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Greenfield takes aim at Ernst

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FORT MADISON – Theresa Greenfield didn't even mention her Democratic opponents for the 2020 spring primary, but went straight after Joni Ernst on Thursday to about 20 locals at a sandwich shop in Fort Madison.

Greenfield, a Des Moines business woman who is running to challenge Ernst for her U.S. Senate seat, told the group at Sub Arena that Ernst has forgotten who she represents.

"Joni Ernst is no friend to Iowa farmers. Net farm income in Iowa is down 75% since 2013. So take a minute, imagine your paycheck and cut 75% off the top and that's the cash flow our farm and farm communities are dealing with," Greenfield said.

"What I really want is for all of you to help me fire Joni Ernst in 2020 and put someone in the United States Senate that puts Iowa first."

The mother of four grew up on a farm in southern



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Businesswoman Theresa Greenfield (D-Des Moines), far right, talks with guests at a Meet and Greet at Sub Arena in Fort Madison Thursday afternoon. Greenfield is in a race with three other Democrats to challenge Joni Ernst for U.S. Senator in 2020.

Minnesota on the border with Iowa in a town of about 500.



GREENFIELD

opportunity about all the hard work on the farm. I liked

"As you can imagine it was quite the busy farm. My parents were equal oppor-

the hard work. It's where I learned about hard work and I learned about hard play. We had a lot of fun."

Greenfield said traveling the state she's hearing five common themes. Education, Health Care, jobs, money in politics, and climate action. She said the cost of education is putting a clamp on America's economy.

"We now have a gener-

ation of young folks with so much debt they're not buying homes and they aren't starting businesses. They're living at home still and that's a problem for our economy."

Greenfield is President of Colby Interests, a Des Moines real estate and development firm. Her first husband died as a result of

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Life comes full circle for Huskers' Hoiberg

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Fred Hoiberg didn't do the math. But if there had been a law that allowed college athletes to profit from their likeness, like the one passed in California earlier this week, Hoiberg figures he would have had a fat wallet when he was playing at Iowa State in the 1990s.

Hoiberg, after all, was a product of Ames, earning the nickname "The Mayor."

So, there would have probably been quite a few Ames business offering Hoiberg chances at endorsement money.

"I'll say this — as a former student-athlete I would have loved to be compensated for my likeness," Hoiberg said at Wednesday's Big Ten media day. "There's no doubt about that. I think especially playing in my hometown. I think that could have been a pretty good deal for a guy like me."

Tom Izzo did the math.

"I heard he made some comments on his name and likeness," the Michigan State coach said. "When you're called 'The Mayor,' that means you're probably bigger than anybody in that state. They might as well have called him the governor when he played, so he probably could have made a fortune in this."

Don't worry about Hoiberg — he's got cash now. Made it playing in the NBA, made it coaching at Iowa State, made it coaching the Chicago Bulls, and now he's making it as Nebraska's coach.

Good luck finding a ticket at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln this season — Hoiberg is quite popular.

No nickname yet, but he is a local boy, and Husker fans love the family tree, even if it has quite a few branches.

Hoiberg went down the family connections to Nebraska.

"For me, I was born in Lincoln, and I have a lot of family ties to the university," Hoiberg said. "Both my parents, they went to high school together, Lincoln Southeast. Both went to the University of Nebraska."

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Alliant rate boost could be smaller than projected

Company files settlement on current electric rate review

CEDAR RAPIDS – Alliant Energy's Iowa energy company has filed a partial settlement agreement in its current electric rate review. Customers would see lower than expected increases in electric bills in 2020.

This non-unanimous settlement is subject to approval from the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB).

The proposed settlement addresses investments Alliant Energy has made to reduce long-term operating

costs. These include new wind generation in Iowa, distribution system enhancements, and advanced customer meters.

"I want to thank the Iowa Office of Consumer Advocate, the Iowa Business Energy Coalition and the other parties to the settlement for coming together on these issues," said Terry Kouba, President of Alliant

Energy's Iowa energy company. "Our company continually looks for ways to better serve our customers, and we are excited about the new options we've proposed to advance renewable energy and drive economic development."

