfight no matter who we play," Linn-Mar Coach Bob Forsyth said. "But we just exploded in the first quarter, and it was a tough situation for them."

Linn-Mar's defense held Clinton to 108 total yards, many coming in the second half against reserves. Clinton mustered a pair of first downs in the first half, but the Lion offense was flying high. Two plays after stopping Clinton's opening drive, the Lions were in the end zone again, this time on an 11-yard Zach Martins run.

After another three-and-out, the Lions needed just four plays to score. Atwater hit Andy Henry on a 21-yard strike, Henry's 18th of the season. Before the first quarter ended, Linn-Mar scored again on a 20-yard run from Atwater.

That ended the night

Linn-Mar 47
Clinton 0
AT LINN-MAR STADIUM

	C	LM
First downs	6	15
Rushes-yards	29-18	37-240
Passing-yards	90	78
Comp-att-int	9-20-2	4-4-0
Punts-avg	5-17.5	1-22.0
Fumbles-lost	2-1	2-0
Penalties-yards	3-31	6-65
Clinton	0 0 0 0-0	
Linn-Mar	27 20 0 0-47	
LM — Mark Atwater 66 Run (Quinn Treiber kick)		
LM — Zach Martins 11 run (pass failed)		
LM — Andy Henry 21 pass from Atwater (kick failed)		
LM — Atwater 20 run (Jacob Hutchins pass from Atwater)		
LM — Dakota Digmann recovered blocked punt in end zone (Treiber kick)		
LM — Treiber 32 FG		
LM — Ross Lembeck 5 run (Treiber kick)		

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing — Clinton: Ryan Driscoll 19-22; Linn-Mar: Mark Atwater 4-63, Ross Lembeck 10-92, Brandon Ophoff 13-58.
Passing — Clinton: Will Carr 9-20-2-90; Linn-Mar: Mark Atwater 4-4-0-83.
Receiving — Clinton: Ryan Driscoll 4-30, Cody Colendar 3-42; Linn-Mar: Andy Henry 3-41, Jacob Hutchins 1-37.

some reps for the other guys."

The Lion offense kept it going in the second quarter and got an assist from the special teams as Dakota Digmann blocked a punt and recovered in the end zone for a touchdown. Quinn Treiber booted two field goals and sophomore Ross Lembeck capped the scoring with a 5-yard TD run just before halftime. Lembeck led the Lions in rushing with 92 yards on 10 carries.

With Wantock out of action, Forsyth started senior Brandon Ophoff, who ran for 58 yards and had a long scoring run called back because of a penalty.

Forsyth knows Washington will be a better team than the one the Lions played earlier.

"I think it will be a great football game," he said. "I don't think you can take much out of the earlier game. We will have to be ready to play."

City High/Big turnovers

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Jasper Washington's 17-yard TD run with 4:12 left restored order.

Statistics leaned Kennedy's way (the Cougars outgained City High, 364-271), but statistics didn't tell the story.

The Little Hawks play No. 6 Cedar Falls (9-1) in the second round Monday in the UNI-Dome.

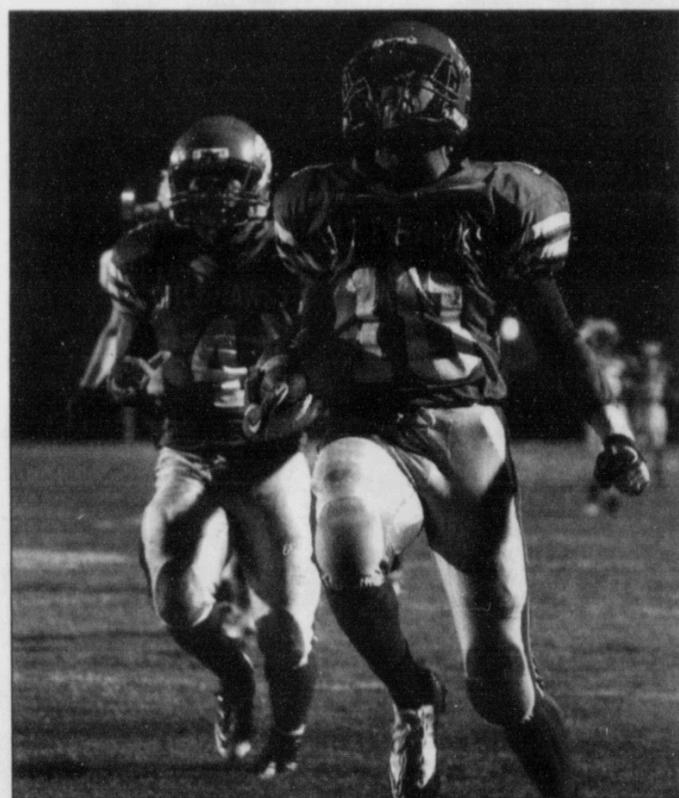
City High scored on its first drive — Ronald Thompson scored the first of his three touchdowns on a 3-yard run — and the Little Hawks were on their way.

On Kennedy's second play, Jasper Washington intercepted Jimmy Lizarra, and his 24-yard return put City High in business at the Cougars 11.

Washington scored three plays later from 5 yards out to make it 13-0.

Turnovers and punt returns allowed City High to start three of their drives at the Kennedy 11, the Kennedy 10 and the Kennedy 1. And that doesn't include Johnson's interception return, a 42-yarder that made it 27-0 at the 8:17 mark of the second quarter.

