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### Losing streak gets drowned

ENTRAL CITY — When a bunch of high school sfootball players empty a big bucket of water on their head coach, you know one of two things.

Either the kids watch too much television, or they have just won a

ballgame. Both applied to Edgewood-Colesburg's troops Friday night. Ed-Co Coach Dave Millis took his drenching with a grin after his Vikings downed the Central City Wildcats,

26-12, in one of hundreds of lov

prep season-openers Friday. The Super Bowl-champion New York Giants showered their coach, Bill Parcells, with Gatorade after each Giant win last season. Ed-Co's players used an orange Gatorade bucket to do the deed, but on a prep budget, the liquid was mere water.

Millis and his Vikings had waited a long time to do something goofy like that. Ed-Co was on the losing end of all nine of its games last year after a 1-8 mark the season before.

"We'd lost 14 in a row if that's what you're after," Millis said. Now the streak is one, and it's a

good streak. "We want Starmont!" yelled the Vikings as they stormed their homeward-bound bus. Ed-Co plays

the usually tough Stars in Week 2. Millis wasn't quite as ready to tackle Starmont. He rolled his eyes before he discussed next Friday's

opponent. "Starmont," he said. "They'll be bigger, faster and stronger. We have to be considered a serious underdog. But hey, these kids are unbeaten now. We're gonna enjoy this one."

STARMONT AND Center Point have dominated Tri-Rivers Conference football for the last decade. One of the two makes the playoffs every year. Center Point copped a state title two seasons ago.

The other eight teams in the league get a good group of players every so often, and try to string together five or six wins. But when schools only have 25 or 30 boys out for football and losing has been the norm, it's hard to gain any ground on the proven winners.

"Success breeds success," Millis said. "Center Point and Starmont get a lot of kids out for football. They have a little tradition.

"It's a little tougher for us. We had a lot of kids who played last year that didn't come out this time, and I can tell you why. They thought, '0 and 9, here we go

The Ed-Co club that played here Friday night looked nothing like a team with a long losing skein. These Vikings didn't turn the ball over once, played very good defense and made big plays like Delbert Amsden's punt return for a touchdown.

"We stressed that we don't beat ourselves and we didn't," said Millis. "I'm very happy with this.

"These kids were tired of losing. We talked a lot in the off-season on what we had to do to turn this thing around. They made a pretty good commitment."

ED-CO ENTERED THIS game with 29 players in uniform, but only 15 were juniors or seniors. A halfdozen sophomores got a lot of playing time. This is life in smallschool prep football. Many, many teams seem to barely have enough players, but nearly all always find a way to field a team.

"I have five kids who, as of now, don't come off the field unless they tap their chest," Millis said: "I've got to have them out there."

One of those ironmen is fullback/ linebacker Mike Funke, a muscular junior. "He's a load," Millis said. Funke carried the ball 25 times for 118 yards and three touchdowns Friday. He also was involved in numerous tackles. He was not involved in another Ed-Co ritual

stolen from an NFL squad. Many of the Vikings helmetbutted each other once victory was secure. Funke, enjoying a deserved breather late in the game, declined to join in the butting, which Jim McMahon and the Chicago Bears

originated two autumns ago. "My helmet's been on long enough," Funke said as perspiration poured down his face.

Those Vikings who weren't so exhausted proceeded to head-butt and high-five their way out of

Central City. "These kids," Millis said. "I've got all the respect in the world for

# Lions feast on outmanned Indians, 28-0

By Bob Denney Gazette sportswriter

The Battle of Marion was won Friday night by a Linn-Mar infantry which ran over, around and through any Marion Indian in its path at Armstrong Field.

Wingback Sean Healy piled up 120 all-purpose yards, including a sparkling 67-yard punt return for a touchdown, as the Lions blanked cross-town rival Marion 28-0 in what is believed to be the final game of the neighborhood series.

A standing-room-only crowd of 5,500 witnessed Linn-Mar's offensive line overcome a slow start to wear down the Indians and provide 320 yards total offense. Lions senior fullback Chris Miller, the other half of the Linn-Mar attack, bulled his way for 116 yards in 16 carries, 90 of them coming in a first half when Marion's defense managed to keep Linn-Mar's passing game under wraps.

