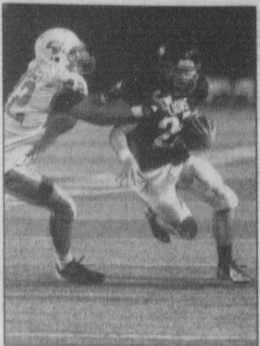


## Lions and Tigers



Kyle Grillot/The Gazette

Linn-Mar running back Ross Lembeck eludes Cedar Falls defender Riley Gardner during the first half last night in Marion. Story, 2B

## SIDELINE

### GOLF

#### Furyk up by a shot in Tour Championship

ATLANTA — Jim Furyk, the only American on the Ryder Cup team without a win this year, has another chance to change that.

Furyk made seven birdies through 10 holes Friday at the Tour Championship including seven 3s to start the round and wound up with a 6-under 64, giving him a one-shot lead over Justin Rose going into the weekend at East Lake.

Cedar Rapids native Zach Johnson shot a 69 and is tied for seventh at 3-under par, four shots behind Furyk. Tiger Woods shot a 73 and is 1 under for the tournament.

### AUTO RACING

#### Gordon on the pole for Sunday's race

LOUDON, N.H. — The first race weekend of the Chase for the Cup ended badly for Jeff Gordon. The second weekend has started better.

Gordon rolled to the pole Friday for Sunday's Sylvania 300 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, edging Kyle Busch for the top spot five days after wrecking in the Geico 400 at Chicagoland Speedway.

### BASEBALL

#### Cabrera bows out of NL batting title

NEW YORK — Melky Cabrera ended the debate over whether a suspended drug cheat should be able to win a batting title. The San Francisco outfielder asked Major League Baseball officials to disqualify him and Friday they agreed.

With less than two weeks left in the regular season and Cabrera on track to win the National League batting championship, MLB and the players' association reached a deal on a one-season-only change in the rule governing the individual batting, slugging and on-base percentage champions.

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# ISU's Bigbee transitions nicely to college game

By Rob Gray  
Correspondent  
AMES — Agile. Lethal. A "beast."

As freshman volleyball kill machines go, recent

### COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Williamsburg star and current Iowa State right-side hitter Mackenzie Bigbee's something of an anomaly. Her learning curve has been unusually short and tight, not long and winding — a good thing for the 19th-ranked Cyclones, who enter Big

12 Conference play at 6:30 tonight against Baylor at Hilton Coliseum.

"I think she's exceeded (expectations)," said ISU Coach Christy Johnson-Lynch, who referred to Bigbee as a 'beast' this season.

"You just never know how freshmen will make that adjustment from high school to college and so far at least a few nights she's led us in kills. That's really hard to do as a freshman."

Especially when the deep Cyclones (6-4) fea-



Mackenzie Bigbee  
ISU freshman

ture experienced hard hitters such as Victoria Hurtt, Rachel Hockaday, Tenisha Matlock and Jamie Straube. Through 10 matches — including a monumental four-set triumph last weekend over then-No. 1 Nebraska — Bigbee has struck for a team-best 127 kills.

Hurtt has pounded 101,

Hockaday 100.

"It's been a lot faster pace than high school," said Bigbee, who played four sports as a Raider. "At first it's a little tough to get used to, but you kind get into the swing of things and you're like, 'OK, I can do this.'"

Bigbee's presence, despite her youth, causes opponents to game plan for her. Various blocking schemes have been used, Johnson-Lynch said, as well as shorter serves intended to disrupt her rhythm.

