

Cougars suffer tough loss to Tigers

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CEDAR FALLS - Cedar Falls let a 14-point halftime lead get away, but the Tigers made some big plays late and posted a 21-20 victory over Cedar Rapids Kennedy Friday at the UNI-Dome.

After the Cougars tied the game 14-14 in the fourth quarter, Cedar Falls drove 75 yards for the go-ahead score, sparked by a 43-yard pass from quarterback Trey Hansen to Tra'Von Fagan.

Hansen then hit Javon Middleton with a 15-yard touchdown strike. Jacob lehl added what turned out to be the decisive extra point and the Tigers had a 7-point lead at 21-14 with 3:43 to go in the final period.

Back came Kennedy. Quarterback Sammy Lizarraga connected with Rey'z Bell over the middle for a 30-yard touchdown pass with 1:11 left. After the Tigers went offside, the Cougars elected to pass up the PAT and went for two points.

Tyler Dralle, who scored Kennedy's first TD of the night on a 3-yard run, got the ball. But Cedar Falls linebacker Rayce Willett met him in the backfield, threw the Cougar back for a loss and preserved the Tiger lead.

Logan Mozena then recovered the onside kick to seal the victory. The hard-luck Cougars fell to 1-7 overall and 1-3 in district games.

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Kennedy 0 0 7 13 - 20

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CF - Denison Harrington 1 run (Caleb lehl kick)

CF - Harrington 1 pass from Taylen Alexander (lehl kick)

CRK - Tyler Dralle 3 run (Mark Schulz kick)

CRK - Drake Brewster 13 pass from Sam Lizarraga (Schulz kick)

CF - Javon Middleton 15 pass from Trey Hanseon (lehl kick)

CRK - Rey'z Bell 30 pass from Lizarraga (run failed)