Gill-led Hawkeyes overpower Wisconsin, 28-14

By BUCK TURNBULL

Register Staff Writer

IOWA CITY, IA. - Owen Gill was the man of the hour for Iowa's football team Saturday. What a second stringer he turned out to be!

The 212-pound sophomore from Brooklyn, N.Y., stepped in for injured tailback Eddie Phillips and stormed to 157 yards in 28 carries, scoring two touchdowns as the Hawkeyes finished the home season with a 28-14 victory over Wisconsin before a chilled crowd of 58,500 in Kinnick Stadium.

Iowa Coach Hayden Fry called Gill's performance "a magnificent job." And Wisconsin Coach Dave McClain said: "Who is that guy, anyway?

"I didn't know anything about Gill,"

said the amazed McClain. "We didn't expect that from him."

What McClain did expect, was a that leads the Big Ten. He got more than he bargained for - especially in future," Fry said. the turnover department.

Six Hawkeye Interceptions While the Hawks yielded more

yardage than is their custom, they forced eight turnovers and set a school record with six pass intercep-

So with one game left in the regular season at Michigan State this Saturday, surprising Iowa stands 6-4 to clinch its second straight winning season and has a firm hold on third place in Big Ten standings at 5-2.

"I said before the season that if we could scrape and claw, we might be able to finish in the first division for a tough game from an Iowa defense fourth consecutive year, and then we would be very competitive in the

> "It's just wonderful for this team to be rewarded like they are. I can't say enough about the way they played today - with great hustle and determination."

The final reward could be a second straight bowl bid.

Scouts from the Tangerine, Holiday and Independence bowls were here to view the action, and they all had to leave feeling Iowa would be a worthy representative for any of their mid-December games.

Fry says he has no preference,

although he was wearing an emblem from the Independence Bowl, saying somebody just happened to slap that

"I have a lot of good friends down there in Louisiana," he explained. "They're great people. But if anyone else wants to slap one of those on me, go ahead."

"We have one more game to go and this could be a truly great season, particularly the way it started with Nebraska and Iowa State hanging two knots on our head."

The way this Wisconsin game started also wasn't the best of situations. The Badgers hit Iowa with an 80-yard touchdown run by Troy King on the first play from scrimmage.

. That was more yardage than the

Hawks had yielded on an average in their first six conference games. They were leading the Big Ten by surrendering only 73.3 yards per game on the ground.

But after King's startling burst, Iowa quickly began to dominate play and left the field with a 21-7 halftime

Quarterback Chuck Long shared the offensive laurels with Gill, hitting 14 of 22 passes for 177 yards and scoring the other two touchdowns.

"This had to be one of my better games," Long said. "It really feels good to clinch a second straight winning season and I'm really happy

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Statistics

First downs

Rushes-yards

Passing yards

Return yards

Fumbles-lost

Penalties-yards

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22	24
29-211	57-238
278	177
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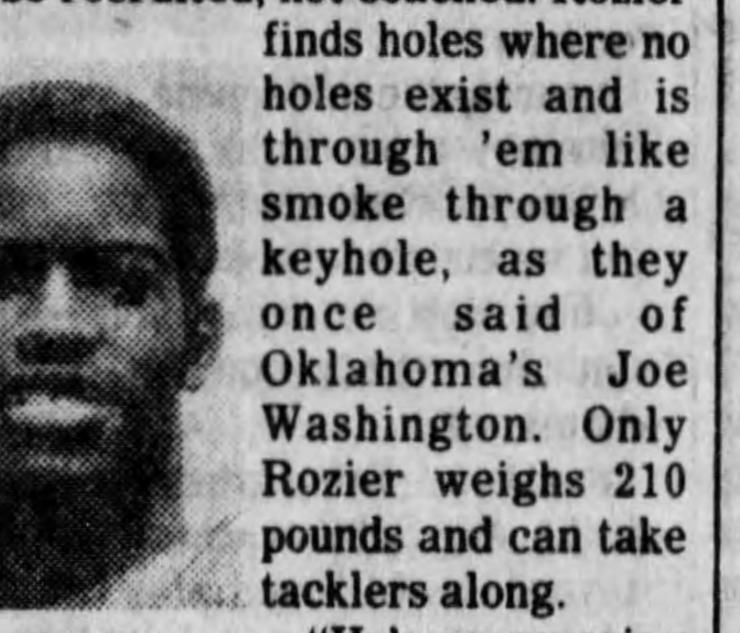
Landing Gill, Rozier was key

AMES, IA. - Some wag said the turning point of Nebraska's 48-10 Big
Eight victory over Iowa State

2-A CTOWN Saturday came when Coach Tom Osborne recruited quarterback Turner Gill and I-back Mike Rozier. Collegiate football success is never quite that simple, but the remark does have merit.

