

Cougars hold off West



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Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Tyler Dralle (21) drags a tackler on a run as Iowa City West's Barrett Weihe (left) grabs his leg during a season-opening high school football game last night at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids. Kennedy held off a West rally to win, 34-31.

Dralle's 264 yards, 3 TDs leads the way for Kennedy

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CEDAR RAPIDS — As far as season openers go, fans at Kingston Stadium last night got their money's worth.

Host Cedar Rapids Ken-

nedy and Iowa City West opened Week 1 play in the Corridor by going back and forth in a contest of contrasting offensive styles. The Cougars dominated on the ground and the Trojans dominated through the air, but in the end it was Kennedy who won the battle of wills at the line and prevailed, 34-31.

Kennedy scored on five straight drives at one point in the game, and only failed to score on three drives the entire game — one being the drive that ended the game.

The Cougars (1-0) totaled 444 yards of offense, with 316 of those on the ground. And while the Kennedy offensive line will get its due in man-

handling the West defense, Tyler Dralle was the star on the ground for the Cougars throughout the game. The senior ran 40 times for 264 yards and four touchdowns — each from inside the 10 yard line.

He carried 26 times in the

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Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Shaun Beyer (left) sacks Iowa City West quarterback Alex Henderson during the second quarter last night at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids. Kennedy won, 34-31.



Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Austin Coates pulls in a pass by Tyler Kadolph (not pictured) on a trick play during first-quarter action last night at Kingston Stadium.

Preps/ West's rally falls short

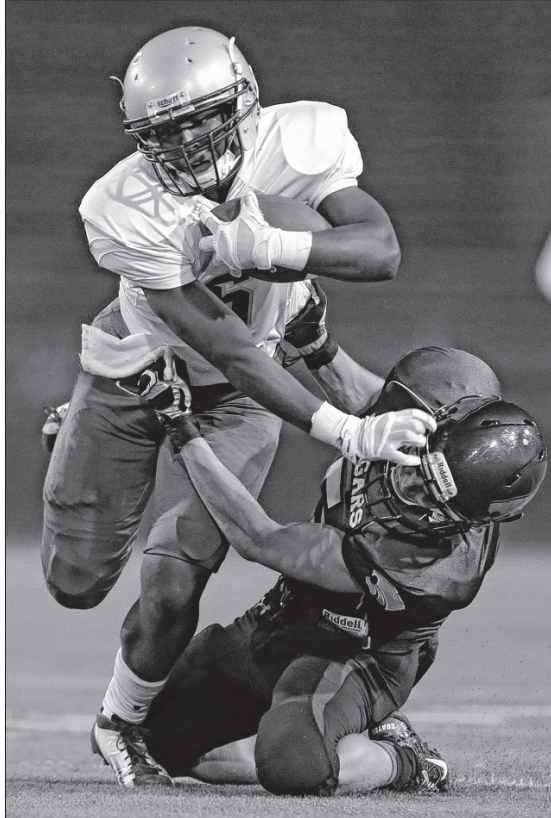
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second half alone, when Kennedy only attempted three passes. It was more than effective for the Cougars, who at one point built a 34-17 lead with 3:31 left in the third quarter.

But the right arm of West quarterback Alex Henderson wouldn't allow Kennedy to put the game away for good.

Henderson and junior wide receiver Oliver Martin ran roughshod on the Cougars' secondary, as the senior quarterback went 20 of 30 for 358 yards and three touchdowns. His favorite target was Martin, who finished the game with 11 catches for 203 yards and two scores — one of which a 35-yarder on a screen pass in the drive following Kennedy's score to make it 34-17.

West (0-1), which finished the game with 440 yards of total offense, then stopped Kennedy on



Iowa City West's Devontae Lane (left) stiff-arms Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Austin Coates after a catch during a high school football game last night in Cedar Rapids.

downs for just the second time in the game on the following drive, and used seven quick plays to get back-to-back touchdowns on the board and put the Trojans within three after a 25-yard diving touchdown catch by Martin.

West appeared to be in good shape again shortly after that touchdown, as Kennedy quarterback Nick Duehr (8 of 10 for 94 yards and one touchdown) fumbled at midfield and gave the ball right back to the Trojans. The visitors took their time on

the ensuing drive, making every effort to kill as much of the clock as possible before a score.

At the 30-yard line and facing fourth down, Henderson had a wide open receiver in the end zone, but just missed him after a throw on the run. West turned it over on downs, allowing Kennedy to hand off to Dralle a few more times and seal the season-opening win.

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C.R. Kennedy 34
Iowa City West 31
AT KINGSTON STADIUM

	ICW	CRK
First downs.....	24	28
Rushes-yards.....	29-82	49-316
Passing-yards.....	358	128
Comp-att-int.....	20-30-0	9-11-0
Punts-avg.....	2-24.0	0-0.0
Fumbles-lost.....	1-0	1-1
Penalties-yards.....	10-75	3-30

Iowa City West.....7 7 10 7—31

C.R. Kennedy.....0 20 14 0—34

ICW — Alex Henderson 20 pass to Devontae Lane (Will Peterson kick good)

CRK — Nick Duehr 10 pass to Shaun Beyer (Alexander Stone kick good)

ICW — Mason Koch 1 run (Peterson kick good)

CRK — Tyler Dralle 10 run (Stone kick no good)

CRK — Dralle 7 run (Stone kick good)

CRK — Dralle 1 run (Stone kick good)

ICW — FG 35 Peterson

CRK — Dralle 2 run (Stone kick good)

ICW — Henderson 35 pass to Martin (Peterson kick good)

ICW — Henderson 25 pass to Martin (Peterson kick good)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: ICW — Alex Henderson 9-57, Yeshuwa Hicks 14-20, Matt Huff 3-10, Mason Koch 1-1, Oliver Martin 2--6. **Kennedy** — Tyler Dralle 40-264, Nick Duehr 6-48, Shaun Beyer 1-5, Payton McCarty 2--1

Passing: ICW — Alex Henderson 20-30-0-358. **Kennedy** — Nick Duehr 8-10-0-94, Tyler Kadolph 1-1-0-34

Receiving: ICW — Oliver Martin 11-203, Devontae Lane 6-119, Bryson Adcock 2-20, Dallas Majors 1-16. **Kennedy** — Shaun Beyer 3-56, Zachary DeMaris 2-15, Austin Coates 1-12, Lucas Berry 1-8, Chase Baker 1-3