"We watched a lot of film and the coaches prepared us well," Johnson said. "We were learning



Brian Ray/The Gazette

their routes. After I intercepted the pass, my teammates blocked for me and I was able to get in the end zone."

Kennedy Coach Tim Lewis said, "(City High) was doing a great job of taking away what we do best. The first half, we didn't have anything working, and they took advantage of every opportunity we gave them."

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Iowa City High 48
Cedar Rapids Kennedy 26
AT BATES FIELD

	IKH	ICK
First downs	16	13
Rushes-yards	35-215	39-153
Passing-yards	149	118
Comp-att-int	11-35-4	5-7-0
Punts-avg	4-32.8	2-44.5
Fumbles-lost	2-1	4-3
Penalties-yards	2-18	1-15
CR Kennedy	0 6 0 20-26	
IKH	13 28 0 7-48	
ICK — Ronald Thompson 3 run (kick blocked)		
ICK — Jasper Washington 5 run (Drew Cornwell kick)		
ICK — Thompson 1 run (Cornwell kick)		
ICK — Jeremy Johnson 42 interception return (Cornwell kick)		
ICK — Thompson 1 run (Cornwell kick)		
ICK — Alex Hillier 92 kickoff return (pass failed)		

ICK — Johnson 63 pass from Washington (Cornwell kick)
CRK — Trevor Heiland 30 run (Jordan Holzer kick)
CRK — Heiland 14 run (Holzer kick)
CRK — Josh Jahlas 33 pass from Jimmy Lizarra (kick blocked)
ICK — Washington 17 run (Cornwell kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing — Cedar Rapids Kennedy: Trevor Heiland 19-175, Alex Hillier 11-37, Jimmy Lizarra 5-3; Iowa City High: Ronald Thompson 17-66, Jasper Washington 9-57, Isaiah Washoun 4-19, Kody Dalley 3-10, Tyler Slika 3-4, Cortez Barfield 1-0, Xavier Washoun 1-1, Team 1-2.
Passing — Cedar Rapids Kennedy: Lizarra 11-35-4-149; Iowa City High: Washington 5-7-0-118.
Receiving — Cedar Rapids Kennedy: Heiland 4-57, Josh Jahlas 2-44, Hillier 2-23, Shane Williams 2-17, Jacob Frazier-Flores 1-8; Iowa City High: Jeremy Johnson 2-70, Tony Perry 2-35, Steve Ferentz 1-13.

Jewell a gem for Decorah

Josey Jewell rushed for 147 yards and three touchdowns as Decorah downed Boone, 30-17, last night in a Class 3A first-round high school football playoff game at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls.

The Vikings also got 94 rushing yards and two interceptions from Gayge Samuelson. Gavin Nimrod and Austin Ashbacher also had interceptions for Decorah (8-2).

Josh Lee opened the scoring for the Vikings with a 35-yard field goal. Blake Moen completed all five of his passes for 64 yards.

(Reported by Darin Svanson, correspondent)

WEST DELAWARE 37,
BALLARD 14 — Sam Lahr rushed for 175 yards and three touchdowns as the Hawks won at home.

Lahr scored on a pair of 2-yard runs in the second quarter after Ballard had taken a 7-0 lead on a 27-yard run by Seth Weeks. He added a 38-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, giving the Hawks a 24-14 lead.

Quarterback Trey MacTaggart added a 1-yard run after a 49-yard punt return put the ball at the Ballard 1 in the third and finished with 80 rushing yards and 93 passing.

Blake Carroll scored West Delaware's final TD on a 31-yard run.

(Reported by Bill Logan, correspondent)

DIYERSVILLE BECKMAN 27, OSAGE 0 — Connor Golden completed 11 of 21 passes for 231 yards and two touchdowns at the Blazers won at home.

Golden passed 48 yards to Robbie Anstoetter for a TD and 18 yards to Ty Troutman for another. Anstoetter had four catches for 157 yards,

Kirby Kendrick rushed for 89 yards and a touchdown and Derek Hamann added 44 yards and a TD for Beckman (9-1).

(Reported by Rita Mulcahy, correspondent)

WEST BRANCH 42, STARMONT 7 — Cade Jones rushed for 145 yards and three touchdowns as West Branch advanced in the Class 1A playoffs with a win at home.

Quarterback Brandon Young was in on two Bear touchdowns, passing for 145 yards — including a TD pass to Eli Elliot — and returning a fumble 45 yards for another score.

The Bears defense — led by Elliot's 12 tackles — limited the Stars to 130 total yards, limiting Class 1A second-leading rusher Vinnie Otdoerfer to 83 yards on 24 carries.

(Reported by Jason Miller, correspondent)

WILTON 42, MID-PRAIRIE 20 — Dylan Stapleton ran for 79 yards and four touchdowns and threw for 112 yards to lead Wilton (8-2) to a Class 2A first round victory at home. Koy Snider added 124 yards and two TDs for the Beavers.

Jaemin Powell accounted for all of Mid-Prairie's scoring with a 1-yard touchdown run, a 94-yard kickoff return and 18-yard TD pass to Kyle Mullet. Mid-Prairie finishes the season 6-4.

GRINNELL 52, WESTERN DUBUQUE 27 — Eli Dunne ran for three touchdowns and passed for another as host Grinnell (8-2) defeated Western Dubuque (6-4) in a Class 3A first round match up. Jordan Ely returned an interception 41 yards for a touchdown and Avery Lindley added a 30-yard pick-six for the Tigers.

Grinnell controlled the clock for most of game, finishing with a 31:01 to 16:59 advantage in time of possession.