Linn-Mar has won 10 games in the 18-year series, five by shutout. Linn-Mar pinned Marion to 47 yards total offense, including 15 net

yards on the ground. "We want to be a good defeasive football team," said Lions Coach Greg Purnell, "and the way we played the first half with Marion playing us tough, thank goodness our kids were up for playing good defense.

"I've got to hand it to Marion. They were well-prepared and confused us on offense. Their kids showed great sportsmanship and it

was a cleanly-played game." The Lions' defensive line, which figured in four quarterback sacks, helped force four intercepted passes, three of them resulting in 16 Linn-Mar points.

"What obviously hurt was the punt return," said Marion Coach Dave Messerli. "We had two guys around their returner but he got by. Being down 9-0 when we weren't moving the ball ourselves was tough on us. I can't fault our kids at all, because they will become a fine football team and have a successful season."

THE EVENING was a showcase for Healy, a 5-foot-8, 155-pounder who backed up graduated all-state wingback Jim Albaugh last year.



Gazette photo by Todd McInturf

Linn-Mar's Sean Healy (33) bursts out of a crowd to score during the second half of Friday night's game with Marion. The Lions won the "The Last One Ever," 28-0 at Armstrong Field. More prep football coverage, page 2B.

Healy scored three touchdowns, including a 14-yard run on the Lions' opening series of the second half and a 9-yard reception of a pass from Ted Sheeley with 9:02 left to play. Healy carried four times for 44

Reserve quarterback Kyle Dettbarn finished the damage with 29 seconds left, hitting Brian Rooney on a 7-yard scoring pass. The sixplay drive was courtesy of Sands' interception at the Marion 25.

"Tonight we got immense block-

ing," said Healy. "Every time I ran a counter it was wide open. We have the same line from last year and they've improved 400 percent."

Healy gave the Lions the momentum it needed before halftime, taking a handoff at the Lion 37 from Rob Rhines, who fielded a punt from Marion's Lonnie Rose. Healy cut to his right, saw open field and got a big downfield block from teammate Chris Carlson before heading into the end zone.

The Lions were penalized 70

yards, but regrouped well.

"Sean Healy is a pleasant surprise for us, and we got to find a way to get him the ball more often," said Purnell. "Our approach was to test whether we could run the ball . . . felt Tim Wogahn (center), and tackles Krsek and DePauw did great job opening those holes."

It was a rough night for quarterbacks, with Linn-Mar veteran signal-caller Ted Sheeley hitting only 4 of 8 passes for 40 yards with one interception. Marion's Mike Schmic- tonight."

kle was under fire all evening. He suffered three interceptions — two by defensive back Tom Marko and one by Alan Kress. Reserve quarterback John Livingston had one pass nabbed by the Lions' Brent Sands.

"We got the shutout and that's always one of our team goals," said Marko, a 6-3 senior who played defensive end last year. "You have to credit the pursuit of guys up front like Brad Howard, Doug Krsek and Chad DePauw for our four pickups

# Eagles grab Carter in 4th round of supplemental draft

NEW YORK (AP) - Wide receiver Cris Carter, who lost his eligiblity at Ohio State for accepting money from agents, was chosen by the Philadelphia Eagles in the fourth round of an NFL supplemental draft Friday.

Pitt running back Charles Gladman, the only other player in the special draft, was not taken on any of the 12 rounds. Gladman, who was suspended from college play for refusing to cooperate with an inquiry into agents, is now a free agent eligible to sign with any team.

"We thought it would be a helluva gift if we got him in the fourth round. I'm surprised someone didn't pick him earlier than that," said Coach Buddy Ryan of the Eagles, who had the seventh pick in each round under the lottery system used for the supplemental draft.

"He's a great receiver. He had something like 27 touchdown passes. We could use some of those."

The controversial draft, which college officials and coaches claimed would reward players for illegal activities, had been postponed for a week after the NCAA reinstated Pitt defensive back Teryl Austin when he agreed to pay back \$2,500 from agent Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom and sit out two games. Commissioner Pete Rozelle said he was delaying the draft so Carter and Gladman could also seek to have their eligibility

restored. But neither did and the draft went on.