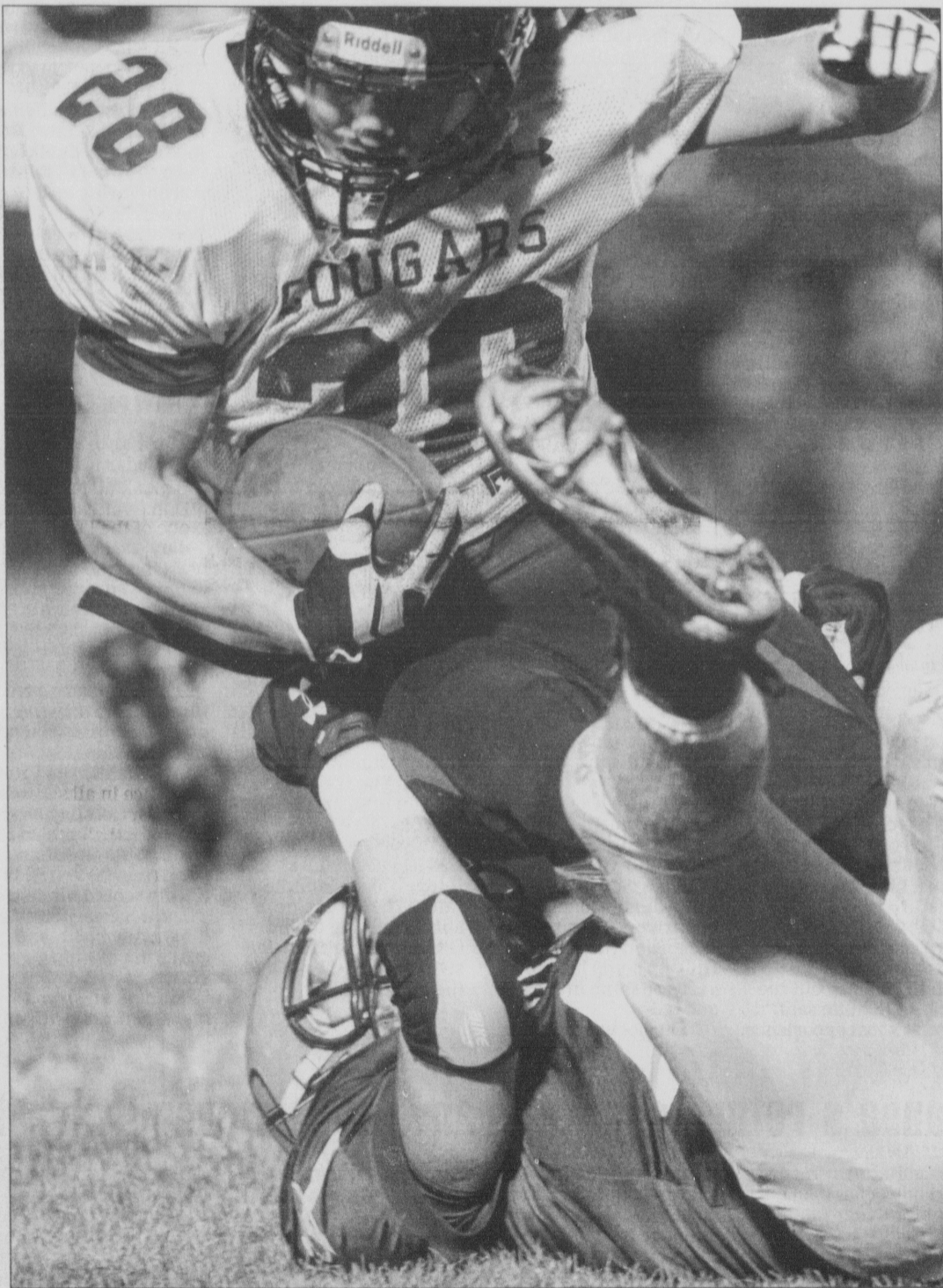
So far, no good. "She's just so physical," Johnson-Lynch said. "Offensively, it seems like even if the other team digs the ball, it's not under control. They just dig it up and we usually get an easy ball back. So she's a really nice option to have because even if she doesn't get a kill, she causes a lot of problems for the other team."

Bigbee said she's been tested most as a defensive player.

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### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Schulte slick for Saints



Cliff Jette/The Gazette

Cedar Rapids Xavier's Craig Murtha gets under Alexander Hillyer of Cedar Rapids Kennedy and pulls him down last night during the first half at Xavier.

Quarterback tosses 4 touchdown passes in rout of Kennedy

By Jeff Johnson  
The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — It was a loaded question, but it was asked anyway. Are you a better quarterback than your dad was, Reggie Schulte?