On March 1, 2019, Alliant Energy filed a

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

10/02/19 – 12:48 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 500 block of 48th Street.
 10/02/19 – 1:54 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 900 block of Avenue G.
 10/02/19 – 1:54 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Joshua Charles Corcoran, 38, of Fort Madison in the 900 block of Avenue G, on a charges of 3rd-degree burglary, 2nd-degree criminal mischief, and possession of burglary tools. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

10/02/19 – 3:35 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 900 block of 27th Street.
 10/02/19 – 9:38 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Taylor Russell Young, 24, of Fort Madison, in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on a charges of possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released upon citation.
 10/03/19 – 12:25 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Tracy Lynn Meyers, 51, of Fort Madison in the 700 block of Avenue H, on a charge of driving under suspension. She was

released upon citation.
 10/03/19 – 12:35 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 900 block of 2nd Street. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

No activity to report

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

10/02/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call, one smoke detector alarm, one burn complaint.

OBITUARIES

KENNETH LLOYD KIRCHNER

Kenneth Lloyd Kirchner, 93, of Donnellson, passed away peacefully on Oct. 1, 2019, at Fort Madison Community Hospital.



KIRCHNER

He was born February 7, 1926, the youngest child of Anna Phillipina (Schlicher) and Charles Henry Kirchner. Other than a couple of years in the military and extensive world-wide travel, he spent his whole life on the farm handed down from his great-grandfather.

He spent two years in the Army during the Korean War. The Army was delighted to find a high-speed Morse code radio operator that they did not have to train, so he spent his service decoding spy messages from North Korea. He said they were boring. Just prior to deployment, he met the love of his life, the then Ramona Miller, at a square dance in Washington, Iowa. In order that each could celebrate Thanksgiving with their families, they were married the day after Thanksgiving, Nov 27, 1953.

He was interested in all things technical, from building the first TV antenna in Donnellson in his teens to installing a Windows operating system on their computer while in his 90s. He was also interested in travel and by his reckoning had driven a million miles on 4 different continents. He was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ and served on the Central Lee School Board. He was an Amateur Radio Operator and a licensed pilot.



Lloyd is survived by his wife Ramona, children Donald (Suzanne) of Iowa City; Julie (David) Heim of Berthoud, CO; Joyce (Benjamin) Chatterson of Gaithersburg, MD; Judy (Vernon) Trollinger of Iowa City. Grandchildren Andrew, Marianne, Matthew, Tim, Sarah, Mark, Rob, Justine, Ian, Karl, and Nicole. Great-grandchildren Lily, Dean, Lucas, Calvin, and Alex. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and four sisters.

His body has been entrusted to Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson, Iowa for cremation. A private family memorial service is being held with Pastor Bob Molsberry officiating. A memorial has been established in his memory for St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Donnellson, Iowa.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.



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From the Front

Hoiberg will build similar program at Nebraska

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And then when my dad got his Ph.D. back in 1974, he had two job offers actually — one was in Lawrence, Kansas, and one was in Ames, Iowa. And I'm forever grateful to my dad for making the right choice and moving our family to Ames.

"The really cool thing for me, both my grandfathers have a great history with Nebraska. My Grandpa Hoiberg was a history professor for 30 years. My Grandfather Bush was the head coach at Nebraska for nine years. And to hear stories of his former players that have come to practices or sent me letters or emails and just talk about the impact that he had on their lives, that's been really cool. And just all the connections that people have. I have an aunt and uncle that live there, I have two cousins that live there, my brother lives in Omaha."

So, Nebraska red is just as much a part of Hoiberg's blood as Iowa State's cardinal.

He'll be appreciated in Nebraska this year, even though the Huskers looked to be a team that will struggle.

There's little experience, but Hoiberg sees flashes of good in his team.

"I know we've been picked towards the bottom (of the Big Ten), and I understand that, with all the new faces and people just haven't seen our guys very much," Hoiberg said. "We have high school kids, we have a couple grad transfers that are eligible for us, and we have a couple junior college players."

