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Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Michael Watkins is tackled by Linn-Mar's Isaiah Garman last night at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids.

It's all about the game

Kennedy tops Linn-Mar during homecoming

By Jeff Johnson, The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — They're celebrating homecoming, as well as the 50-year anniversary of Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School this weekend.

There's a dance today and gala Saturday. It would have been downright rude for the 2017 Cougars to spoil this party by losing.

They didn't. Winning, 38-28, over Linn-Mar.

"Coach was telling us all week the game was the most important thing," Kennedy running back Justin Johnson said. "We practiced hard all week, tried not to let other factors get to us. I think we did a good job of that."

"Our job was this," Kennedy Coach Brian White said. "Because if you don't take care of this, it makes everything else a little sour."

With super sophomore back Cairron Hendred out with an injury, Kennedy (5-1, 2-0 Class 4A District 8) turned to a group approach running the football. Johnson had 128 yards and two touch-



Kennedy's Terrell Jordan celebrates after the Cougars recovered a Linn-Mar fumble last night at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids.

downs, Michael Watkins had 84 yards and a TD and Cade Parker added 72 yards.

Even quarterback B.J. White contributed 76 yards rushing, rushing for a touchdown and throwing a TD pass. Kennedy finished with 358 yards on the ground and

502 yards overall.

"They were just beating us up front," Linn-Mar Coach Paul James said.

Kennedy stormed to a 21-0 lead early in the second quarter and was up 38-14 midway through the fourth. Linn-Mar (1-5, 1-1) rallied for two last

touchdowns (both passes from QB Trot Carey to Alex Hess) and had the ball deep in Kennedy territory with a couple of minutes to go, thanks to back-to-back successful inside kicks.

Carey completed 23 of 33 throws for 221 yards and added another 67 yards rushing. Josh Hilsenbeck caught nine balls for 108 yards and a TD.

"They could have folded their tents in a number of places," James said. "This was just another step for us, that never-say-die attitude that really stuck out tonight."

After stopping Linn-Mar on downs inside its 35 with a minute to go, Kennedy confused what was left of the crowd by passing the ball and calling timeouts in an effort to score another touchdown. White explained it was in an effort to get the maximum 17 points for the victory from a district standpoint.

"I look like a (jerk), but what do I say? What do I do?" White said. "I'm going to say I'm not going to do the best that I can to get our team in the playoffs?"

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Prep football

Thursday
METRO/IOWA CITY
 C.R. Kennedy 38, Linn-Mar 28
AT KINGSTON STADIUM
LM CRK
 First downs..... 37-81 53-359
 Rushes-yards..... 271 144
 Comp-wrds..... 23-33-0 92-0
 Punts-avg..... 1-3-0 2-29-0
 Fumbles-lost..... 4-2 1-0
 Penalties-yards..... 1-5 9-78
 Linn-Mar..... 14 7 10 7-28
 C.R. Kennedy..... 0 7 7 7-28
CRK — Justin Johnson 1 run (Alex Stone kick)
CRK — Michael Watkins 4 run (Stone kick)
CRK — Derrick Higgins 4 pass from B.J. White (Stone kick)
LM — Ben Delagarde 1 run (Austin Cochrane kick)
CRK — Willie 2 run (Stone kick)
LM — Josh Hilsenbeck 24 pass from Trol Carey (Cochrane kick)
CRK — Stone 31 FG
CRK — Johnson 4 run (Stone kick)
LM — Alex Hess 9 pass from Carey (Cochrane kick)
LM — Hess 10 pass from Carey (Cochrane kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATS
RUSHING-Linn-Mar: Trol Carey 23-67, Alex Hess 10-31, Chavis Schultz 1-2, Ben Delagarde 1-1, Isaiah Garman 1-(-1), Team 1-(-10). **Kennedy:** Justin Johnson 28-128, Michael Watkins 13-84, B.J. White 8-74, Gabe Purner 11-72, Paxon Kennedy 1-2.
PASSING-Linn-Mar: Trol Carey 23-33-0-20, Kennedy 3-11 White 9-25-0-14.
RECEIVING-Linn-Mar: Josh Hilsenbeck 9-108, Alex Hess 3-36, Trent Rising 2-25, Cavan Walton 2-24, Aaron Nisbaur 2-13, Isaiah Garman 1-10, Drew Martin 1-5, Ben Delagarde 1-0. **Kennedy:** Ailay Davis 3-46, Derrick Higgins 2-25, Justin Johnson 1-25, Samuel Harrison 1-23, K.J. Jenkins 1-5.

