

Passing out a few tips of the old fedora

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Let's start today with a few tips of the fedora.

First of all, here's a tip of the fedora to the Washington football team that made a [miraculous comeback](#) in the win at Linn-Mar Monday night. The Warriors have joined that group in high school and college football that have made this season a unique one, to say the least.

Here you have a team with three losses, but victories over three teams that were in the top-10 poll in the state rankings. That in itself is rather unbelievable.

And now they have the opportunity to take the next step, that being a win at Kingston Stadium Friday night against Cedar Falls, another top-10 unit. From the Warriors' standpoint, it is a plus to play outdoors on their home field and to get Cedar Falls out of its usual appearance this time of year in the UNI-Dome.

Individually, we can give out a tip of the fedora to Linn-Mar quarterback [Mark Atwater](#), who is the Mississippi Division Player of the Year in the Mississippi Valley Conference.

Also, a big tip of the fedora to [Josh Evans](#) and [Carolyn Newhouse](#) of Linn-Mar. Evans was named the Metro Male Cross Country Athlete of the Year and Newhouse was the Female Runner of the Year.

Now to the Iowa Hawkeyes: I have finished the bleeding of the loss to Minnesota. It was, to quote Yogi Berra, *deja vu* all over again. And in our business, when things aren't going so well, we just use a bridge sentence, "moving right along." We come to Michigan.

The Hawkeyes can accomplish something on Saturday that no Iowa football team has done in

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the Michigan series for 100 years. You ask what is that? And I answer, for the first time in history the Hawks have a chance to win three straight against Michigan.

It will take their best effort and probably a lower performance by the Wolverines to get that accomplished, but it certainly is possible in this wacky time of college football. And you can say that about the entire scope of college ball.

I'm sure I will pick Iowa to win over Michigan. And why you ask? Don't forget that in the Ferentz era, the win percentage for Iowa at Kinnick Stadium is 83 percent. Those are pretty good odds for the Hawkeyes this week.

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