

Eagles Overcome Penalties, Injury To Bounce South Central 31-12

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IRENE — The Irene-Wakonda Eagles have relied on dual threat quarterback Dustin Livingston all season, and any success they have in the playoffs is reliant on him being healthy.

And that is exactly why the sight of the junior hobbling on the sideline made Tuesday night's victory a tad bittersweet.

Still, Irene-Wakonda used a dominant defensive effort in the second half to beat South Central 31-12 in Class 9A playoff opening round action in Irene.

"That was the definition of a total team effort," said head coach Brent Mutchelknaus, whose team advances to face Wall next Monday.

The victory was probably already in hand, 25-12, when Livingston was helped off the field with a high ankle injury at the 10:38 mark of the fourth quarter.

He was replaced by sophomore back-up Daniel Brue for the remainder of the game, but the bulk of the post-game chatter and focus was on the right ankle of Livingston.

"We just kept pushing; never gave up," said the 6-foot junior, who rushed for 107 yards and two first-half touchdowns. "This is the playoffs, we wanted to win. But we can still go further."

Doing that will rely on the health of the quarterback for Irene-Wakonda (8-1), which overcame nine penalties and a strong running game in the first half by the visiting Cougars.

"That was a good team we just beat," Mutchelknaus said. "They came out and gave us a ton of trouble with their run game."

"But we adjusted a lot better in the second half and made some nice adjustments."

The first two quarters proved that the two teams were balanced, especially when it came to the ground attacks.

It took the Eagles only a minute, 11 seconds to score, however, after the game's opening kickoff.

On the second play from scrimmage, Livingston carried the ball forward, but fumbled it, only to have it bounce straight back up to him. He then ran 67 yards down the right sideline for a touchdown — an early sign that things might favor the Eagles.

South Central used all running plays on its ensuing drive and capitalized on a 3-yard touchdown run by Garrett Bruns at the 6:12 mark. A missed conversion put the score at 6-6.

The visiting Cougars fumbled on their next series, which set up Livingston's 17-yard touchdown run with 10:23 left in the first half.

Two Irene-Wakonda penalties on the next series allowed South Central to march down the field. Christian Schweigert's 5-yard touchdown run at the 6:20 mark, and missed kick, knotted the score at 12-12.

A 7-yard punt with under two minutes left in the half set up the Eagles on a short field. They didn't waste the chance, as Scott Davis powered in from five yards out with 1:26 left.

The 18-12 lead at half for Irene-Wakonda could've been worse, thanks to five penalties, but the Eagles realized what needed to improve, Livingston said.

"We knew we had to do better in the second half," said Livingston, who mentioned blocking adjustments as a key change for the Eagles' defense.

The first time all night Irene-Wakonda broke through the front seven of South Central, it went for a touchdown. Garrett Anderson scored on a 54-yard run at the 4:17 mark of the third quarter, pushing the margin to 25-12.

"We really put it on our linemen's shoulders to get our run game going," Mutchelknaus said. "And they really stepped it up in the second half. That's how we were able to get it done."

Following that score, the Eagles forced a turnover on downs to the South Central offense. On Irene-Wakonda's final possession of the game, Brue scored on an 11-yard run.

Yet, the focus remains on the health Livingston and his availability for next Monday's quarterfinal matchup with Wall.