No matter how lopsided the final score looks — and the Cyclone fans who keep muttering that Coach Donnie Duncan's offense is "so predictable" will think it very lopsided - the individual brilliance of these two had much to do with turning a hard-fought contest into a laugher.

Each is gifted with that special quickness, speed and instinct that can only be recruited, not coached. Rozier



"He's an amazing runner. Sometimes I

don't understand how he does it," says Osborne, of the running back he had to recruit twice. Mike opted for the Huskers out of high school, failed to meet the entrance requirements, then signed a second letter of intent after getting his grades up in junior college.

Mike went the dressing room with a sprained ankle before the action CLASS 2-A ended so his 103 net rushing yards were 50 less than his average. He was showered, dressed and newly taped by game's end — and philosophical.

"I never thought of not signing with Nebraska the second time, because they had faith in me the first time," he said. "I felt wherever I went, I'd be able to play. The Lord gave me a gift. I use it the best I can."

Not many of his talents seem to be going to waste. And now let us rejoin Gill, a young man who just one year ago came out of the Iowa State game with a gimpy foot, a load of pain and a highly questionable future.

GILL IS A junior from Fort Worth, Texas, who turned down a bonus, said to be \$90,000, to sign with the Chicago White Sox out of high school in favor terback.

Some high-powered schools were after this young man, but he eliminated all the ones that didn't meet two standards: He wouldn't go to a school that seemed to think of him as a potential defensive back; and he wouldn't go to one that didn't promise he could play baseball in the spring.

Nebraska gave the green light on both accounts and Gill quickly found a happy home. A year ago he was doing nicely in his first season as a starter until he took a hit against the

Cyclones. "I don't even exactly know when it happened," he says. "I kept on playing until late in the game, then that night it got worse. I'd damaged two nerves in my right foot."

During the next four weeks, Gill twice had operations on his foot and he was a very sad young man, missing the finale against Oklahoma, as well as the Orange Bowl game.

"I never had any doubts that I'd play again, but a lot of people seemed to have doubts," recalls Gill. "That first month was terrible, because there was no sign of progress. I went out for spring ball, but didn't have contact."

For a long time, Gill was bothered with what is called "drop foot," and

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Cornhuskers crunch ISU, 48-10 Photo by BOB NANDELL

21-point burst downs eighth-ranked Sibley

Statistics

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First downs			19	9		8	
Rushes-yards		49	-26	4	29-	41	
Passing yards			12	2	1300	98	
Return yards			3	3		0	
Passes		1	-8-	1/1	0-19	-1	
Punts		7	-34	6	6-33	3.5	
Fumbles-lost			2-	1	3	-1	
Penalties-yards	- 7		2-16	0	6-	47	
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L — Lewis 7 run (Loeffler kick) L — Stark 32 run (Loeffler kick) L - Stark 4 run (Loeffler kick) Rushing - LaSalle: Thompson 14-89; Steffer 16-76; Lewis 6-21; Stark 13-78. Sibley: Brody 7-25; Huisenga 12-46; Zenk 3-(-23); McCarty 7-0; Heiliger 1-(-19); Bennett 2-12. Passing — LaSalle: Steffen 1-7-0, 12; Schulte 0-1-1, 0. Sibley: Zenk 9-14-1, 91; Heiliger 1-4-0, 7; Huisenga 0-1-0, 0. Receiving - LaSalle: Halm 1-12. Sibley: McCarly 1-(-3); Huisenga 3-51; Krogman 3-29; Brody 1-4;

By RANDY PETERSON

Register Staff Writer CEDAR FALLS, IA. - Maybe LaSalle of Cedar Rapids football Coach Tom Kopatich should think about going on the banquet tour and specializing in motivational speeches, because his halftime oration Saturday at the UNI-Dome worked wonders.

