

## Way to go, Sis



**Serena Williams (left) and sister Venus Williams congratulate each other during a first-round doubles match Tuesday against Belgium's Kirsten Flipkens and Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn at the French Open in Paris. The sisters won, 6-0, 6-1. French Open, 3B**

## SIDELINE

### MIDWEST LEAGUE

#### Peoria cools Kernels, win streak ends at 7

PEORIA, Ill. — Four Peoria pitchers held Cedar Rapids to three hits last night in a Midwest League game at O'Brien Field, ending the Kernels' winning streak at seven games with a 2-0 victory.

Matt Long, Jean Segura and Jose Jimenez had hits for the Kernels, who remain in first place in the league's Western Division.

Orangel Arenas (4-5) took the loss despite allowing just four hits and one earned run in five innings.

The teams play again today at 6:30 p.m. (KMRY-AM, 1450)

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#### Dendy will transfer for final season

AMES — Iowa State men's basketball coach Fred Hoiberg announced Tuesday that LaRon Dendy, a senior from Greenville, S.C., has asked for and been granted his release to transfer to another school.

A 6-foot-9, 230-pound power forward, Dendy played in 24 games last season, his first at ISU, averaging 7.3 points and 3.6 rebounds.

"We will do everything we can to help LaRon in his future goals," Hoiberg said in a news release.

Hoiberg confirmed that Antwon Oliver will not be returning to the team. Oliver red-shirted last season.

### WRESTLING

#### Gable museum may become branch

WATERLOO — The Dan Gable International Wrestling Institute and Museum may soon become a branch of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Okla., the Waterloo Courier reported Tuesday.

# Christensen sharp for Kennedy

By Jeff Johnson  
The Gazette

### CEDAR RAPIDS

— Let's just say Austin Christensen is off to a pretty good start to the high school baseball season. OK, a great start.

The Cedar Rapids Kennedy junior struck out 12 over six shutout innings in a win Monday over Cedar Rapids Prairie in the first round of the Bob Vr-

bicek Metro Tournament. He also had three hits.

In an 11-5 semifinal victory over Linn-Mar last night at Prairie, the sweet-swinging lefty — who plays right field when he's not on the mound — went 4-for-4 with two RBIs, two runs and a stolen base.

Do the math, and that's 7-for-8, kids. The only out he made was in his very

first at-bat.

Of course, it was a line drive.

"Yeah, to center field," Christensen said. "I'm just seeing the ball very well at the plate right now."

Christensen is a Uni-



**Austin Christensen**  
C.R. Kennedy

versity of Nebraska commitment, and he said he has gotten a little extra help with his hitting stroke lately, courtesy of a Nebraska player. That's his brother, Chad, the former Cedar Rapids Washington all-stater who just finished his freshman year with the Cornhuskers.

Chad Christensen was in the stands last night,

certainly a very proud brother.

"He's shown me a couple of things he learned at Nebraska," Austin said. "(Austin) works at it extremely hard, and it's nice to see that hard work pay off," said Kennedy Coach Bret Hoyer. "It's especially nice to see him do so well with Chad here

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## BOYS' SOCCER



Cliff Jette photos/The Gazette

**Cono Christian soccer players gather for practice Tuesday in Walker. The team was getting ready for a Class 1A substate semifinal today against Solon. Cono Christian is the smallest state-sanctioned school for athletics with enrollment of 23 in grades 9 through 11.**

# Interesting mix making it work

Diverse, talented boys play winning soccer at Cono

By Jeff Johnson  
The Gazette

**W**ALKER — Their roster tells a real good story. First off, there are 19 names but only 18 boys in the entire school.

There's a Matt Miller and an Alex Wilson, not to mention a

Ben Baron. There's also a Dong Woo Kang, a Sang Hyun Lim and a Min Gyu Cho.

You might recognize their head coach's name. Adam Belz is a reporter for The Gazette.

According to the Iowa High School Athletic Association, theirs is the smallest school in the state, with a BEDS documented enrollment of 23 in grades 9 through 11. Yet this interesting collection from a small rural boarding school in northern Linn County is the 15th-ranked Class

1A boys' soccer team in the state.

The Cono Christian School Warriors won an IHSAA-sanctioned postseason game for the first time Monday and are two games from qualifying for an IHSAA state tournament for the first time. Even if that doesn't happen, this season has been a success.

"I think this year we've come together more as a team and kind of built better relationships with each other," said Miller, a starting defender.

The better relationships have been built on a team that's more than half foreign. There are 10 players from South Korea, including captain Yong Kyum Lee.

