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Exotic' Hawks trick Illinois, 14-13



All was not rosy for Harmon

IOWA CITY, IA. — Just because he starred in two plays of enormous importance that led to Iowa's first score, then caught an 8-yard touchdown pass from Chuck Long for what proved the winning touchdown in the 14-13 victory over Illinois, do not conclude that everything went exactly as Ronnie Harmon would have liked Saturday as the amazing Hawkeyes kept very much alive in the Big Ten race.

"I intended to keep the ball after my first college touchdown. But I was so happy, and everyone else was so happy, that I just tossed it to an official. When I was running off the field I thought, 'Oh, God, I forgot!' " said Harmon, a freshman from New York who avoided being a spectator this season only because Iowa's offense seemed doomed to slow, painful death via terminal lack of speed.

Following early-season losses to Nebraska and Iowa State when the Hawkeye offense looked about as dangerous as a softly thrown marshmallow, Coach Hayden Fry reached for some speed. J.C. Love-Jordan was moved from wide receiver to wingback and Harmon, a former prep sprinter, was removed from redshirt status and brought up to play with the big boys.

You would have to say both moves turned out just dandy. Love-Jordan here from Laurelton, N.Y.

There had been some earlier clues that Iowa had a precocious youngster here in this 6-foot, 180-pound package of speed. Starting with the upset of Arizona, the lithe young man equipped with moustache and chin hair had previously caught eight passes for 92 yards and carried five times on reverses for a net of 6.

But, as somebody or other says in a song "just look at me now."

ONLY SECONDS after the Illini had scored, Iowa started out on its own 20 and Eddie Phillips temporarily quit trying to run like Tony Dorsett and instead briefly disguised self as Ken Stabler, a left-handed flinger.

Phillips lofted a ball that Ronn grabbed and took 36 long yards to midfield, immediately furnishing that valuable football commodity: good field position.

"He threw a perfect pass and I wasn't prepared for that. He throws 'em perfect in practice, too, but it was so fabulous and exciting to have it happen that way in a game that I really wasn't counting on it," said Harmon. "When he hit me in stride, I said, 'Now I gotta run with it.' "

Four plays later, Harmon came racing around on a reverse on which he had the option to throw. There was daylight to be seen, though, so he took off and swept 26 yards down the sidelines to the 4 for a big, big gain, leading to the opening Iowa touchdown by Phillips.

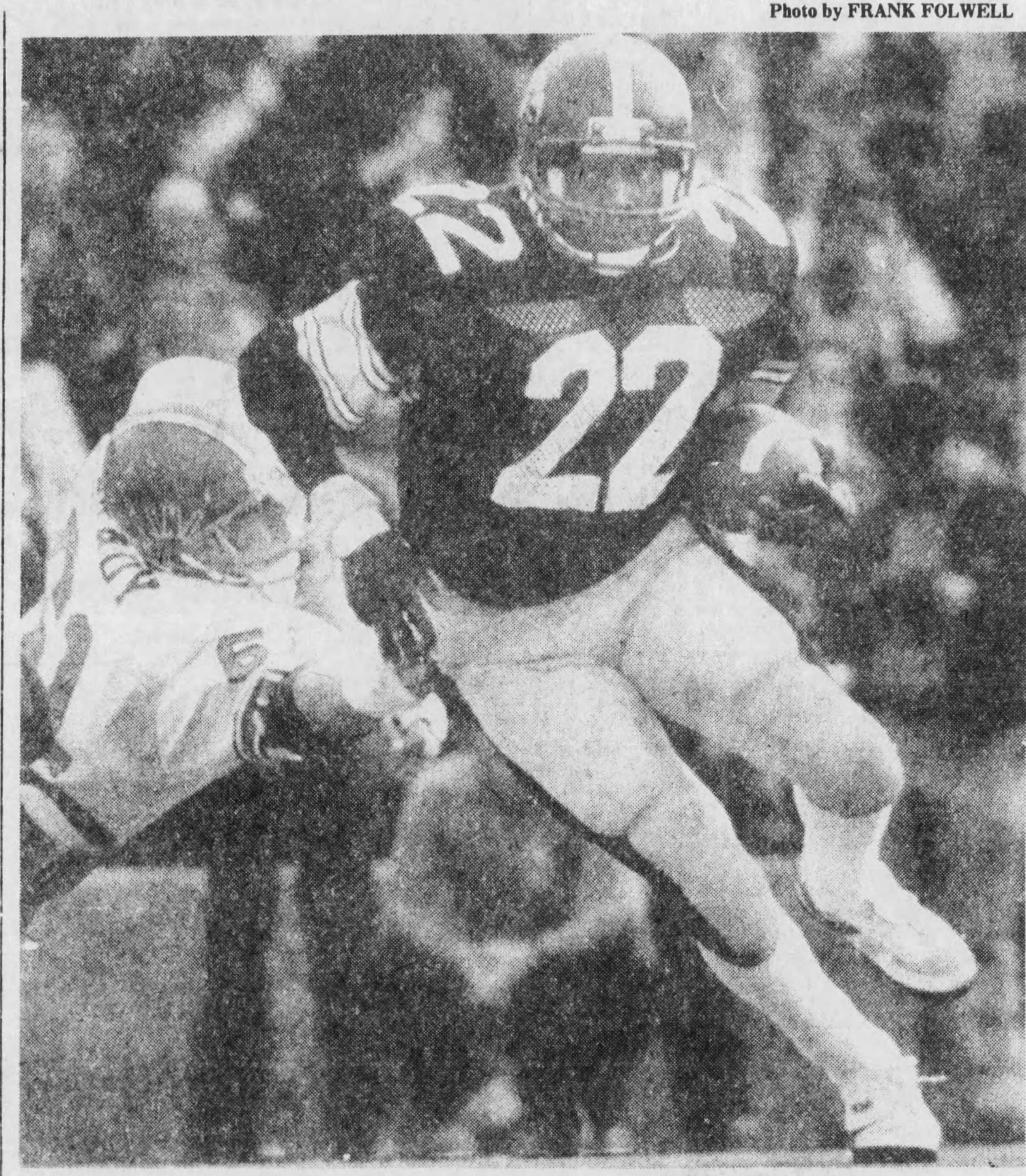
The coup de grace, as they say, came much later when Long took the snap, drifted to his right with the option to run, spotted Rookie Ronnie deep in the end zone and delivered a six-point package.