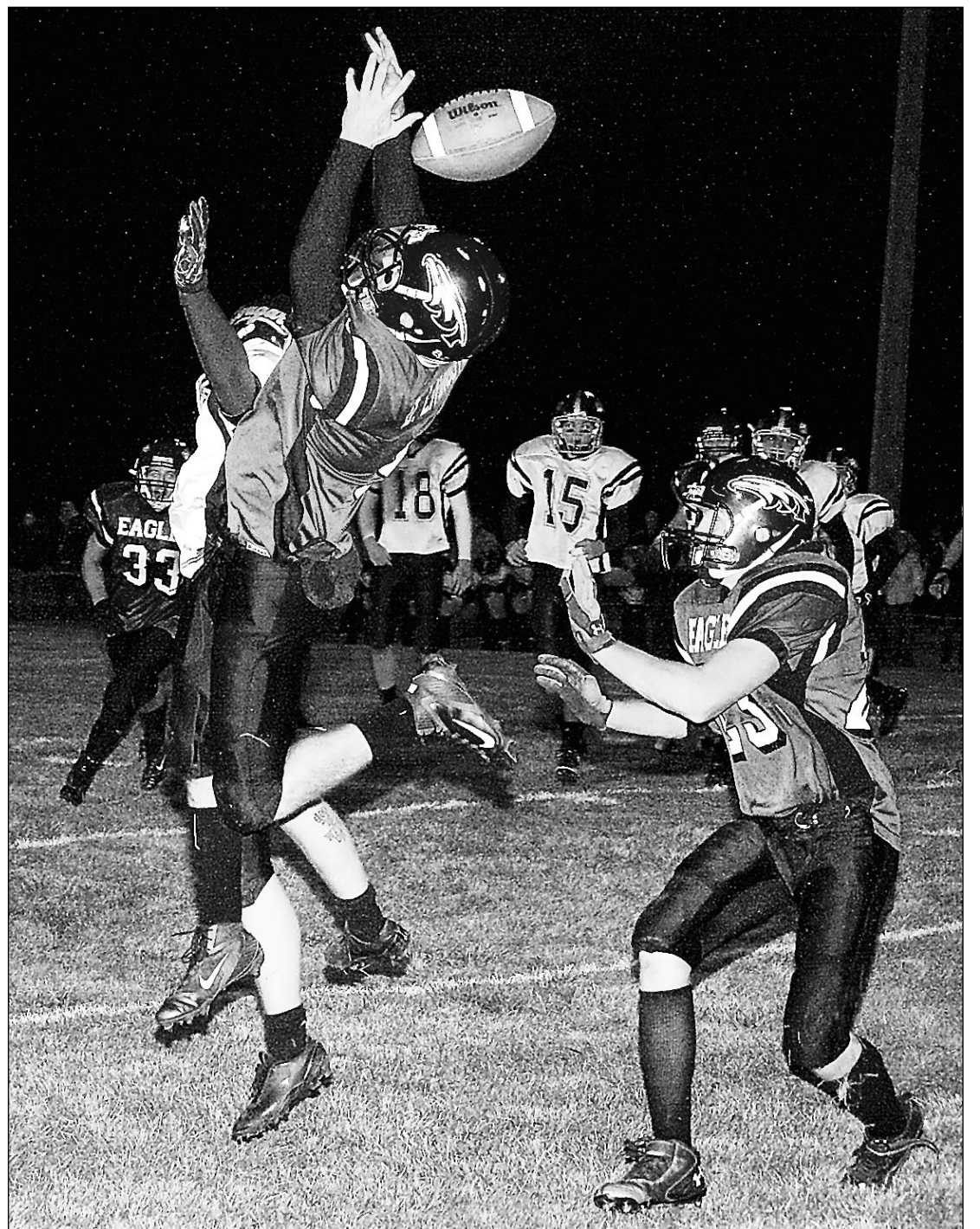
"It looked like it was a shin thing for Dustin, but I know he was in pain," Mutchelknaus said. "We'll see what it feels like (Wednesday) and go from there."

Defensively for the Eagles, Scott Davis and Anderson each had 12 tackles.

South Central (5-4) was led by Bruns' 56 rushing yards and 54 from quarterback Turner Serr. Sam Hazen and Jordan Janousek led the defense with 13 tackles apiece.