"But you know, like I said, if we can really buy into going out there and playing together, buying into going out there and being a low turnover team, every night we've got to find a way to defend, and we have to rebound. That's going to be our biggest challenge, I think, is rebounding, just with the size of our team."

Hoiberg is back coaching, although he never went away after being fired from the Bulls last season.

It was a matter of when, not if, Hoiberg would get a new team to coach. Until then, he spent time at Michigan State where his son, Jack, was on Izzo's team.

"For me, it was more beneficial to go up and watch the practices because Jack had a huge role running the scout team as the point guard," Hoiberg said. "I'd spent days with Coach Izzo — even on a game day we spent three hours together just writing ideas up on the board and talking about different things, X's and O's-wise. But I have relied on him, and I've talked to him a lot. You know, I consider him a very good friend in this business, and there's not a better guy to lean on than Coach Izzo, who's done as much as he has and who's respected as much as he is."

Izzo doesn't think those conversations will continue into this season.

"I've enjoyed the chalk talks with Fred," Izzo said. "Now he probably won't share those same things with me, and I enjoyed watching what he did at Iowa State. I thought he did an incredible job there, taking that program to what was starting to become an elite level."

"You know, his opportunity at Nebraska, I think his grandfather was a coach there, he was born or raised there, his parents are from there, his wife is not that far away. Pretty unique situation. And the fans at Nebraska to me are some of the best. You know, when they weren't even great they've packed that place, and I've enjoyed Nebraska people. It'll be fun to see Fred there. We just probably won't share chalk talks anymore."

Two homes, it seems, are better than one for Hoiberg. "I always consider Ames my home," he said. "There's no doubt about that. But it's funny how life comes full circle sometimes, and it certainly has for me."

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Greenberg doesn't mention primary opponents

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electrocution on the job in 1988. She said her husband's union benefits and social security is what saved her family.

"I became a widow with a baby and another one on the way," she said.

"And I'm here to tell you, I wouldn't be standing here today fighting for you and the opportunity to put Iowa first if it weren't for social security and hard earned union benefits."

She went back to school and got a degree, but said today's America doesn't guarantee that kind of transition to the middle class.

She said Ernst talks about cutting social security, privatizing social security, and privatizing Medicare.

"At one of her town halls she told us all she wanted to go behind closed doors to try to solve social security," Greenfield said. "The Republican solution to Social Security is to cut it. A program that we all pay into and we agreed to support to take care of one another in our time of need."

She said when social security started, 1 in 3 seniors were in poverty and now it's 1-10.

She said health care is the primary concern she hears campaigning. Costs are a critical concern, but she said so is access to quality care. She said Iowa has about 49 labor and delivery units in 99 counties.

"We still have people making that 60 mile drive to welcome that new member of the family," Greenfield said.

Greenfield committed to not taking money from any corporate political action committees. She said her campaign is a grassroots campaign targeting 620,000 active registered Democrats, and a whole bunch of inactives.

She said if every active Democrat donated \$25 that



would generate \$15 million.

"With that we could have a real serious fight with Joni Ernst."

She said people even in the smallest towns of Iowa talk about strange and severe weather.

"They know it's not right and they want us to think about how we reduce our carbon footprint. We know that Senator Ernst doesn't believe in that climate science and we know she won't help us take any steps forward while she's serving you in Washington, D.C.," Greenfield said.

Greenfield announced her candidacy in June. Other Democrats who've thrown their hat in the ring include Des Moines attorney Kimberly Graham, Des Moines businessman Eddie Mauro, and retired Navy Admiral Mike Franken.

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Sports

Hawks could get back on track Friday at Albia

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – Someone's getting their first win of the season on Friday in Albia.

Central Lee (0-5) goes into Blue Demon territory after a rough first half of the year playing bigger schools and coming out with lopsided losses. But the lining is that Albia also sports an 0-5 record and plays in Central Lee's Class 2A District 6.