'I was just looking for an open area and got behind a man," said Harmon, almost seeming to apologize for having done such a dastardly deed to Illinois' Rose Bowl hopes. Almost. Not quite.

IT IS SO NICE being on hand when a star is born, or at least revealed, that we will stay with this young fellow imported from the East by Bernie Wyatt, Iowa's recruiting specialist in the area.

Ronnie is the third in line of four brothers, all with athletic talent. A year ago, brother Derrick, a running

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Eddie Phillips darts past Illinois' Ed Brady to pick up a key first down

Phillips, Iowa defense jolt Illini bid for title

By BOB DYER

IOWA CITY, IA. - Today is Halloween, but Saturday afternoon Iowa's football team pulled an assortment of tricks from Coach Hayden Fry's bottomless bag of "exotics" in treating a sellout crowd at Kinnick Stadium and a CBS-TV regional audience to a 14-13 victory over Illinois.

The Illini came here sniffing roses and most of the pregame hoopla centered on the golden arm of Illinois quarterback Tony Eason. In the end, however, it was the churning legs of Iowa tailback Eddie Phillips - plus a superb defensive effort — that firmly thrust the Hawkeyes into the Big Ten Conference title picture.

Along the way, Iowa used reverses, halfback passes, a fake field goal and - sit down, please - even the single wing in rolling up 424 yards total offense and keeping the ball out of the hands of Champaign Tony.

The victory, the Hawkeyes' fifth in their last six games, makes Iowa 5-3 overall and 4-1 in the conference. Illinois, which meets league leader Michigan next week in Champaign, is 6-3 and 5-2.

"How 'bout them Hawks," said an elated, though exhausted, Fry afterward.

It was a statement of pride, not a question, and few would disagree with Fry, whose kiddie corps started the year with successive defeats. They are now in high gear and certainly in the bowl picture.

"Wasn't that fantastic?" Fry continued. "Illinois is something else; they are really good. Not as good as Statistics

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the Hawks, though. At least not today."

This was a close encounter of the finest kind and in such games, there usually are crucial plays galore. Saturday was no exception.

One play does, however, stand out from the rest.

Less than 2 minutes remained, it was third down and Iowa was at its own 32, 29 yards away from a first down. Two minutes is an eternity for someone as talented as Eason and cannon-legged Illini place-kicker Mike Bass already had boomed field goals of 52 and 45 yards.

It didn't take a clairvoyant to realize a 16-14 Illinois victory was a distinct possibility. Only the week before, Eason had driven the Illini more than 50 yards in less than a minute, allowing Bass to deliver a 46-yard field goal as time ran out to defeat Wisconsin, 29-28.

Most in the tension-riddled crowd

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has again started being spoken of as a football player, not just as the fellow who added a hyphen to his name. And Ronnie, of course, is now absolutely sure he made no mistake in coming. K—State blitz jars Cyclones, 9-3

By BUCK TURNBULL

Register Staff Writer AMES, IA. - Sometimes the physical presence of one football player can greatly influence the outcome of a game, even when he's not a spectacular standout, and that's what Reggie Singletary did for Kansas State here Saturday.

Iowa State had to worry so much about where this brawny defensive lineman was playing, or where he wasn't playing, in an effort to run away from him, that the Cyclones never got their offense untracked.

Singletary and his teammates came in one blitzing wave after

another to bury Iowa State quarterback David Archer time after time. scoring a 9-3 victory on three field goals by Steve Willis.

It was Kansas State's first road triumph in 18 games dating back to the 1979 season and gave the Wildcats an unfamiliar spot in Big Eight standings — sole possession of third place with a 2-1-1 record.

"Singletary is a great defensive football player," said Archer.