The Koreans are here to learn English and prepare for American colleges. Cono also is home to U.S. kids like Miller of Lawrence, Kan., who comes from what Belz calls "incomplete

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**Cono Christian's soccer team captain Yongkyum Lee practices his foot skills Tuesday in Walker. Cono Christian has a Class 1A substate semifinal game today at Solon. Cono advanced with a 4-0 victory over Monticello.**



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Mingyu Cho (left) and John Youn practice Tuesday for the Cono Christian soccer team in Walker. Fielding a team with a roster populated by an interesting mix of Americans and foreigners, Cono is ranked 15th in the state and two games from making the state tournament.

# Cono/Substate semi today against Solon

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families."

It's a mix that seems to work.

"Two years ago we had a lot of Ethiopians, too, so we've been a pretty international team for a long time," said goalkeeper Woo Jung Kim. "I think we're pretty good at coping with each other. When we're in the field, we're only allowed to speak English, so that helps us (communicate with each other)."

"Everybody says that when you play against Cono, they are going to have good foot skills and good passing skills," said Belz, a Cono graduate whose father, Andrew, is the school's president. "But where you can beat them is by being more physical. So our guys are going up against football players from Monticello, football players from Independence. It's like a whole new mindset, particularly for the Korean guys, to use your body, use your shoulders

and initiate the contact instead of always being acted upon."

This is the fifth year Cono has had IAHSAA- and IGHSAA-sanctioned soccer teams. The boys are 9-7-1, the girls 7-3.

The school plays other Christian schools and home-school teams in volleyball, basketball, fall soccer and track. The Warriors have three home-schooled kids.

"We have a new coach, and he played soccer before at this school," Kim said. "So he understands how the players feel. He's a very good coach. He knows how to relate to people, not just on the soccer field but in their daily life."

"It's been a pretty good season," Lee said.

Just pretty good?

"Well, we had a perfect season (last fall)," Lee said. "This is my last year at Cono, so I wanted a perfect season again."

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## Minor League Baseball

### Midwest League

Eastern Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Lake County (Indians)	31	15	.674	—
Great Lakes (Dodgers)	28	17	.622	2½
Lansing (Blue Jays)	27	18	.600	3½
Fort Wayne (Padres)	23	22	.511	7½
South Bend (D'backs)	20	26	.435	11
Bowling Green (Rays)	18	27	.400	12½
Dayton (Reds)	18	28	.391	13
West Michigan (Tigers)	17	29	.370	14
Western Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cedar Rapids (Angels)	27	18	.600	—
Quad Cities (Cardinals)	26	19	.578	1
Peoria (Cubs)	26	20	.565	1½
Clinton (Mariners)	24	20	.545	2½
Beloit (Twins)	25	21	.543	2½
Kane County (Athletics)	20	26	.435	7½
Wisconsin (Brewers)	17	28	.378	10
Burlington (Royals)	15	28	.349	11

### TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Peoria 2, Cedar Rapids 0  
Wisconsin 3, Kane County 0  
West Michigan 3-1, Lansing 0-7  
Lake County 1, Dayton 0  
Burlington at Clinton, ppd., rain  
Quad Cities 13, Beloit 7  
Fort Wayne 5, Great Lakes 4  
Bowling Green 3, South Bend 2

### TODAY'S GAMES

(Iowa times)  
Cedar Rapids at Peoria, 6:30 p.m.  
Great Lakes at Fort Wayne (dh), 10:05 a.m.  
Dayton at Lake County, 5:30 p.m.  
Wisconsin at Kane County, 6 p.m.  
Burlington at Clinton (dh), 6 p.m.  
West Michigan at Lansing, 6:05 p.m.  
Beloit at Quad Cities, 7 p.m.  
South Bend at Bowling Green, 7:05 p.m.

### THURSDAY'S GAMES

Cedar Rapids at Peoria, 6:30 p.m.  
Dayton at Lake County, 10 a.m.  
Burlington at Clinton (dh), 6 p.m., 1st game  
Wisconsin at Kane County, 6 p.m.  
West Michigan at Lansing, 6:05 p.m.  
Great Lakes at Fort Wayne, 6:05 p.m.  
Beloit at Quad Cities, 7 p.m.  
South Bend at Bowling Green, 7:05 p.m.

### KERNELS BOX

CEDAR RAPIDS				PEORIA				
	ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
Trout cf	3	0	0	0	Lee ss	4	0	1
Long rf	4	0	1	0	Cerda 2b	4	0	1
Segura 2b	3	0	1	0	Rohan 3b	4	0	0
Haerther 1b	4	0	0	0	Bour 1b	4	0	0
LJimenez dh	3	0	0	0	Fitzgerald lf	3	0	0
Oliver lf	3	0	0	0	Mercedes c	2	0	0
JJimenez c	3	0	1	0	Jones rf	3	0	0
Bailey 3b	3	0	0	0	Thomas dh	3	1	1
Karcich ss	3	0	0	0	Guzman cf	3	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Cedar Rapids</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Peoria</b>	<b>010</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2</b>

E—Karcich (6), Segura (6). DP—Cedar Rapids 1. LOB—Cedar Rapids 8, Peoria 5. 2B—Long (5), Guzman (1). HR—Thomas (1). SB—J. Jimenez (2), Lee (13). CS—Beresford (4). S—Segura.