Kopatich wasn't exactly pleased by the first-half goings-on and mentioned that to his players. They responded with 21 second-half points

and a 24-0 victory over No. 8 Sibley for the Class 2-A state high school championship, which had rested in Roland-Story's possession the previous two seasons.

It was LaSalle's first appearance in the playoffs and it couldn't have been more pleasing for Kopatich, the sonin-law of one of the more famous former head coaches in state prep football: Jim Williams, the former Dowling football coach who led the Maroons into four playoffs before becoming an assistant at Iowa State.

"We didn't really come out in the second half and do anything differently," Kopatich said. "I preached to them a little bit about the goals we of coming to Nebraska to play quar- have been working towards all season and that we would have to play better in the second half to realize them. We've been tested many times this year and I think today we proved that we passed the test."

LaSalle Scores First

They did, but from the mood of the initial 24 minutes, the 5,000 or so people here were still in a state of limbo about the eventual state champion.

What opened the doors for LaSalle, the state's fourth-ranked team which closed a brilliant season with a 10-2 record, were three big factors - a pass interference call against Sibley, a muffed punt by the Generals and the fact that Sibley quarterback Dan Zenk was injured and saw only

limited action in the second half. The short-sleeved crowd almost witnessed a scoreless first half. Both teams were moving the ball well but not when they needed the yardage

LaSalle started its initial scoring drive with 2 minutes 1 second to play before halftime on its own 15-yard line. The Lancers drove 70 yards to the opposite 15-yard line and then, on second down with :07 left in the second quarter, Pat Loeffler booted a 32-yard field goal.

But that wasn't the only key play in

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LaSalle's Lancers are jubilant after winning 2-A championship

Trick play gives Harlan 15-14 win

By CHUCK BURDICK

Register Staff Writer CEDAR FALLS, IA. - Don't be surprised if Harlan football Coach Curt Bladt spends a little more time watching football reruns on televi-

A two-point conversion play he saw while watching the tube proved to be the winning margin Saturday as his Cyclones overcame a 14-0 halftime deficit to post a 15-14 victory over Regis of Cedar Rapids in the Class 3-A championship contest at the UNI-Dome.

The victory climaxed a 12-0 campaign for the Hawkeye Eight Conference champions and was reminiscent of a 14-12 Harlan victory over Regis in their. 1972 championship contest at Iowa City.

In that contest, Harlan trailed, 12-0, picked up a touchdown on a long pass shortly before halftime and then won it with a long march in the final

Saturday, it was another long pass a 55-yarder from halfback Todd Koos to end Mark Kloewer - that cut

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Regis' margin to 14-7. The Cyclones then moved within one on Steve Peake's 3-yard burst with 8 minutes 14 seconds remaining.

That's when Bladt turned to the unusual. He had the center, holder and place-kicker Rick Snyder line up behind the ball while the rest of the lineup huddled at the right hash mark. When they broke the huddle, they took just one step toward the line of scrimmage, quickly got into position and the center sidearmed the ball to Mark Kloewer, who veered

Statistics First downs Rushes-yards Passing yards Return yards Penalties-yards

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right into the end zone for the two

"That's the first time we've ever used it," admitted Bladt, "but we've spent a lot of time practicing it. It's one of those plays you can use only once in a lifetime and there's no time bigger than in the state champion-

"But for a while I thought we might have used it too early."

Regis Attempts Comeback

Bladt was almost right. Regis, which lost for just the second time in 11 games, never gave up, mostly due to the passing of quarterback John Lawrence, who set a pair of Class 3-A title records, completing 16 of 29 passes for 154 yards and one touchdown.

The Royals' best chance to pull it out came after they had taken possession at their own 12 following sophomore Mike O'Bryan's 36-yard punt with 3:29 remaining.

Lawrence completed three straight passes: to Kirk Haefner for 20 yards, to Dick Breitbach for 13 and to Kevin Winker for eight to move to its own

49. But on third and 2, Mike Kloewer dropped Joel Smith for no gain. On fourth down, Brad Stovie's attempt to pick up the first down on a counter was stopped short by Paul Mahlberg.