He's more than that, declared Cyclone running back Tommy Davis. "He's awesome. Several times he tackled me just as I got the handoff." Iowa State never got beyond

ing game before a standing-roomonly crowd of 52,078. In the last quarter they marched to K-State's 21, then had a first down at

> being able to capitalize on any of these opportunities. Archer was sacked seven times for 61 yards in losses. Therein lies the story of the game as Iowa State's record fell to 4-3-1 for the season and

the 26, and later at the 27 without

to 1-2-1 in the Big Eight. The aroused Wildcats made 11

Kansas State's 21-yard line, so fierce tackles behind the line of scrimmage was the Wildcat charge, but that's not for losses totaling 71 yards, leaving to imply that the Cyclones didn't have Iowa State with a paltry net of 60 yards in 42 rushes. some chances to win their homecom-

> offensive situations when we had the chance was the difference in the football game," said downcast Cyclone Coach Donnie Duncan. "David was blitzed three times

"Our inability to convert in

when he did not see the blitz coming. He has to be able to recognize those blitzes and change the play, and consequently there was a lot of pressure on him.

"But we did not lose the game because of three blitzes," added

Duncan. "The key to any game is to move the ball into the end zone, and we didn't do that."

Singletary, a 6-foot 2-inch, 266-pound junior from Tampa, Fla., was the Big Eight's Newcomer of the Year last season when the junior college transfer was a nose guard. Now he is a tackle who seems headed for all-America recognition.

He was credited with only four unassisted tackles, and with just one of the stops behind the line of scrimmage, but Archer admitted that the Cyclones finally decided to run

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Bucks added Gowens to do some 'dirty work'

By BOB DYER Register Staff Writer

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA. - Dave Cowens.

The very name conjures memories of No. 18 in Celtic green: The maniacal redhead whose retired jersey hangs from the rafters in Boston Garden, next to those worn by legends named Cousy, Russell and Havlicek.

Dave Cowens, whose floor burns and teeth-rattling screens were as much a part of the Garden as the parquet floor. Dave Cowens, at 6 feet 8 inches the

undersized center with the running

left-handed hook who was a vital cog

in the Celtics' world championship teams of 1974 and '76. But now, just recently turned 34, Cowens wears the colors of the Milwaukee Bucks. He's playing forward. His uniform number is 36.

You are not entering the Twilight

After two years in retirement, Cowens has returned to the backboard jungle. The move is in the National Basketball Association this season and certainly the biggest gamble former University of Iowa all-American Don Nelson has taken during his successful run as coach and general manager of the

TO ACQUIRE the rights to Cowens from Boston, Nelson gave up Quinn Buckner, an underrated point guard who many observers felt was the heart and soul of the Bucks. Should

Milwaukee franchise.

Cowens' comeback fail, the good burghers of Milwaukee will be more than willing to roast Nelson on a spit - right next to the bratwurst.

"If this thing falls through, I might fire myself," Nelson cracked prior to an exhibition game here last week. "That would be something different."

The Bucks are a splendid team. In the NBA, they can be mentioned in the same breath with the Los Angeles Lakers, Philadelphia 76ers and

During the past two seasons, however, Milwaukee has fallen just short of overtaking Eastern Conference rivals Boston and Philadelphia.

Worse yet, come playoff time, the Bucks resembled the 98-pound weakling in the Charles Atlas ads. But instead of sand being kicked in their faces, it was an elbow here, a hip there, all in the name of rebounding -- NBA style.

