### Xavier pitches 3rd straight shutout

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DUBUQUE – It was just another day at the office for the Cedar Rapids Xavier defense.

The Saints, who have not allowed a single point this season, kept the streak alive Friday with a 34-0 drubbing of winless Dubuque Hempstead at Dalzell Field.

Xavier (3-0), ranked No. 10 in Class 4A, posted its third shutout in as many games. The Saints limited Hempstead (0-3) to only 188 yards of total offense and eight first downs.

Xavier linebacker Jack Boland credited the team's defensive line for allowing the second-level defenders opportunities to make plays.

"It makes it a lot easier for us as linebackers," Boland said. "They got a great push up front."

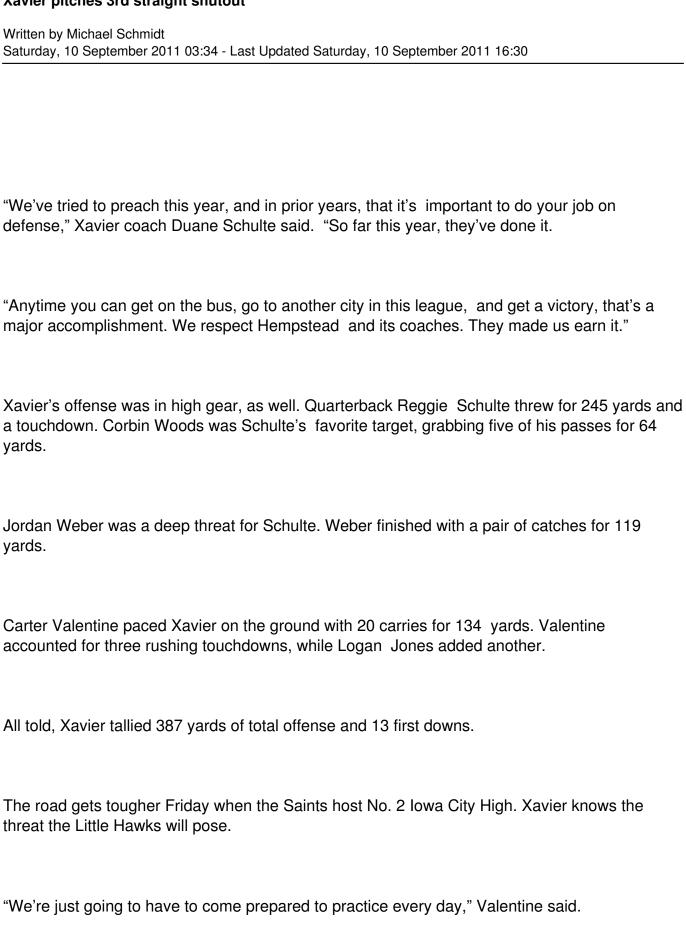
Boland and his first-string teammates were also pulling for the Saints' scout team late in the fourth quarter.

The backup Saints held strong and kept Hempstead off the scoreboard, much to the delight of defensive coordinator Jim O'Connell.

"The scout team is the backbone of our program," O'Connell said. "It's good to see them rewarded for the hard work they put in."

O'Connell preaches to his defense to swarm to the football. Most of the defensive plays the Saints made against Hempstead were a result of several helmets near the ball.

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Coach Schulte added, "Any time you play City, it's a measuring stick for your team."

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## XAVIER 34, HEMPSTEAD 0

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- X Carter Valentine 8 run (Chad Gilmer kick)
- X Logan Jones 1 run (Gilmer kick)
- X Valentine 17 run (Gilmer kick)
- X Jordan Hoffman 17 pass from Reggie Schulte (Gilmer kick)
- X Valentine 8 run (kick failed)

# X H

First downs 13 8 Rushes-yards 32-142 40-135 Passing yards 245 53 **Passes** 12-16-1 7-14-0 Penalties-yards 5-54 4-20 Fumbles-lost 2-0 1-1 Punts-avg. 4-38.5 6-30.6

### Rushing

X – Valentine 20-134, Matt Hansen 1-7, Schulte 6-minus 6, Jones 2-4, Nick Hazelton 3-3. H – Drew Wagner 7-43, Layton Fritsch 10-21, Peter Keleher 5-12, Jacob Hodge 4-5, Luke Ploessl 5-13, Graham Houselog 2-1, Mark Owens 3-15, Jesse Goedert 1-2, Zach Sabers 1-4.

### Passing

X – Schulte 13-16-1, 245 yards.

H - Ploessl 6-12-0, 37 yards; Wagner 1-2-0, 14 yards.

### Receiving

X – Jordan Weber 2-119, Corbin Woods 5-64, Kevin Hosch 1-10, Jones 1-7, Valentine 2-28, Hoffman 1-17.

H – Alex Smith 4-33, Connor Ehlers 2-16, Tyler Schaul 1-14.