The other upside is that head coach Nick Ehret's squad will face the rest of the district the following three weeks where the teams are a combined 5-10 with no one having more than two wins on the season through week 5.

But the Hawks will have to contain junior Blue Demon quarterback Blake Chance who has more than 1200 yards



through the air this year and ten TDs. He's also thrown eight interceptions.

Albia brings a different offensive style to the field than the Hawks have seen most of the year, with run-oriented teams. The Hawks challenged Mid-Prairie last week in the first quarter, but then things got out of hand after a fumble at the one-yard line was returned 98 yards for a score.

"We played the first 15 minutes really well," Ehret said. "It was kind of a back-and-forth affair and they were up 14-7 and we were going in to score at the one. We fumbled and they took it back for a score. Then we muffed the kickoff and it just kind of fell apart from there."

"Albia is the polar opposite of Mid-Prairie. Mid-Prairie will line up and smack you in the face. Albia will throw the ball all over the place. They have a good quarterback and quick receivers so we're gonna have our work cut out for us."

Albia junior Blake Stewart is averaging just under 20 yards per catch and has more than 500 yards receiving on the year and 4 TDs. Two other receivers, Luke Bossard and Nathaniel Wynn, each have more than 200 yards in catches.

The running game isn't as efficient with Bossard leading the way with just 108 yards on the year. The Blue Demons have yet to score on the ground.

Dalton Westercamp leads the ground game for Central Lee with 213 yards. Adam Boeck has 110 and three touchdowns.

The Hawks haven't had much success through the air with Boeck throwing for 115 yards. Evan Pohren, Dylan Stueckth, and Mason Schau also have thrown the ball for Central Lee. Combined, the squad has 11 interceptions on the year.

Bossard is the man on defense for Albia with more than 30 tackles, two for losses. David Vance and Pohren anchor the Hawks with a combined 47 tackles.

Ehret said the Hawks need to find the positives in their game and stop reverting back to chasing old habits.

"The frustrating thing for us is that we know the kids can do it. We're just kind of snake-bit right now. Something good happens and then we just wait for something bad to happen," he said.

"We just have to keep doing positive things and not let the game snowball out of control which has happened several times this year."

But he said the Hawks should have everyone back and healthy for Friday, something that's also been frustrating this year.

"We're about as healthy as we've been. We're getting over some sickness which is good, but as far as starters go we should have everyone in the lineup on Friday and we haven't had that really since week 1."

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Juniors Lauren Bailey and Kailyn Guzman try to defend an attack during Thursday's loss to Class 2A No. 5 Mediapolis. Below right, Maycee Featheringill and Guzman put up a block.

FM can't keep pace with No. 5 Mepo

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON – It ended as it probably should have with Mediapolis senior Helaina Hillyard recording a kill from the center of the net.

The Class 2A fifth-ranked Bulldogs kept Fort Madison on its heels most of the night in a three-game 25-18, 25-13, 25-15 sweep on senior night at the Hound Dome.

Hillyard had 15 kills on the night as Fort Madison tried different schemes and players to neutralize who Head Coach Kent Bailey said was one of the better hitters in the state this year.

“What she does is a bit demoralizing because there’s nothing we can do to stop that,” Bailey said. “We need to figure out a way to keep a girl like that out of the system, because she can hit over every one of our girls.”

Fort Madison senior Jillian Wiseman was 15 of 19 hitting with 10 kills to lead Fort Madison at the net. Senior Jenna Jones was 10 of 11 serving with an ace, and junior Lauren Bailey went a perfect 8 of 8 serving and had 13 digs and nine assists for the Hounds.

Senior Gracie Pumphrey had 10 digs on the night. Senior Jada Sheppard had a dig and senior Maycee Featheringill was three of three hitting.

Mediapolis jumped out to a 15-7 lead in the first game before the Lady Hounds settled in. Junior Reyna Lampe reeled off three straight service points including an ace

and Wiseman got a kill to pull within 7 at 16-9.