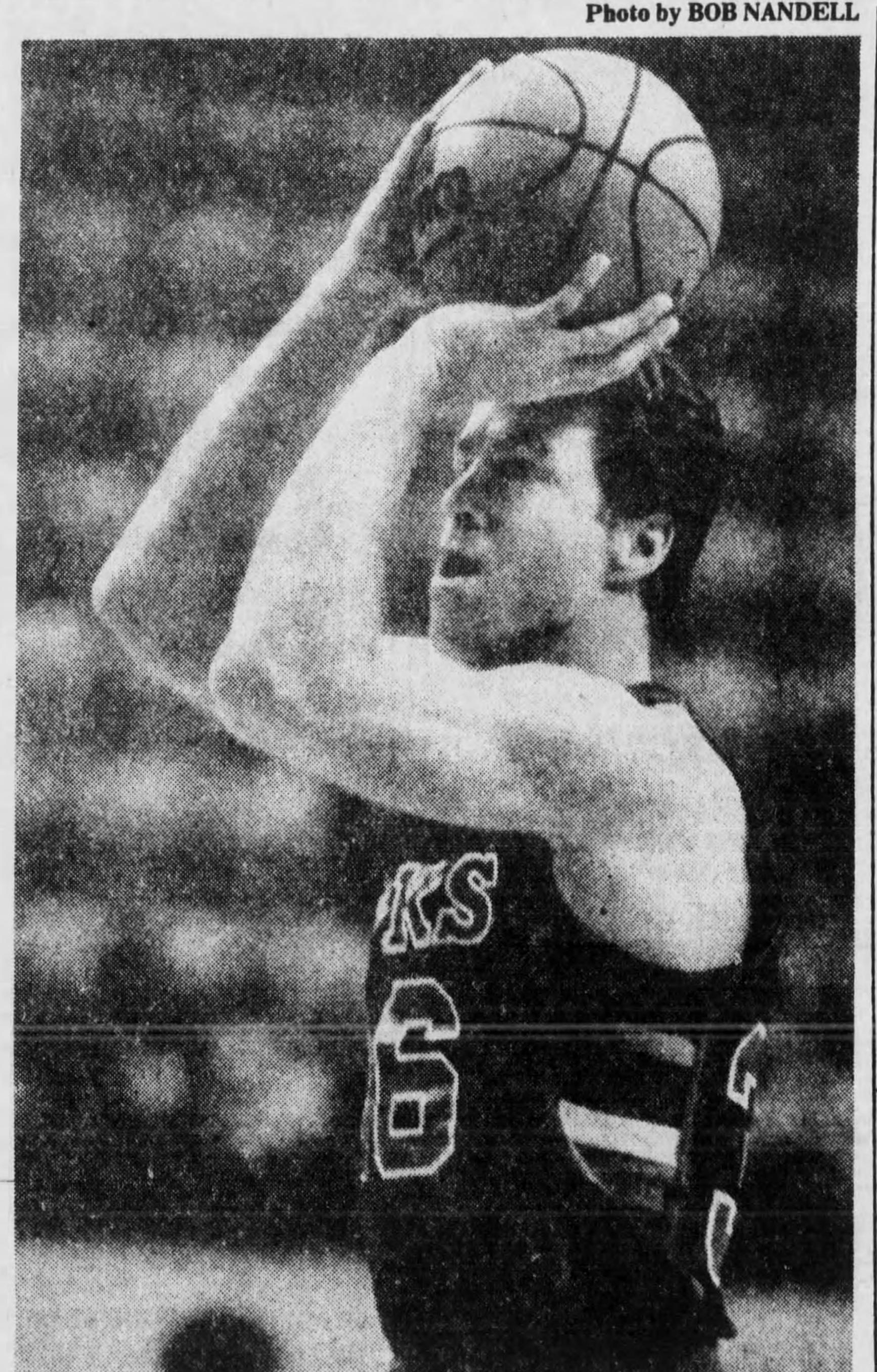
Nelson finally had seen enough. When Cowens made it known he wanted to return to active duty, Nelson went after him.

"It was an easy decision to want perhaps the most discussed scenario Cowens," Nelson said. "It was not easy to give up Buckner. We've been looking for a player like Dave for a few years.

"WE'VE FAILED in the playoffs against physical teams. We could beat Boston or Philly on a given night during the season, but in a sevengame series they wore us down."

Except for mammoth center Bob Lanier, also 34, the Bucks were a

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It's back to basketball for the Bucks' Dave Cowens

Holt keys Bulldogs; Ware hurt

By a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT CANYON, TEXAS - Amero Ware wasn't in the script Saturday. Luckily for the Drake Bulldogs, his backfield mate knew what role to play.

Ware, Drake's all-time leading rusher, went down with a knee injury during the first series against West Texas State and the ground attack was turned over to Tom Holt.

Holt, a junior tailback from Dubuque, broke from his normal role as a blocker for Ware to lead Drake to a 31-24 victory, the Bulldogs' first in conference play this year.

Holt piled up a career-high 187 yards in 34 carries while scoring all four Drake touchdowns as the Bulldogs broke a two-game losing streak.

His four touchdowns were the most in one game by a Drake runner since Johnny Bright scored four against Detroit in 1951. The school record is five, set by Bill Boelter in 1922.

The extent of Ware's injury, team officials said, was undetermined. Coach Chuck Shelton said X-rays would be taken of the knee and that he feared the worst. Ware was limited to 7 yards in three carries.

Ware, however, said the pain eased somewhat on the sidelines as he watched Holt.

"He's a great athlete. He responded to the opportunity," said Ware. "I didn't feel so bad, watching him perform."

West Texas State, now 2-6 overall and 0-2 in the Missouri Valley Confer-

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White calls Illini loss 'a painful experience'

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of 59,922 were on their feet when Phillips took a handoff on a delay, found a friendly escort in 255-pound guard Jon Roehlk and broke outside, then down the sideline before being tackled after a 30-yard jaunt.

As he lay sprawled on the turf, Phillips said, he did not know if he had made enough yardage for the first down.

"Then I heard the crowd go 'Whoooo!' and I thought I must have made it," he said.

Illinois had been susceptible to draws and delays throughout the afternoon.

"They have a tremendous blitz," Fry explained. "They come after you with their ears pinned back. We had to throw them off base. Once we got Eddie into the secondary, he did the rest. He got that first down on his last

owa eventually ran the clock down to :24 before Tom Nichol, the Hawkeyes' coffin-corner specialist, lagged a 43-yard punt out of bounds at the Illini 1. Not even a semi-miracle worker such as Eason could salvage such a situation.

158 Yards for Phillips Phillips finished the day with 158 yards and one touchdown in 27 carries. The week before against Minnesota, the 202-pounder from

Chicago had gained 198 yards. "I've waited for my time to come," said the quiet junior. "Now I want to take advantage of it."