The Royals didn't get the ball back until just :14 remained, but they got one extra play when Harlan was detected with 12 men on the field as time expired.

The 15-yard penalty gave Regis the ball at its own 46. But not even some razzle-dazzle could pull it out. Lawrence took the center snap and fired to Breitbach in the left flat. He threw it back to Lawrence, whose long throw toward the end zone was intercepted by Rick Noble.

"I really felt we were going to take it in on that last drive," said Lawrence, who broke championship game marks for passing attempts and completions. "But we couldn't pick up that last first down. The big play was the third and 2."

Regis Starts Fast

However, the 190-pound senior needn't hang his head. He guided the Royals 64 yards on their first possession following the opening kickoff, completing three straight passes, the last a 27-yarder to Breitbach that carried to the Harlan 1. Joel Smith carried it over on the next play and Winker's conversion was straight for a 7-0 Regis lead.

Then, in the closing seconds of the second quarter, Lawrence went to work again, marching his team 70 yards to score. The touchdown came on a fourth and 11 play from the 15, with Lawrence again finding Breitbach, who made a diving catch in the end zone with only :21 remaining in the half.

But Regis missed a golden opportu-

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Gyclones' overmatched

Duncan calls Nebraska offense 'devastating'

Statistics

		Neb.	ISU
First downs		20	20
Rushes-yards	6	0-383	49-211
Passing yards		. 97	116
Return yards		80	0
Passes		4-7-0	14-26-0
Punts		3-46	7-43
Fumbles-lost		0-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	18	4-29	4-30
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Neb - Smith 1 run (kick failed)

By RON MALY

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Register Staff Writer AMES, IA. - Contrary to rumor, all of America's factories aren't victims of the sluggish economy.

Nebraska, that old football factory from the plains, demonstrated Saturday that it still is in high-gear production with a 48-10 cruise past overmatched Iowa State.

"I'll rate Nebraska No. 1 in the nation when I vote again in the United Press International poll," promised Cyclone Coach Donnie Duncan, whose team lost for the third straight time. "Their offense is as complete and as devastating as any I've seen in a long

The victory was the Cornhuskers' fifth straight over Iowa State and set the stage for their Big Eight Conference showdown with Oklahoma Nov. 26 at Lincoln.

Both teams have 6-0 league records, and the winner will advance to the Orange Bowl on Jan. 1. And the loser won't do badly, either.

Representatives from the Cotton and Fiesta bowls were here for the game, played in windy, 23-degree weather with a wind-chill factor ranging from zero to 6. They were, of course, scouting Nebraska in the event the Huskers come up second-best in two weeks.

Although Duncan has voted Nebraska No. 1 five previous times this season, the Huskers are actually No. 3 in the UPI poll and No. 4 in the Associated Press rankings. Still, they have a shot at seizing the national championship.

Asked about bowls, Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said, "I don't know anything about anything. Obviously, I'd like to go to the Orange Bowl. If not, we're going to have to strike an agreement with Oklahoma, or someone, about the loser of our game, or there's a possibility of us being shut out."

Nebraska, now 9-1 (the loss was to Penn State, 27-24, in the third week of the season), came into the game leading the nation in rushing offense, total offense and scoring.

Held Under Averages Iowa State, with the Big Eight's No. 1 defense, held the Huskers to less than their averages in total offense and rushing yardage, but it's the

bottom line - points - that counts,

and in that department Nebraska

outdid itself. The Huskers were averaging 42.2 a game but surpassed that figure when third-string I-back Jeff Smith scored from the 1-yard line with 2 minutes 8 seconds left in the game, after they

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Photo by HARRY BAUMERT

Gill's 44-yard sprint breaks 7-7 deadlock

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that our seniors can go out at home with a game like this.". Browne Shines

One of the seniors, nose guard Dave Browne, came up with two fumble recoveries.

Linebacker James Erb also scored a turnover double. He picked off two of the Badger passes. Others wound up in the hands of Bobby Stoops, Devon Mitchell, Nate Creer and Larry Station.

Randy Wright, Wisconsin's starting quarterback, threw five of the interceptions and reserve John Lonchar contributed the other one, but almost all of them were thrown directly at the Hawkeye defenders, as if they were the intended receivers.