Fort Madison would capitalize on the momentum and go on a 10-2 run behind the serving of Bailey and Jones. The Bulldogs got a case of the yips as Hillyard missed three attacks long and right in a 5-point run with Jones serving to allow Fort Madison to close the gap to 16-17.

An error pushed the lead back to two before Wiseman shored up the following point at the net at 17-18. But three defensive errors and a Wiseman shot long gave Mediapolis a surge down the stretch. A kill by junior Josie Wolter put the first game in the Bulldogs’ pocket.

Mediapolis ran away with the second game with leads as much as nine. Hillyard would have four kills in the game and 5’11” Ruthie Jahn would put the game away 25-13 with a kill on game point.

Fort Madison tried to make a match of it in the third game holding several one point leads about halfway through the match. A Wiseman kill and then a big double block on Hillyard from Wiseman and



sophomore Anna Link put Fort Madison up by two 12-10.

Hillyard would make amends in the next three points with a block and then back-to-back attacks that found the floor to put Mediapolis back up by one 13-12 and the Bulldogs would never look back.

Fort Madison would be outscored 13-3 the rest of the way and Hillyard’s final kill of the night sealed the deal 25-15.

“Mediapolis has six seniors so give them credit. They are very good and those kids have been playing together for a long time,” Kent Bailey said.

“I told our kids afterward, ‘You got to see one of the top hitters in the state there.’”

Bailey said he made some personnel changes in the third game to try and take Hillyard out of the system, and it worked until they adjusted midway through.

“Our kids battled. We had some hitting errors and made some mistakes and we have to figure out how to correct those things,” he said.

“We played ‘em tough tonight. We dug up a lot of balls and made them work. Our issue was simply we didn’t score enough points.”

Fort Madison falls to 7-18 on the year, but still stands in second in the Southeast Conference and will go into Tuesday’s conference tourney as the No. 2 seed.

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Hounds try to end 12-year Fairfield slide

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FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Bloodhounds haven’t beaten Fairfield in a dozen years.

But this Friday’s matchup probably presents the best chance for a Hounds’ win, and could put Fort Madison in a position for their first winning season since 2010 when they finished 5-4.

Fort Madison comes into the contest 3-2 and Fairfield is winless at 0-5. But the record is deceiving as Fairfield’s gone up against perennial powerhouses in the likes of Mt. Pleasant, Washington, and Oskaloosa. Grinnell and Knoxville are the Trojans’ other losses and those teams are a combined 7-3.

“A not so fun fact here, is that we haven’t beat them in at least 12 years,” Head Coach Derek Doherty said.

“Traditionally they are a solid football program. They’re very well-coached and they’ve played some tough competition this year. People look at their record and it doesn’t look great, but they have tested themselves and played some really good football.”

The Trojans feature senior signal caller Carter Ferrel who is 15-112 for more than 700 yards and four TDs, But Ferrel gets a little loose with the ball and has thrown a district-high 11 interceptions on the year.

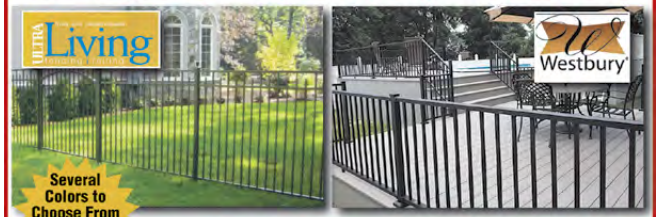
Fort Madison junior Will Larson has six touchdowns on the year against only one pick and has thrown for 626 yards. Larson also leads 3A’s District 6 in number of attempts in Doherty’s run-pass-option offense with 138.

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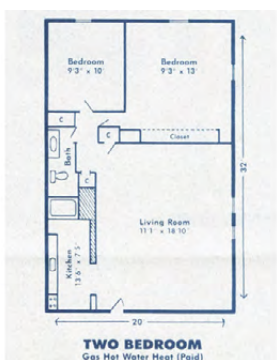
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New rate settlement will increase revenues \$127 million

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request with the Iowa Utilities Board to increase annual retail electric revenues, with final rates starting January 1, 2020. An interim base rate increase went into effect April 1, 2019.