Phillips then related how he had dedicated this game to his brother, Napoleon, 14, who was shot and killed in a gang-related incident when Eddie was in the seventh grade.

"I never told him I loved him," said Phillips, who comes from a family of eight children. "I've told my younger brothers and sisters they should tell each other how they feel, because someday it might be too late. It's brought us closer together as a family."

Phillips wasn't the only one who had something other than football on his mind Saturday.

Eason's mother, Marilyn, was injured in an auto accident Thursday while en route from California to see her son play. She is hospitalized in Rawlins, Wyoming, with a punctured lung and fractured ribs. Mrs. Eason is out of danger and Eason's father, Charles, who was not seriously injured in the crash, was on hand for the game.

"It was hard to concentrate," said Eason, who completed 31 of 46 passes for 292 yards and one touchdown. "When I found out about it on Thursday, I was shook. Yesterday (Friday) was a long day."

Eason Praises Iowa

But Eason was quick to praise

"The best thing they did is keep our offense off the field," he said. "I'd say they were pretty successful at doing what they planned on doing."

Eason's lone touchdown was a 47-yard strike to wide receiver Oliver Williams on Illinois' first series. Williams' diving catch staked the Illini to a 7-0 advantage.

"One bomb and two field goals, that's it," Fry said. "If that isn't great defense against the greatest passer in the world...."

Well, at least one of the college game's best, although Fry certainly could be pardoned for his exuberant exaggeration.

After Williams beat cornerback Keith Hunter deep, the Illini did not spring another receiver behind the Iowa secondary the rest of the afternoon.

"The one thing we did not want them to do is get behind us," Fry said. "We're like bankers; we play the percentages."

Iowa did not resort to any gimmick defenses - i.e., six or seven backs. But the Hawkeyes did change their deep coverage from three to four men

Syracuse batters Colgate, 49-15

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) - Syracuse tailback Jaime Covington rushed for 192 yards, scored three touchdowns and threw a 9-yard scoring pass to freshman quarterback Todd Norley as the Orangemen whipped Colgate, 49-15, Saturday in college football.

The victory snapped a six-game losing streak for the Orangemen, who took out their frustrations on a rival from the less explosive Division I-AA. Colgate (5-2) lost its second straight to a I-A opponent.

Third-string tailback Larry Morris, younger brother of all-time Syracuse rushing leader Joe Morris, exploded for touchdown runs of 1 and 32 yards in the fourth quarter.

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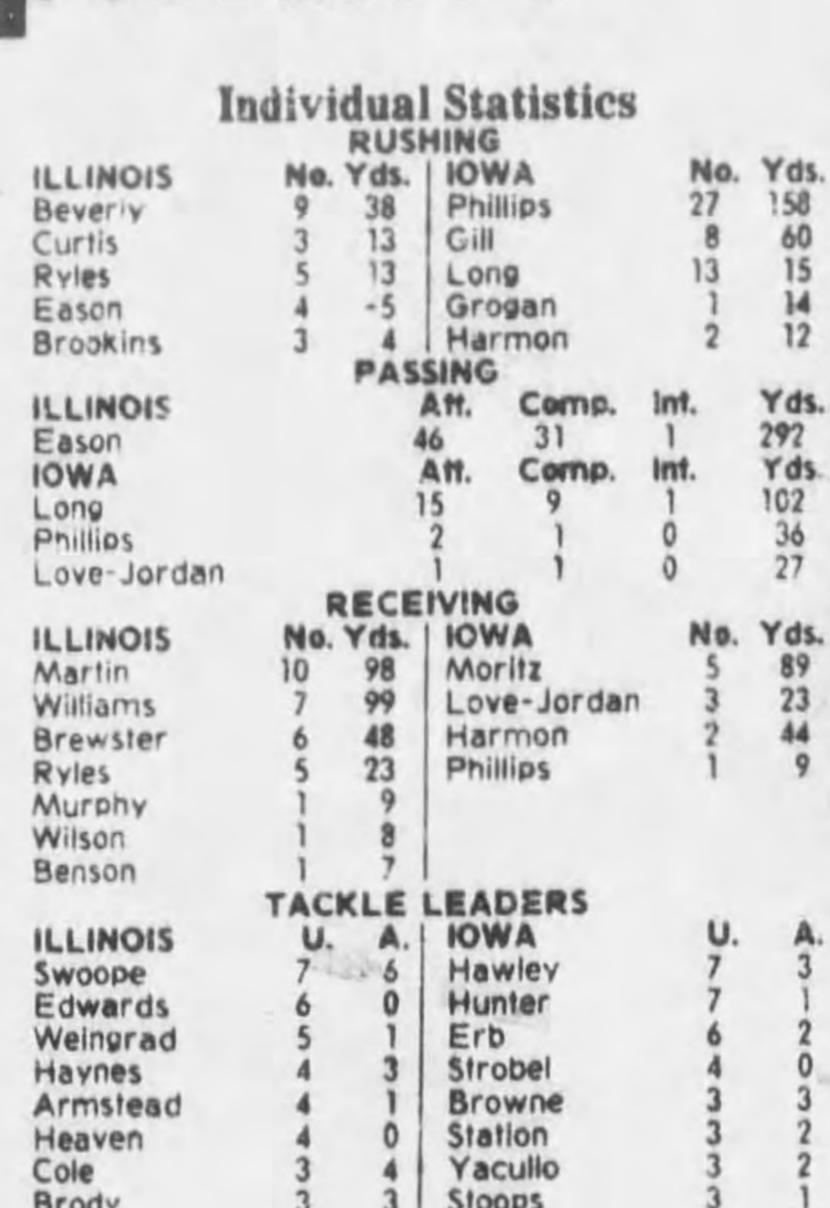
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and dropped both ends and linebackers into the short zones, leaving only three men to rush.