CARTER, AN ALL-AMERICAN, was projected as a possible first-round pick in 1988 if he stayed in school. Gladman was thought to be a third-to-fifth rounder if he played his senior

Carter said, however, that he didn't mind going later. "I'm happy to be selected in the fourth round by Philadelphia. I'm pleased to be playing in the NFL, I look forward to it," he said by telephone from the office of his Boston-based agent, Mitch Frankel.

Thirteen of the 28 teams said before the draft that they wouldn't participate, some because they disagreed with it on principle; others because they said they didn't need either player, and still others because they didn't think either player would be able to get ready in time for the regular season, which begins Sept. 13.

#### U.S. OPEN

## Evert gets her 1,200th victory

NEW YORK (AP) - Chris Evert became the first woman player to win 1,200 matches when she beat Niege Dias of Brazil Friday in the second round of the U.S. Open tennis championships.

Evert's 6-0, 6-1 victory over the 20-year-old Dias moved her further ahead on the list of all-time winners in women's play, where she already led Martina Navratilova.

"I didn't realize that was a record until I heard it from you guys," the third-seeded Evert told reporters. "I am always surprised when I hear the statistics."

Men's play was highlighted by a pair of upsets as seeded Ramesh Krishnan of India beat No. 10 Joakim Nystrom of Sweden 6-4, 7-5, 6-2, and qualifier Mark Woodforde won three tiebreakers to eliminate No. 12 Tim Mayotte of the United States.

Woodforde, who won three qualifying matches to get in to the main draw, stunned Mayotte 7-6 (7-2), 7-6 (7-5), 3-6, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5) on an outside court at the National Tennis Center.

"I'm playing fairly tight tennis in tiebreakers," said Woodforde, who reached the third round of a Grand Prix tournament for the first time this year. "In the fifth set, as the games went by, I knew if I could get to the tiebreaker I'd have the advantage because I won the first two."

Also advancing to the third round were No. 5 Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia and No. 14 Emilio Sanchez of Spain.

In women's play, No. 5 Pam Shriver, No. 10 Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria, No. 11 Lori McNeil and No. 13 Sylvia Hanika of West Germany won their secondround matches in straight sets. No. 16 Wendy Turnbull was upset by Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia.

KRISHNAN, 26, kept his Swedish opponent off balance with a mix of off-speed groundstrokes, angled volleys and backhand passing shots.

"The average guy seems to respond to big booming serves and smashes," said Krishnan, whose father Ramanathan was a semifinalist at Wimbledon in 1960 and 1961. "But you have to realize there are other ways · Please turn to 3B: Open



AP photo

Chris Evert follows through on a shot during Friday's victory — the 1,200th of her career - against Niege Dias at the U.S. Open.

### Top-ranked teams open with patsies

Associated Press

Parity has not completely taken over in college football. There are still such things as breathers for teams that want to open the season with a sure "W."

No. 1-ranked Oklahoma and No.2 Nebraska apparently have found two such patsies who were willing to travel to Norman, Okla., and Lincoln, Neb., to serve as today's fodder. Oklahoma plays North Texas State, a Division I-AA school, and Nebraska meets Utah State, 3-8 last

"You're going to keep coaches around if you have an easier schedule, but your athletic director is going to want a tougher schedule," says Jackie Sherrill, who is both coach and AD at 15th-ranked Texas A&M — and opens at home tonight with No. 6 LSU.

In the same dual role is Pat Dye of fifth-ranked Auburn, which entertains Texas, unranked in the Associated Press preseason poll but certainly no patsy.

Elsewhere in the Top Ten, thirdranked UCLA has a night game at home against San Diego State, No. 8 Florida State hosts Texas Tech under the lights, ninth-ranked Clemson entertains Division I-AA Western Carolina and Florida, tied for 20th, visits No. 10 Miami, Fla.

In the Second Ten, No. 11 Penn State's defending national champions open at home against Bowling Green, Stanford visits No. 13 Washington, Colorado State is at No. 17 Tennessee for a night game and Virginia visits Georgia, the other No. 20 team.

On Monday night, No. 19 Southern California visits Michigan State.

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