"Uh, I might get in trouble if I answer that," the Cedar Rapids Xavier senior said with a smile, after his Class 4A sixth-ranked Saints waxed Cedar Rapids Kennedy, 35-0, last night. "I haven't seen enough film of him."

Xavier Coach Duane Schulte could play the game back in the day, helping Cedar Rapids LaSalle to state championships in 1982 and 1983. But it's hard to imagine old dad having a better season than his boy has had so far.

Reggie Schulte threw four touchdown passes as Xavier rolled to 5-0. He connected with eight receivers, completing 15 of 18 passes for 204 yards to increase what already is the state's best passer rating.

Schulte entered the game completing 76 percent of his throws and now has 18 TD passes to just one interception. There are a lot of reasons this Saints team is so good, and he's one of them.

"I try not to get caught up in the stats," Schulte said. "The only stat I know is the interceptions ... It was against Hempstead in our first game. I just made a terrible decision. I think a lot of it is a credit to our line blocking and giving me great time. Our receiver

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# West goes to ground again

By K.J. Pilcher  
The Gazette

IOWA CITY — Dubuque Senior's dream start came to a nightmarish end, and Iowa City West won't lose any sleep for causing it.

Ezra Reiners powered the second-ranked Trojans with 159 rushing yards and three touchdowns, helping drop Senior, 42-7, in a battle of Mississippi Valley Conference Mississippi Valley Division unbeaten last night at Trojan Field.

West (5-0, 2-0 MVCM) was up for the challenge of an undefeated foe and a missing cog to its vaunted pass attack with wide receiver Jeremy Morgan hobbled

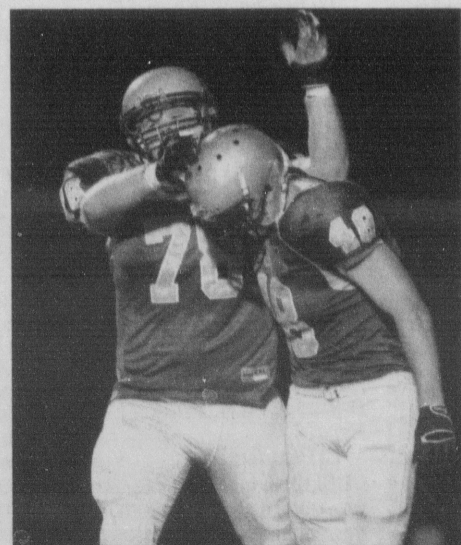
by injury.

"It's a big claim for us," Reiners said. "We wanted to state who we really were. Everybody is thinking West High is soft. We're going to throw the ball to the two big guys. We really wanted to set the tone right away and we did that."

The Trojans ran over the Rams (4-1, 1-1). They amassed 277 yards on the ground for all six touchdowns. It was the second straight week West produced a strong running game.

"Last week, we made a huge stride," said West Coach Brian Sauser, noting the 475-yard team

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Jim Slosiarek/The Gazette

Iowa City West's Grant Troyer (left) congratulates Micah Kelsay after Kelsay scored a touchdown during the first quarter last night against Dubuque Senior in Iowa City.

Stat corner

Cedar Falls 27 Linn-Mar 10 AT LINN-MAR STADIUM

First downs 9 20 Rushes-yards 33-180 44-181 Passing-yards 110 111

Waterloo East 30 Cedar Rapids Jefferson 24 AT KINGSTON STADIUM

First downs 16 16 Rushes-yards 40-235 30-87 Passing-yards 54 170

Iowa City High 35 Dubuque Hempstead 21 AT DUBUQUE

First downs 19 12 Rushes-yards 47-321 24-92

Iowa City West 42 Dubuque Senior 7 AT IOWA CITY

First downs 13 19 Rushes-yards 37-161 42-320

Marion 25 Maquoketa 14 AT THOMAS PARK FIELD

First downs 10 16 Rushes-yards 45-92 41-184

Cedar Rapids Xavier 35 Cedar Rapids Kennedy 0 AT SAINTS FIELD

First downs 7 11 Rushes-yards 30-91 30-130



Kyle Grillot/The Gazette

Cedar Falls' Elijah Berregaard is taken down by Linn-Mar defenders Matt Ramsey and Matt Meier last night in Marion. The Tigers remained unbeaten with their 27-10 triumph.