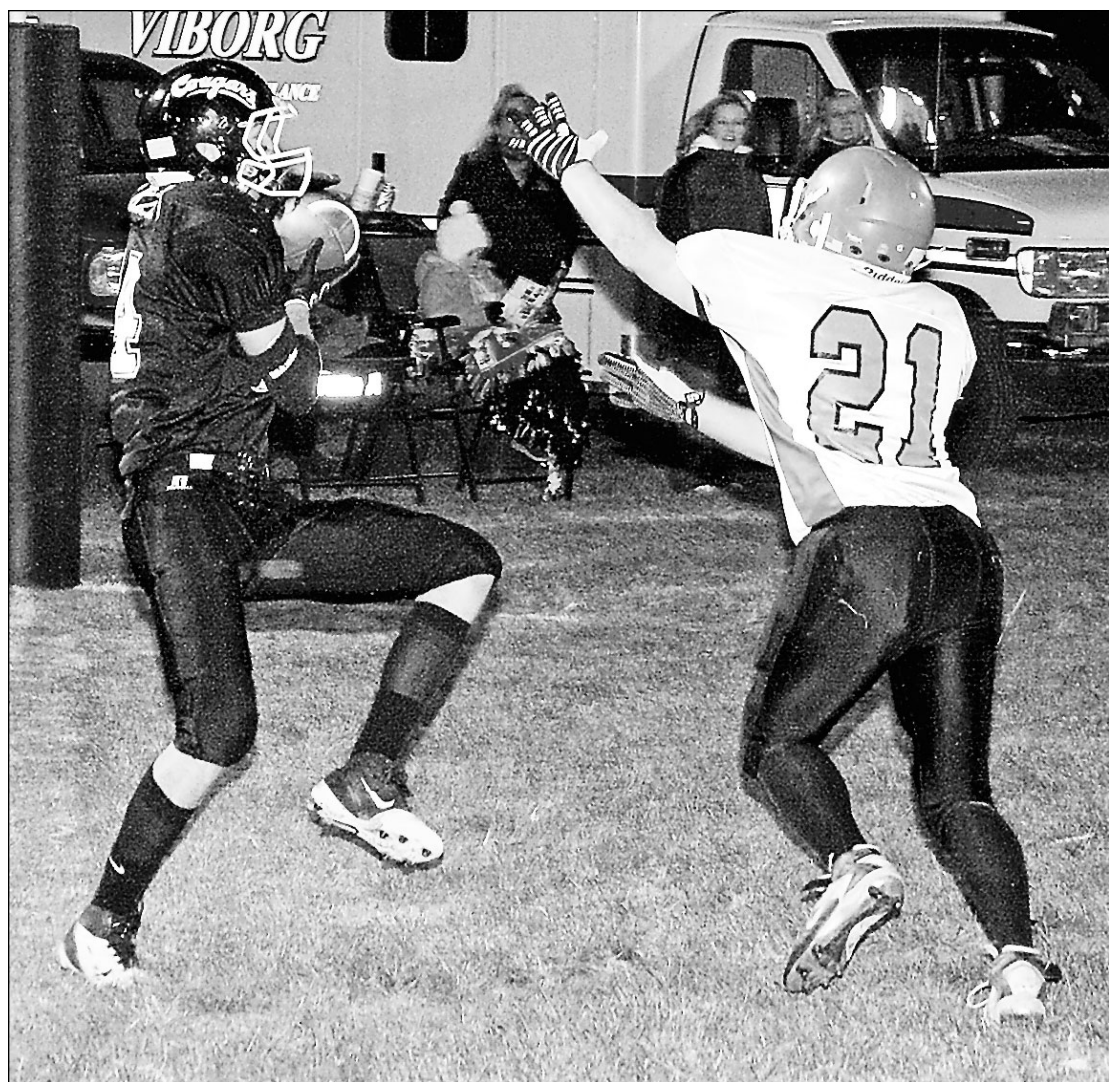
Mutchelknaus pointed to the hard work his seniors put in before the season, and during, as reasons why the Eagles were able to overcome Livingston's injury to win.

"This was a reward for all that work," the veteran coach said.



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Irene-Wakonda's Dustin Livingston, left, breaks up a South Central pass while teammate Scott Davis looks on during Class 9A first round playoff action in Irene Tuesday night. Livingston was injured on the play, but his Eagles advanced with a 35-12 win.



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Viborg-Hurley's Ryan Kludt, left, hauls in a touchdown pass from Trevor Jacobsen while Scotland defender Logan Winckler gives chase during Class 9B first-round playoff action Tuesday in Viborg. The Cougars breezed to a 54-0 triumph over the Highlanders.

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Ryne Kludt recorded nine tackles and two sacks.

Scotland was led by Ryan Auch's 40 yards rushing on 14 attempts. Auch also threw for 28 yards on 2-8 passing, and he led the defense with five tackles.

Viborg-Hurley gained 320 total offensive yards and forced three turnovers, while Scotland only mustered 77 total yards and did not force any turnovers.

Viborg-Hurley will host Langford Area (8-1) in a second round game next Monday.

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| SCOTLAND (4-5) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VIBORG-HURLEY (7-2) | 28 | 20 | 6 | 54 |

Waverly-South Shore 60, Grant-Deuel 0

WAVERLY — Waverly-South Shore had no problem putting away Grant-Deuel by halftime in Class 9B playoff action.

W-SS scored 44 points in the first quarter, and 60 points by halftime to end the game at 60-0.