Odds

Today's line
 (Home team in ALL CAPS)
NCAA Football

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
Tonight		
Miami	4	DUKE
Nebraska	5 1/2	ILLINOIS
Bru	1 1/2	UTAH
Southern Cal	4	WASHINGTON ST.
Saturday		
MICHIGAN STATE	3 1/2	IOWA
GEORGIA TECH	9 1/2	North Carolina
PITTSBURGH	21	Rice
South Florida	23 1/2	E. CAROLINA
Houston	14	TEMPLE
MINNESOTA	13	Maryland
WISCONSIN	14	Northwestern
ARKANSAS	17	New Mexico State
FLORIDA	9 1/2	North Carolina
N.C. STATE	12	Syracuse
BOSTON COLLEGE	8	Central Michigan
Florida State	7	WAKE FOREST
Ohio	4 1/2	UMASS
Navy	7	TULSA
Buffalo	7 1/2	KENT STATE
PENN STATE	18	Indiana
Georgia	7 1/2	TENNESSEE
KANSAS STATE	17	Baylor
ARMY	24	Texas El Paso
S. METHODIST	17	Connecticut
WYOMING	16	Texas State
STANFORD	17	Arizona State
KENTUCKY	14 1/2	Eastern Michigan
NOTRE DAME	21	Miami (Ohio)
Alcorn	3	BOWLING GREEN
AUBURN	9	Mississippi State
FLORIDA INT.	13	Charlotte
FLORIDA ATL.	2	Middle Tennessee
LOUISIANA TECH	13	South Alabama
CINCINNATI	2 1/2	Marshall
S. MISSISSIPPI	7 1/2	North Texas
U. MONROE	8 1/2	Coastal Carolina
W. MICHIGAN	14 1/2	Ball State
LSU	20 1/2	Troy
Air Force	PK.	NEW MEXICO
CENTRAL FLORIDA	4	Memphis
Ohio State	29 1/2	RUTGERS
TEXAS A&M	8	South Carolina
Clemson	7 1/2	VIRGINIA TECH
Washington	26 1/2	OKLAHOMA STATE
Oklahoma State	10	TEXAS TECH
ALABAMA	27	Mississippi
FRESNO STATE	9 1/2	Nevada
UNLV	13	San Jose State
UCLA	7 1/2	Colorado
OREGON	13 1/2	California
SAN DIEGO STATE	11	Northern Illinois
Colorado State	7	HAWAII

NFL

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
Sunday		
New Orleans	3	MIAMI
ATLANTA	8	Buffalo
Pittsburgh	2	BALTIMORE
Cincinnati	3	CLEVELAND
DALLAS	6	L.A. Rams
Tennessee	2 1/2	HOUSTON
NEW ENGLAND	9	Carolina
Jacksonville	3	N.Y. JETS
ARIZONA	4 1/2	San Francisco
L.A. CHARGERS	1	Philadelphia
TAMPA BAY	3	N.Y. Giants
DENVER	3	Oakland
SEATTLE	13	Indianapolis
Monday		
KANSAS CITY	7	Washington

Bowling

300 game
LANCER LANES
 James Bruce, Thursday Men

Leagues
CEDAR RAPIDS BOWLING CENTER
 Thursday Latecomers — Geoff Kurtz 255-689, Lori Alben 209-223-588

LANCER LANES
 Thursday Men — James Bruce 300, Chad Phillip 282, Lancer Lanes Classic — Kay Bruce 266-731

MAY CITY BOWL
 Buddies Men's — Kevin Franks 278, Nick Blood 278, Mark Rudestevens 253, Allied Industrial — Mark Ingalls 278-711

Boys' cross country

Thursday
BUD WILLIAMS INVITATIONAL
 At Iowa City
 (Arlton Cross Country course)

Teams — 1, Pleasant Valley 15, 2, Iowa City High 47, 3, C.R. Kennedy 106, 4, Pekin 124, 5, Durant 151, 6, Iowa City Liberty 162, 7, Okmura 172, 8, Iowa Memorial 217.

Top individuals — 1, Anthony Pena (PV), 16:09.8, 2, Connor Sommer (PV), 16:11.7, 3, Gavin Smith (PV), 16:44.6

IOWA CITY HIGH (49): 7, Quenton Max 17:23.8, 8, Caden Turbough 17:38.9, Joseph Brown 17:27.0, 12, James Momborg 19:25.1, 13, Robbie Strang 17:57.7

C.R. JEFFERSON (106): 16, Sri Sheeshashai 17:54.5, 18, Robert Larson 18:09.1, 21, Blaze Bouzek 18:24.2, 24, Lukas Lamparek 18:29.4, 27, Nathan Linderweiser 18:43.8

IOWA CITY LIBERTY (162): 10, Peter Woodward 17:28.1, 16, Jack Kirzer 18:39.2, 40, Spencer Knight 19:53.4, 41, Caleb Schilling 19:55.0, 45, Henry Krain 20:39.4

Pro basketball

WNBA Finals
 (Best-of-5)
TONIGHT'S GAME
 (Iowa time)
 Minnesota at Los Angeles, 8 p.m. (series tied, 1-1)

Transactions

Thursday
BASEBALL
American League
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Signed manager Bob Melvin to a one-year contract extension through the 2019 season.

FOOTBALL
NCAA Football
OKLAHOMA STATE — Fined assistant coach L. Brent Evans.

OREGON — Announced S. Keith Oliver will transfer to another school upon graduation.

PURDUE — Announced the NCAA has suspended E.J. Ahanonu Bentley for the first half of the October 7 game against Minnesota for illegal targeting. Announced the NCAA has suspended Jacob Thiesenman for the first half of the October 7 game against Minnesota for illegal targeting.