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The resurgent Linn-Mar football team has gotten off to a 3-0 start, but the Lions will face their stiffest test of the season Friday night when the Washington Warriors invade Linn-Mar Stadium for a Class 4A non-district game.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. on KCRG 1600-AM/107.5 FM.

Linn-Mar senior quarterback Ryan Schmidt has rushed for 152 yards and seven touchdowns this season. He also has passed for 240 yards and two touchdowns by hitting 19 of 35 passes.

Speedster Perrion Scott has carried the ball 26 times for 287 yards. He scored three touchdowns in the first quarter last week in an easy win at Clinton.

Logan Benter, a running back and linebacker for the Lions, missed last week's game with a leg injury, but is expected back this week.

The Washington Warriors (3-0) will have a size advantage with Julian Good-Jones and Royal Silver, a pair of talented 275-pounders, paving the way. The Warriors also have good speed with tailback Tavian Patrick and receiver Landen Akers.

Patrick has rushed 30 times for 313 yards. Akers has five catches for 115 yards.

Johnny Dobbs has rushed 35 times for 166 yards for the Warriors. Reid Snitker has completed 15 of 28 passes for 241 yards and five TDs. Isaiah Nimmers has four catches for 108 yards and two TDs.

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XAVIER at DEWITT CENTRAL

7:15 p.m., KMRY-AM 1450

Records: Xavier (2-1 overall, 1-0 4A District 4), DeWitt Central (2-1, 0-1 4A District 4)

The top-ranked Saints have posted a pair of impressive victories over Davenport Assumption and Solon the past two weeks, soundly beating two of the teams that figured to challenge the Saints for 3A supremacy in Eastern Iowa.

Xavier's stingy defense has allowed only 160 yards per game, yielding just 88 passing yards and 72 rushing yards per week. And those figures include the season-opening game at Dowling, which is ranked No. 1 in Class 4A.

Jay Kortemeyer has been a stalwart in the offensive backfield for the Saints, rushing 61 times for 368 yards. Bryce Schulte has completed 19 of 41 passes for 193 yards and no TDs, with two interceptions.

Nic Ekland has seven catches. Dylan Eller has three interceptions.

Quarterback Logan Sheppard leads DeWitt Central. He has rushed for 300 yards and three TDs. Sheppard has passed for 147 yards and three interceptions, with no TDs. Mason Cousins has rushed for 281 yards and two TDs.

NORTH SCOTT at PRAIRIE

John Wall Field, 7:15 p.m.

Records: North Scott (3-0 overall, 0-0 4A District 8), Prairie (1-2 overall, 0-0 4A District 6)

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A furious rally fell short for the Prairie Hawks last week in their game at Dubuque Senior. Now they'll be facing a North Scott club that has gotten off to a 3-0 start.

Prairie quarterback Trey Beckman has completed 50 of 83 passes for 686 yards and 4 touchdowns, with three interceptions. He also has rushed 36 times for 124 yards.

Keagan Pinter has carried the ball 43 times for 263 yards. Jalen Rima leads the receivers with 14 receptions for 245 yards and three TDs. Jojuan Simpson has 13 grabs for 191 yards, Connor Grade has nine catches for 142 yards and Pinter has 11 catches for 76 yards.

North Scott quarterback Matt Sacia has passed for 458 yards and four TDs, hitting 40 of 68 throws. He also has rushed for 233 yards and two TDs. Jacob Ridgeway has rushed for 221 yards and three touchdowns.

PLEASANT VALLEY at KENNEDY Kingston Stadium, 7:15 p.m.

Records: Pleasant Valley (3-0 overall, 0-0 4A District 7), Kennedy (0-3 overall, 0-0 4A District 5)

Kennedy has been struggling with its new spread offense this year, averaging just 249 yards per game. That includes 138.6 yards per game on the ground and 110.3 yards in the air.

Kennedy quarterback Sammy Lizarraga has completed 39 of 84 passes for 331 yards and one touchdown, with one interception. Shaun Beyer is the leading receiver with seven catches for 72 yards.

Logan Wedo has carried the ball 39 times for 225 yards for the Cougars. Jay Blank has 27 carries for 123 yards.

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Pleasant Valley quarterback Chase Kipper has passed for 257 yards and rushed for 172 yards.

MARION at SOLON

7:15 p.m.

Records: Marion (1-2 overall, 0-0 Class 3A District 4), Solon (2-1 overall, 0-1 Class 3A District 4)

Both teams are coming off losses. The Marion Indians fell at Cascade, while the Solon Spartans dropped their district opener at Xavier.

Kory Walsh has carried the ball 48 times for 201 yards for Marion. Quarterbacks Hayden Meister and Gage Kray have completed 21 of 47 passes for 280 yards and four touchdowns.

Solon quarterback Brandon Childs has passed for 303 yards and two touchdowns. Brandon Kramer has rushed for 194 yards and three TDs.

ELKADER CENTRAL at CEDAR VALLEY CHRISTIAN

LaSalle Middle School, 7 p.m.

Records: Elkader Central (3-0 overall, 1-0 8-Player District 4), Cedar Valley (1-2 overall, 0-1 8-Player District 4)

Cedar Valley is vastly improved this season, but the Huskies figure to have a tough game against undefeated Elkader Central.

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Nathan Fitzgerald has rushed for 779 yards and scored 15 touchdowns in three games for Elkader Central. He is averaging 13.7 yards per carry. Derek Ehrhardt has passed for 340 yards and six touchdowns for Elkader.

Kenan Ulmer is having a good year for Cedar Valley. He has passed for 559 yards and six touchdowns and has carried the ball 58 times for 222 yards and five TDs.

Colin Heeren, Eric Gustafson and Tom Scroggs have combined for 29 catches for six touchdowns for the Huskies.