Taylor Zemlicka led W-SS by going a perfect 8-8 passing for 117 yards and three touchdowns. Brent Zemlicka ran four times for 64 yards and two touchdowns, and also caught three passes for 56 yards and two more touchdowns. Taylor Zemlicka led the defense with 4 tackles and one sack.

Waverly-South Shore gained 270 yards in the two quarters played, while Grant-Deuel ended with 124 total offensive yards.

Taylor Tol threw three completions on eight passing attempts for 55 yards to lead Grant-Deuel. Tim Meyer caught one pass for 43 yards, and Jared Berg ran for 11 yards. Greg Kreutner led the Grant-Deuel defense with four tackles.

Waverly-South Shore will now host Hitchcock-Tulare in second round playoff action on Monday.

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| GRANT-DEUEL (3-6) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WAVERLY-SOUTH SHORE (9-0) | 44 | 60 | 0 | 16 |

Class 9AA

Kimball-White Lake 46, Andes Central 6

KIMBALL — Kimball-White Lake was able to convert long scoring plays to get past Andes Central easily on Tuesday.

Trevor Reinsch scored three times to lead K-WL to a 46-6 Class 9AA playoff victory.

Reinsch scored on a 59 yard run, a three yard run, and a 61 yard reception. Reinsch ended with 107 yards rushing and 61 yards receiving. Kyle Peters scored twice for Kimball-White Lake on a five yard catch, and a 55 yard reception, he ended with 125 yards receiving. Jesse Taylor quarterbacked K-WL and ended with 194 passing yards on eight for 12 passing and four touchdowns. Taylor also ran for 63 yards and a touchdown.

Andes Central's only touchdown came on a 82 yard run by Connor Florey. Florey accounted for 115 of Andes Central's 139 rushing yards. Stephen

Cournoyer was 4-13 passing for 37 yards, and Esteban Rodriguez led the defense with 12 tackles.

Kimball-White Lake will host Gettysburg-Hoven (6-3) in quarterfinal action next Monday.

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| ANDES CENTRAL (5-4) | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| KIMBALL-WHITE LAKE (7-2) | 20 | 20 | 6 | 46 |

Class 11A

Dakota Valley 29, Harrisburg 8

NORTH SIOUX CITY — The Dakota Valley Panthers used a balanced offensive attack to roll past the Harrisburg Tigers in opening round 11A playoff action.

The Panthers ran for 239 yards and threw for 106 yards on their way to a 29-8 home win.

Tanner Lambert led the ground game for Dakota Valley with 168 yards and a touchdown on 28 carries. Brock Bergmann threw 21 times completing 10 of those for 106 yards and a touchdown. Colin Gunderson caught two passes for 57 yards and a touchdown. The Panther defense was led by Taylor Lambert's 10 tackles.

Harrisburg only managed 71 yards on the ground, and 147 yards through the air. Andrew McCuen threw 30 passes completing 10 for 147 yards and a touchdown. Trevor DeSchepper caught the 68 yard touchdown pass and caught three passes total for 84 yards. Derek Tuttle recorded nine tackles to lead Harrisburg's defense.

Dakota Valley will play at West Central (8-1) next Monday in second round playoff action.

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| HARRISBURG (5-4) | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| DAKOTA VALLEY (6-3) | 6 | 3 | 13 | 29 |

Class 9A

Canistota 56, Chester 0

CANISTOTA — Canistota scored early and never looked back, as the Hawks went on to defeat Chester 56-0 on Tuesday night in Canistota for the first round of playoff action.

Canistota, who went 8-0 in the regular season, racked up 40 points in the first quarter. Canistota's Cody Bunger ran for 75 yards on five rushes, including a 60 yard run. Troy Hofer rushed nine times and added 71 yards for the Canistota Hawks. The Hawks also saw action from Zack Hofer who had a fumble recovery

for 30 yards. The second quarter brought more points for Canistota. Nick Hofer ran it in from five yards out, while teammate Cody Bunger scored on a three yard run.

Chester gained 78 yards on 27 carries on the evening. Austin Opdahl had 11 carries for 39 yards.

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| CHESTER (5-4) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CANISTOTA (9-0) | 40 | 16 | 56 | |

Class 11B

Winner 28, Wagner 13

WINNER — After finishing the regular season 8-0, Winner continued to win in playoff action, defeating Wagner at home Tuesday night 28-13. Senior Austin Richey started the Warriors off with a six yard touchdown run. Teammate Kyle Bertram scored in the second quarter with a 27 yard run. Bertram added to the offense in the fourth quarter with a 45 yard scamper.