Cedar Falls now 5-0 after beating Linn-Mar

By Mike Condon Correspondent

MARION — No. 4 Cedar Falls hasn't done anything the pretty way this season.

The Tigers have had a number of close calls and had another one again last night against Linn-Mar. Cedar Falls remained unbeaten with a hard-fought 27-10 win over the Lions at Linn-Mar Stadium.

Coach Pat Mitchell's team (5-0 overall, 3-0 in the Valley Division of the Mississippi Valley Conference) got a strong rushing effort from tailback Elijah Berregaard in the first half and was able to clamp down on the Lions (1-4, 1-2) in the second half.

The Tigers used a pair of big plays in the second quarter to grab a 13-10

halftime lead. After the Lions went up 7-0 on a 3-yard Ross Lembeck TD run early in the second quarter, the Tigers need just two plays to draw even as Berregaard broke loose for a 61-yard scoring run.

"I was really surprised," said the Tiger back about his scoring run. "I got the ball and I don't think (the Lion defense) even knew where I was. I saw all that green and I just went for it."

Cedar Falls took the lead when Brandon Corkery hauled in a 29-yard TD pass from Brayden Longnecker with 5:10 left in the first half. The 2-point pass attempt failed, leaving the Tigers up 13-7.

Linn-Mar closed the gap to 13-10 on a 38-yard Austin Wolter field goal

just before the break.

The Lions were their own worst enemy in the second half. On the second play after intermission, a snap went through the hands of Lion QB Rhys Davis.

Cedar Falls pounced on the ball at the Linn-Mar 20.

Five plays later, Nicholas Clark blasted his way into the end zone to put the Tigers up, 20-10.

"That was a big break for us," Berregaard said. "We were able to maintain control after that point."

Linn-Mar was able to move the ball against the Tigers and drove down the field after giving up the score.

But Wolter shanked a 26-yard field goal try and the Lions never threatened again.

Saints/Xavier improves mark to 5-0

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ers, Corbin Woods and Bryce Grimm, they do a great job of finding the open spot and catching the ball."

Woods had two touchdown receptions and Grimm one last night. The fourth TD pass was a 3-yard jump ball to 6-foot-8 Matt Nelson.

"I think it's just being more comfortable (this season), not only just with the offense but the setting," Schulte said. "I guess it's just experience."

You can always draw back on your experiences from last year ... But, you know, there's always room for improvement. You can always get better."

This also was a defensive gem for Xavier, which limited Kennedy (0-5) to 181 yards. The Cougars continue to be a one-dimensional team offensively, with that one dimension (tailback Alex Hillyer) being held to four yards rushing in the second half.

"Our focus is to stop

the run. No matter who we're playing," said linebacker Emiliano Martinez, who seemed to be all over the field. "I think that's just how football is played. You try and stop the run first, and you just go from there."

"If you get a shutout in this league, that's a huge thing," Coach Schulte said. "You should probably be talking to Jim O'Connell and the defensive coaches ... I work for them, kind of."

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Hanna's return sparks Prairie to win over Wahlert in Rock Bowl

Jace Hanna returned in strong fashion last night for Cedar Rapids Prairie.

Sidelined a week ago with a knee injury, the senior quarterback sparked Prairie to 44-14 victory over Dubuque Wahlert at the Loras College Rock Bowl in Dubuque. Hanna completed 8 of 12 passes for 182 yards and four touchdowns.

"He's such a tough kid," Prairie Coach Mike Morrissey said of Hanna. "He really wanted to play last week. We held him out as a precaution. He feels great now and had a good week of practice."

Jarred Edmonds was Hanna's favorite target, as he was on the receiving end of 28 and 17-yard touchdown passes.

— Josh Jorgenson, Dubuque Telegraph-Herald

10-ranked Little Hawks' bruising running backs made Hempstead pay, piling up 321 yards on the ground.

"We're pretty blessed to have two backs like that," City High Coach Dan Sabers said.