"We wanted them to catch the ball in front of us, then we'd come up and put the wood to them," said cornerback Nate Creer, who had Iowa's lone interception.

A 21-yard completion to split end Mike Martin was Eason's longest effort following his touchdown toss. Illini "Dink-Passing"

"Iowa got wise to it (the long pass)," Eason said. "That's why we were dink-passing."

Iowa's second possession featured the first of the exotics. Quarterback Chuck Long pitched to Phillips, who tossed a 36-yard completion to freshman wide receiver Ronnie Harmon. Later in the drive, Harmon sped 26 yards on a reverse.

Phillips capped the 80-yard march with a 2-yard scoring run with 5:49 left in the first quarter and Nichol's conversion made it 7-7.

Bass' 52-yarder put Illinois back in front, 10-7, late in the first quarter.

After an exchange of possessions, the Hawkeyes were back to more skullduggery.

J.C. Love-Jordan took a handoff on a reverse, then completed a 27-yard pass to fellow wide receiver Dave Moritz. Later in the drive, Long completed a shovel pass to Phillips for 9 yards.

The drive bogged down at the Illinois 22 and Nichol came on to attempt a field goal. Or so the Illini thought.

Instead, holder Tom Grogan, a reserve quarterback, ran 14 yards on a designed play for a first down at the

Not all the exotics worked, though. Two plays later, Harmon was thrown for a 14-yard loss on a reverse. When Long was sacked and fumbled on the next play, the Hawkeyes came away empty-handed.

The score remained 10-7 until late in the third quarter.

Long Finds Harmon

A 20-yard Long-to-Moritz completion and a 24-yard run by Phillips, who broke several tackles, moved the ball to the 25. Fullback Owen Gill, subbing for injured Norm Granger, rambled for 17 yards to the 8. Long rolled right on the following play and tossed a touchdown strike to a leaping Harmon deep in the end zone. Again Nichol converted. Bass added his second field goal

with 11:29 left in the game, but the Illini did not threaten again as Iow played a good game of keep-away.

Illinois' best opportunity to score in the second half came in the third quarter. The Illini faced a fourth-andinches at the Iowa 18 and Eason attempted to sneak his way for the first down. He appeared to make it, but Iowa received a generous spot from the officials.

"That's one where I'm going to agree with the official," cracked Fry, tongue-in-cheek.

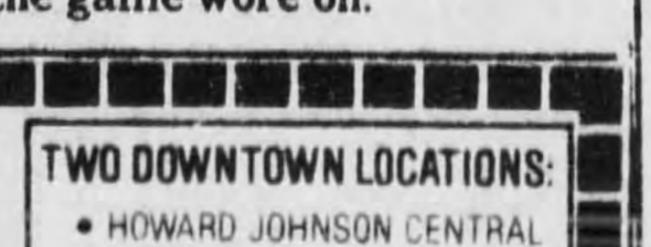
Illinois Coach Mike White did not offer any excuses for the loss.

"It was a painful experience," White admitted. "You have to credit Iowa. They did a great job. They did what they had to do. Iowa made the crucial downs when they had to;

Illinois didn't. It's that simple." There were scouts from the Liberty Bowl and Tangerine Bowl on hand in the Iowa pressbox.

"They didn't come to see us," Fry exclaimed.

Perhaps not. But they probably became more interested in those youngsters wearing old gold and black as the game wore on.