For the Red Raiders of Wagner, Senior Alex Kocer finished the night with nine carries for 36 yards. Quarterback Jack Robinson went 14 for 32 while racking up 175 yards, two touchdowns, and an interception. Offensively, Wagner completed 18 carries for 51 rushing yards. The Red Raiders also completed 15 of 35 through the air for 183 yards.

Tri-Valley 34, Garretson 14

COLTON — Tri-Valley took control in the second quarter and never looked back as the Mustangs went on to defeat Garretson in the first round of 11B playoff action at Tri-Valley 34-14 Tuesday night.

The Mustangs had a big night from Kyle Erickson who had a pair of touchdown runs from 10 yards and two yards out. Cooper Hausmann ran it in from 16 yards out. Sam Mader also had a nice touchdown run from 27 yards out. Tri-Valley finished the night with 312 total yards of offense.

Garretson had a five yard touchdown run from Brady Bonte. The Blue Dragons also scored thanks to a Dustin Steckler to Sawyer Gibson 46 yard pass. Chad Stoterau finished the night with 15 tackles. Brady Bonte added 10 tackles for the Blue Dragons. Garretson finished the game with 297 yards of offense.

Tri-Valley hosts Moberidge-Polkoff in quarterfinal action next Monday.

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| GARRETSON (4-4) | 6 | 0 | 8 | 14 |
| TRI-VALLEY (9-0) | 34 | 0 | 12 | 34 |

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you good, but you do it the right way.

"ORU has a great opportunity in the Southland Conference," he said.

Mike Carter, the school's athletic director, said the Southland Conference pursued the school.

"It wasn't a deal where we went out looking," Carter said. "We were very content in the Summit League. It kind of came about all of

a sudden."

Teams like SDSU and NDSU have fared well in the Summit League since joining in 2007, especially when it comes to prominent visibility in the region.

Oral Roberts hosted the Summit League Basketball Tournament every year from 2005-08 before the annual event shifted to Sioux Falls, where it will remain at least through 2014.

Oral Roberts, a religious school of 3,259 students located in south Tulsa, had competed in the Summit League since the 1997-98 academic year. The Golden Eagles have won 134 regular-season and tournament championships in the

league.

Oral Roberts won the Summit League's automatic berth to the NCAA basketball tournament from 2006-08 and the conference's bid to the NCAA baseball tournament the past 14 years in a row.

David Chicoine, South Dakota State president and chair of the Summit League's Presidents Council, said the panel "anticipated this possibility after the WAC recruited and added three Southland universities."

He said the league has begun work to chart its future "during these somewhat uncertain, but exciting times in conference alignments."

But the school will accept an invitation once it is offered, the person said.

Big 12 Commissioner Chuck Neinas has already said he expects Missouri to compete in the Big 12 in 2012, but all signs indicate Missouri is leaving and now the conference is prepared for that.

On Friday, the Missouri Board of Curators gave Chancellor Brady Deaton the authority to move the school out of the Big 12. The school has been considering a move to the SEC, where it would become that conference's 14th member and join Texas A&M, which made its move from the Big 12 official earlier this month.

A report reviewed by Missouri officials and obtained by the AP earlier this month stated a move to the SEC from the Big 12 could

net the school as much as an extra \$12 million in revenue a year.

West Virginia also would likely make more money by moving from the Big East to the Big 12. The Big 12 distributed \$139 million to its members in 2010 and in April signed a 13-year TV deal with Fox worth \$1.17 billion that kicks in next year. The conference also recently agreed to start sharing TV revenue equally.

The Big East distributed \$113 million to its 16 all-sports members last year and has yet to ink a new TV deal. Its separate deals for football and basketball expire in 2013.

It's also a step up in competition for the Mountaineers — at least in football. No. 25 West Virginia is one of two Big East teams ranked in the AP Top 25, along with No. 24 Cincinnati.

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and has been courting Boise State, Navy and Air Force as football-only members and Central Florida, SMU and Houston for all sports. Commissioner John Marinatto met with officials from some of those schools Sunday in Washington.

Since there is no timetable for Missouri to complete its expected departure from the Big 12 — and the league's board of directors announced that it expressed "a strong desire" for Missouri to stay during a Monday meeting — there is no timetable for West Virginia to receive a formal invitation, the person said.

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