The settlement will result in a modest base rate increase from interim rates in 2020 – which would be smaller than the final rates originally requested. The company would also use one-time credits to lessen the overall impact to customers in that year. The final bill impact for each customer class will be decided through the rate review process.

Alliant Energy's significant investments in wind generation will result in lower fuel costs, benefiting customers into the future. In addition, in 2021, customers will see additional savings from the early contract termination of a nuclear power contract.

The proposed settlement is supported by a broad coalition of groups representing customers, environmental interests, employees and other stakeholders.

Key details of the proposed settlement:

- Final annual retail electric revenue requirement increase of \$127 million

- Billing credits for electric retail customers of approximately \$35 million in 2020. These billing credits include approximately \$27 million in credits resulting from the use of the remaining unprotected excess deferred income tax benefits and approximately \$8 million in credits from a partial refund of interim rates implemented in 2019

- Recovery of wind facilities constructed as part of the company's New Wind I (RPU-2016-0005) and New Wind II (RPU-2017-0002) through a new Renewable Energy Rider

- Common equity component of regulatory capital structure increased to 51%

- Return on equity (ROE):

- .5% for all non-advance ratemaking principle assets (including production tax credit carry forwards from the Whispering Willow-East wind project)

- 5.0% for production tax credit carry forwards from New Wind I and II

- No current return on construction work in progress

- Recovery of, but no return on, the remaining net book value of the retired electric meters, which will result in a modest non-cash valuation charge in 2019

- Continuation of current depreciation rates

In previous IUB decisions, New Wind I and II, Marshalltown, Whispering Willow-East and Emery generating stations received advance ratemaking principles with separate ROEs between 11.0% and 12.23%.

The settlement addresses certain rate design issues. Issues not addressed in the settlement, including class cost of service, will be addressed as part of the rest of the rate review process. In addition, not all intervenors in the rate review have agreed to the proposed settlement. Those intervenors could address issues within the settlement at the hearing.

The next step of the process is a hearing in front of the Iowa Utilities Board starting on October 7, 2019. The IUB has 10 months from the date of filing (March 1, 2019) to issue a final decision. The proposed settlement agreement filing is available on the Board's electronic filing system. The filing is under docket number RPU-2019-0001.

This settlement does not include the proposed natural gas rate review which is under RPU-2019-0002 in IUB's electronic filing system. The scheduled hearing for the gas rate review is November 4, 2019.

Hounds not taking anything for granted against 0-5 Trojans

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Senior Leone Gichure leads the Fairfield ground attack with 307 yards on 79 carries and a couple of scores, one of which came on an 80 yard run. Ferrel has the preponderance of the

remaining carries and also has two scores.

Fort Madison will platoon in the backfield with Calem Maclearn, senior Diego Lozano, and Kali Maestro. Larson will also take off in gaps

in the option schemes. Freshman Tanner Settles had some hard runs against the Solon reserves Friday night and could see late action.

Lozano and Larson each have 46 carries on the year, but Lozano has a 6.3 yard per carry average and four TDs. Larson has the other two scores in the ground game.

Doherty said last week's 45-7 loss to No. 4 Solon was a climb up a steep hill, but the Hounds learned they

"Not taking anything away from any other team we're going to face, but that was a really good football team."

He said the scoreboard wasn't the unsettling part of the game, but the lack of effort in the first half.

"Once we settled in to do the things we know to do, we played some decent football. Mostly in the second half when we challenged them in the dugout that we weren't upset with the scoreboard but with attitude



proud of that."

Doherty said Fairfield will get after the Hounds with the ball and eliminating turnovers will be a key to the game.

"Solon was extremely ferocious to the ball and we kept it off the ground. So we were proud of our guys for that. But Fair-

field gets after the ball so we're gonna have to protect it," he said.

"Defensively we have to get as many red helmets to the ball as possible. We gotta create turnovers and hopefully get the ball in our offense's hands and keep the defense off the field."

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