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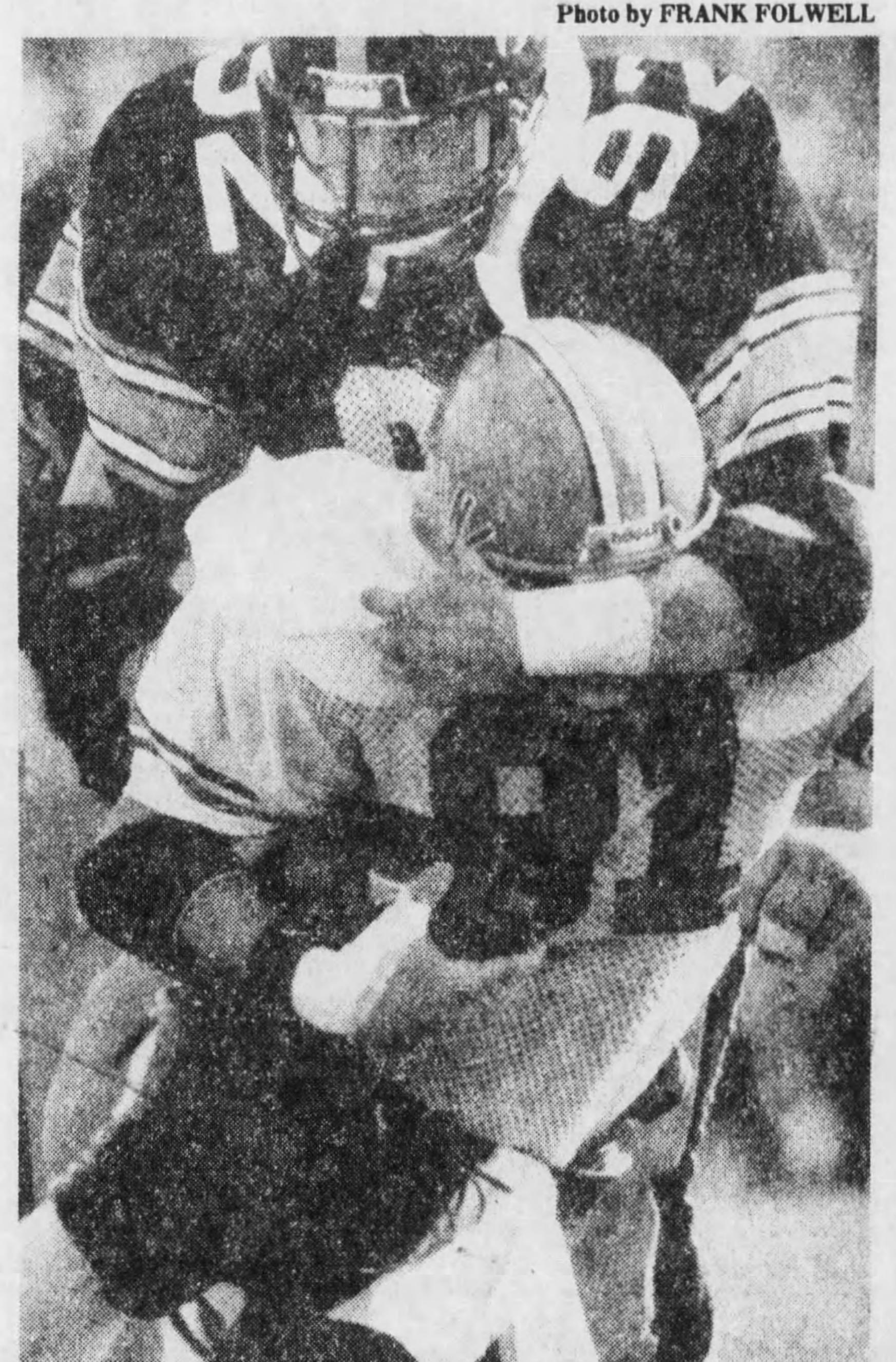




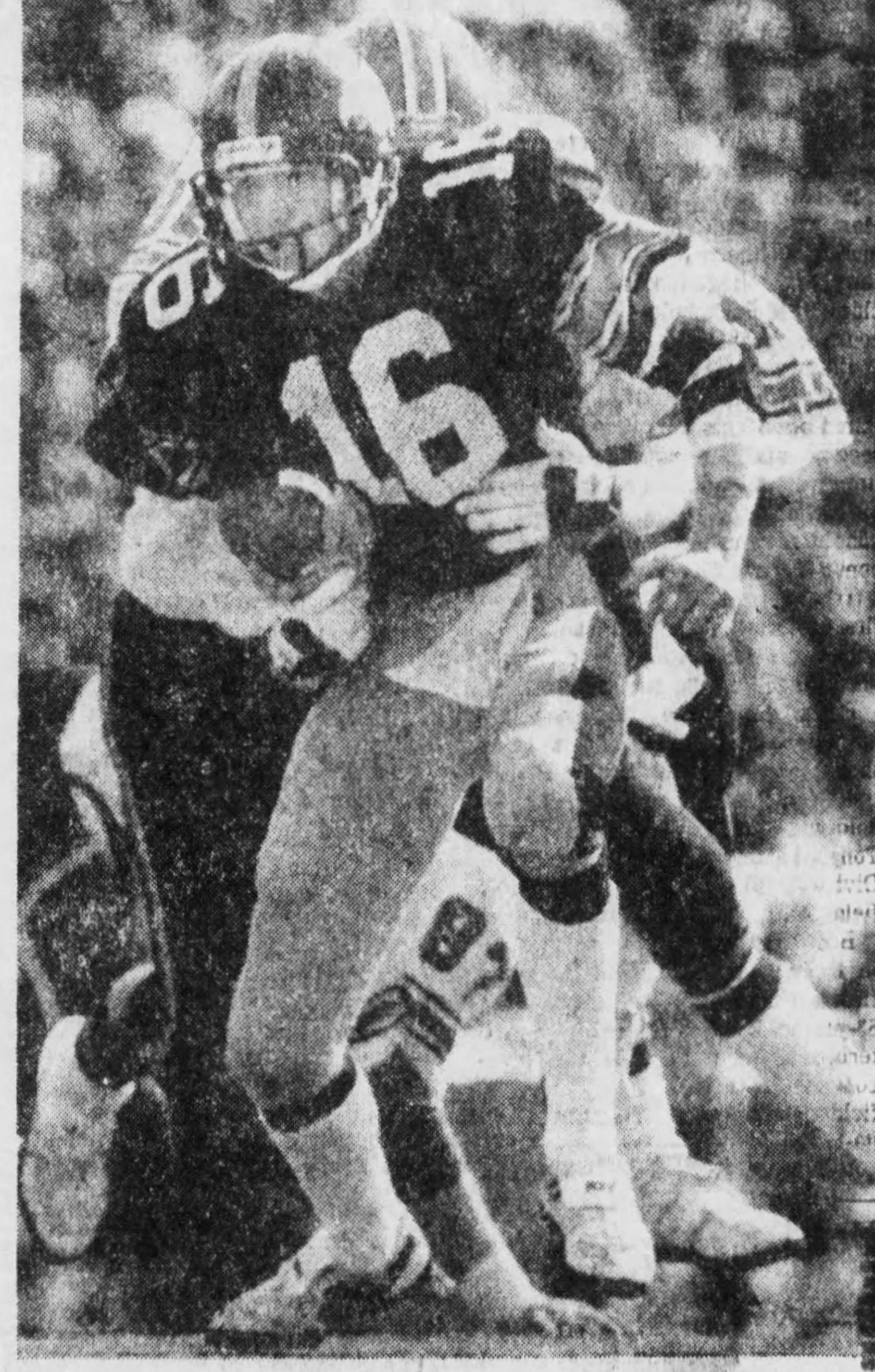
A tough stand by the Hawk defense revs up the sideline; linebacker coach Barry Alvarez gets praise from Fry