Lavela ran for 207 yards and two touchdowns on 22 carries. Washpun ran 18 times for 110 yards and scored a game-clinching touchdown.

— Tim O'Neill, Dubuque Telegraph-Herald

ALBURNETT 22, MAQUOKETA VALLEY 14 — Alec Philipp threw for 147 yards and totaled three touchdowns for the Pirates (3-2, 2-1 1A-5) and Colton Martin caught six passes for 97 yards and a TD along with 11 tackles on defense.

Zach Hoyle added 10 tackles and Dillon Caves intercepted a pass in the end zone to stop the Wildcats' (1-1, 4-1 1A-5) final drive.

NORTH-LINN 40, ED-CO 20 — Brendan Schott rushed for 141 yards and

four touchdowns to lead the Lynx to a win in Edgewood.

Taylor Michael, Tyler Cherry and Cody Johnson also scored for North-Linn (3-2, 2-1).

MOUNT VERNON 42, NORTHEAST 0 — Mar-

East hangs on, tops Jeff

By Michael Bonner The Gazette

CEAR RAPIDS — Seven times. Three in the first half and four more in the second half. Seven times Cedar Rapids Jefferson started a drive in Waterloo East territory. Six times it left empty-handed. The one time the J-Hawks did take advantage of good field position, it was with a field goal.

The final chance was the most painful. With 1:02 left, Jefferson's drive stalled at the East 40. It started at the Trojan 47. The J-Hawks had a chance, trailing by six. Instead, it turned into a frustrating defeat.

The lack of execution hurt as Jefferson fell to East, 30-24. While the J-Hawks fumbled away opportunities, the Trojans made the most of them. During a stretch in the second half, the J-Hawks fumbled the ball on back-to-back touches that led to 10 East points.

East running back Jordan Johnson spearheaded the first-half opportunities with 101 yards and two touchdowns. The senior wasted no time announcing his presence. On the opening drive, Johnson carried the ball three times for 34 yards along with a touchdown. The drive went 49 yards.

In all, East had 157 yards in the first half and Johnson accounted for almost two-thirds of that.

In the final 24 minutes, Aaron Taylor took over the carries for the Trojans and also finished with 100-plus yards.

Again, the J-Hawks

MVC standings

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started drives in Trojan territory four times and didn't score. Still, Jefferson hung around with timely turnovers. Anthony Schumacher and Layne Sullivan picked off passes for the J-Hawks.

With Jeff trailing 17-0, Sullivan set up a touchdown with a 73-yard run. That ignited 17 unanswered points by the J-Hawks to tie things at 17 with an opening drive for a TD in the second half.

Waterloo quickly responded with a steady dose of Taylor. With just two carries, he carried the Trojans 59 yards to retake the lead.

The margin was too big to overcome when East took an interception in the end zone and translated it into an 80-yard dive to go up by the final score.

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West/Remains unbeaten

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performance in a win over Cedar Rapids Prairie. "We're feeling better and better about the run game."

Sausser had to feel good from the start. West drove 65 yards on eight plays, capping it with a Micah Kelsay 5-yard run less than three minutes into the game.

The Trojans opened things up later in the quarter. West executed a perfect fake punt on fourth-and-8 from its own 40. Jessie Peterson took the direct snap around left end and rumbled 53 yards to set up 1st-and-goal from the 7-yard line. Kelsay scored his second TD of the game, bulling his way in on 4th-and-goal from the 1 to give West a 14-0 lead.

Reiners displayed his athleticism with an impressive 58-yard TD

run. The senior carried around the left side, keeping his feet, bolting down field and fighting off two tacklers the final 10 yards. The score gave the Trojans a three-score lead.

"Play side just got hammered, which is what we need to do," Reiners said.

"Our pulling guard sealed it off and they had no answer for it."

The Trojans received a gift toward the end of the first half. A desperate Senior attempted to convert a four-and-2 deep in its own territory. West stuffed quarterback Austin Clemens for a loss and took over on the Rams' 27, needing seven plays to take a 28-0 lead into the half. Reiners dove across the goal line from five yards out with :08 left in the second.

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