### Pacific Coast League

American North				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Nashville (Brewers)	25	18	.581	—
Iowa (Cubs)	25	19	.568	1/2
Memphis (Cardinals)	25	19	.568	1/2
Omaha (Royals)	22	21	.512	3
American South				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oklahoma City (Rangers)	24	20	.545	—
Albuquerque (Dodgers)	22	21	.512	1½
Round Rock (Astros)	21	24	.467	3½
New Orleans (Marlins)	18	24	.429	5
Pacific North				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Salt Lake (Angels)	22	22	.500	—
Tacoma (Mariners)	21	21	.500	—
Colorado Springs (Rockies)	20	24	.455	2

## Prep baseball

### Tuesday

BOB VRBICEK METRO TOWN Semifinals  
At C.R. Prairie  
Kennedy 11, Linn-Mar 5  
At C.R. Washington  
Xavier vs. Jefferson, no report  
Consolation semifinals  
At C.R. Prairie  
Prairie 16, Mount Vernon 2  
At C.R. Washington  
Marion 10, Washington 5  
METRO/IOWA CITY AREA  
Iowa City Regina 3, Iowa City 1  
Dunkerton 4, Wapsie Valley 3  
Dyersville Beckman 5, North MFL MarMac 11, Postville 1  
Monticello 14, Anamosa 0 (5)  
North Fayette 10, Waukon 0 (0)  
North Linn 7, Midland 3  
Oelwein 5-6, Center Point-Urt Solon 9, Wilton 8  
Sigourney 10, Tipton 0  
Turkey Valley 10, Nashua-Pla

### HIGHLIGHTS

C.R. PRAIRIE 16, MOUNT VERNON 2 — Dustin Spaw hit a three-run double to lead C.R. win at home. Brandon Johnson double, while Anthony Gazliar hits and an RBI for the Hawks (1-0).  
IOWA CITY REGINA 3, IOWA CITY 1 — Jack Verducci threw a complete game with 10 strikeouts to earn the win for Regina. George Sehl had two hit single, while Jake Lehman added for the Regals (2-0).

MARION 10, C.R. WASHINGTON 5 — Zach Nielsen had three hits and a home run to lead Marion to the win at C.R. Dalton Combs added three hits for the Indians (1-1) who led 10-0 in the seventh inning. Dan White hit a home run in the seventh inning for Wash to come back, but it wasn't enough to close the door on the Warriors. Game ended with the bases loaded.

### Tonight

At C.R. Prairie  
C.R. Washington vs. Mount Vernon  
Marion vs. C.R. Prairie, 7 p.m.  
At Veterans Memorial Stadium  
Linn-Mar vs. Jefferson, 5 p.m.  
Kennedy vs. Xavier, 7 p.m.

## Prep softball

### Tuesday

METRO/IOWA CITY AREA  
I.C. West 6-9, Waterloo East 0-1  
Jefferson 2-10, Dubuque Wah Linn-Mar 5-12, Washington 3-4  
Xavier 4-2, Prairie 1-1

### AREA

Charles City 2, Cedar Falls 0  
East Buchanan 7, Valley 5  
Independence 4, Don Bosco 0  
Jesup 9, North Linn 5  
Lansing Kee 1, Decorah 0  
Mount Vernon 4, Springville 3  
Waukon 11, Elkader Central 1  
Williamsburg 7, Tipton 4

### HIGHLIGHTS

C.R. JEFFERSON 2, WAHLERT 0 — Hannah Peter 17 while tossing a three-hit shutout game of a doubleheader. MORGAN ALLEN hit each added RBI hit of the run support.  
C.R. JEFFERSON 10, WAHLERT 0 — Morgan Allen and drove in three runs, while Hannah added two RBIs to complete the victory (2-0). Katie Naber scored striking out three.  
I.C. WEST 6, WATERLOO EAST 0 — Stumpff hit a three-run home run, while sister Emily Stumpff home fun to lead Iowa City West Waterloo. Mackenzie Haight threw a game one-hitter for the Warriors.  
I.C. WEST 9, WATERLOO EAST 0 — Anna Sturtz had a two-run double. Ren Larson added two hits as well (2-0) completed the sweep at Waterloo.

## Transactions