Photo by RICK RICKMAN

Clint Haynes leaps to stop Owen Gill as the Hawkeye sophomore running back fights for yardage Photo by RICK RICKMAN



The Hawks' Tony Wancket collars Tim Brewster



Chuck Long can't escape Illinois' Don Thorp (96)

Harmon throws important block

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back, was a sophomore star at Cornell University, of the Ivy League. 'Cornell asked me to come, but I'm

not as smart as Derrick. He's a 3.4 student in engineering," says Ronnie who plans to major in computer science ("That's the future. Everything might be run by computers

Syracuse and Arizona also sought his services and he was supposed to make visits to Michigan, Michigan State and Alabama. Those were canceled after visiting here during a horrible ice storm.

"The weather was cold, but it's cold back home," he said. What he really liked was that the people seemed so warm and anxious to have him aboard. Wyatt, of course, was the main factor.

"I believed in Coach Wyatt. He had the key. I trusted him, and still do. He hasn't ever let down any of the guys from the East he's brought here. I

look at him as sort of my father away from home," says Harmon.

Harmon came here as a running back and was not entirely fascinated at first with the idea of becoming a redshirt. Once having been given the word, he adjusted to the idea of spending a year learning the system and getting stronger

"I'd made up my mind I was going to work hard, even if I didn't get to play this year. Then, when they asked if I'd like to switch to wingback, I got excited again about playing. I do hope to get back to running back some

COACHES ARE more inclined than fans to mention important "little things" that may have escaped general attention. One of the keys in preserving victory was Phillips' late 30-yard dash for a first down.

Fry came by where Ronnie was talking and leaned over.

"You got the block on Phillips' run, didn't you?" he asked, while knowing. "Yeah," answered Harmon

grinning from here to West Branch. Does he like to block?

"I have to like it now, because that's what I do," he said.

Most of the time, Harmon wears a chain around his neck bearing letters in gold, or maybe gold plate, reading: RONNIE. Didn't have it on Saturday, though.

"I decided it needed a rest," he

What the heck, a few more big plays and he won't need to have his name on display. People will be shouting it from the high-rise seats. And, maybe, because of Saturday's gave the Midshipmen their first two touchdown reception, he might points by sacking Kiel in the end zone deliver a promise to Mom.

"My folks haven't seen me play yet at Iowa. But, when I left, I told my | Larry Moriarty scored on a pass play mother I'd do my best to get on the college highlights they show on TV so she could see me," explained

You know, Jacqline Harmon just may have done that this weekend.

Irish sink Navy, 27-10

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AB) - Quarterback Blair Kiel threw for 220 yards and Notre Dame's first two touchdown passes of the season. leading the Irish to a 27-10 collegefootball victory over Navy Saturday at Giants Stadium.

Kiel gave the Irish a 7-0 secondquarter lead with a 3-yard toss to Chris Smith in the end zone, and Mike Johnston booted field goals of 40 and 48 yards to boost the lead to 13-0 at-

Defensive tackle Eric Rutherford for a safety in the third quarter. But the Irish came back with two touch downs just 24 seconds apart. Fullback for one, and tailback Allen Pinkett ran 12 yards for the other.

Both of Notre Dame's third-period touchdowns were set up by intercep-

The victory improved Notre Dame's record to 5-1-1. Navy is 4-4.