

Dralle wins Metro Spotlight Award

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Cedar Rapids Kennedy junior Tyler Dralle is the winner of the Metro Spotlight Award for high school boys this week, the Metro Sports Report announced Sunday.

Dralle had a monster game for the Cougars in their 20-17 victory over Muscatine in the opening round of the Class 4A playoffs last Wednesday night. He carried the ball 46 times for 234 yards and a touchdown as Kennedy advanced to the Sweet 16.

Dralle and Logan Wedo split time at tailback this season, but Dralle was asked to carry a heavy load in the playoffs with Wedo sidelined with a separated shoulder. Dralle, 5-10, 180, welcomed the challenge and Kennedy Coach Brian White compared Dralle to John Riggins, a blue-collar workhorse for the Washington Redskins a generation ago. Dralle does not have great moves or terrific speed, but he'll carry the ball time after time and get key yards.

Dralle has carried the ball 190 times for 892 yards and eight touchdowns.

Kennedy visits second-ranked Bettendorf in the second round of the playoffs Monday night.