"I think Wright just had an off day," said Erb, "because we weren't doing anything special on our pass coverage. We were just in the right place at the right time."

It was fortunate for the Hawks that they were able to come up with so many steals, because Wright piled up 278 yards through the air with 21 completions in 40 attempts. Wisconsin outgained Iowa in total offense, 489 yards to 415.

"Randy said he just didn't see those Iowa guys most of the time," McClain said. "They played good pass defense.

"We thought we had to pass going into the game - maybe throwing 40 times, getting a 50-50 mix between the pass and the run, but we sure didn't want all those interceptions."

Erb Thwarts Drive

Erb made the most important one late in the first half after the Badgers had driven to a first down at the Hawkeye 3-yard line. After an incompletion, Erb's grab in the end zone prevented Wisconsin from closing the gap to 21-14.

Only 25 seconds remained in the second quarter, and it might have been a different game if there had been a touchdown at that juncture.

After King's early score, Iowa got a break when the Badgers were in a punting situation at their 25. George Winslow fielded a low snap from center, eluded on-rushing Hawkeyes and somehow got his kick off.

But the ball traveled only 24 yards to Wisconsin's 49, which wasn't bad under the circumstances. Iowa then scored in seven plays, featuring passes of 12 and 22 yards from Long to Ronnie Harmon.

Gill went over from the 1 and Tom Nichol's extra point tied it, 7-7, with 5 minutes 5 seconds left in the opening quarter.

On their next possession, the Hawks missed a glorious opportunity to take the lead, following another short Wisconsin punt, when Long rolled out on third down at the Badger four and had nothing but open field in front of

Instead, he passed to J.C. Love-Jordan, who was equally open. But Love-Jordan dropped the ball.

"It was just one of those things," he said. "It hit me on my hand, bounced off my shoulder pad and then hit my face mask. I guess Chuck should have just run with the ball."

Gill Strikes

Nichol missed a 21-yard field goal, so it remained a 7-7 deadlock into the second quarter, before Gill broke loose on a 44-yard scoring run, putting a good move on Wisconsin's Brian Morrow and racing into the

Following the kickoff, Wright's pass on second down was intercepted by Stoops and returned 26 yards to Wisconsin's 15. Long scored five plays later to make it 21-7.

A 53-yard kickoff return by Gary Ellerson set the stage for Wisconsin's bid that ended with Erb's larceny in the end zone.

The third quarter began with more of the same. With the ball on Iowa's 39. Erb stepped in to swipe another of Wright's passes, bringing it back seven yards to the 42.

Long quickly led the Hawks down field with pass completions to Mike to be one or two isolated cases of Hufford, Dave Mortiz and Love-Jordan. Chuck sneaked the final yard for his second touchdown, and Iowa's lead soared to 28-7 with 8:55 left in the third period.

When Mitchell and Station added two more interceptions before the quarter ended, Iowa had broken the school mark of four in a game set several times perviously.

The Hawks got nothing from these, however. They reached the Badger nine after Mitchell's theft, but Nichol again missed a short field goal.

Afterward Fry said punter Reggie Roby was out of his doghouse with four kicks that averaged 51.8 yards, which will probably keep him in the national lead, but Nichol replaced him with his two misses.

"In a close game that could have made the difference," said Fry. Early in the final quarter,

Western Michigan uses Caper to down Ohio, 16-7

KALAMAZOO, MICH. (AP) -Larry Caper galloped 40 yards for a fourth-quarter touchdown Saturday to clinch Western Michigan's 16-7 Mid-American Conference football victory over Ohio University. The victory put Western Michigan at 7-2-1 for the season while Ohio is now 5-5 overall.



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Wisconsin didn't fool anybody — least of all Creer — by faking a field goal at Iowa's 21. Wright was the holder, and when he got up to fire a pass it right to Creer for the sixth intercpei-

The Badgers were not finished, however. They soon went 89 yards to their other touchdown in just three plays. Wright clicked with King on a 54-yard pass, John Williams darted for 22 to the Hawkeyes 22, and Wright lofted a scoring strike to Al Toon.

There were six minutes remaining, still time for a comeback, but Wisconsin was unsuccessful on an onside kick, and in the late going the Badgers were thwarted after driving to Iowa's 10.

Gill gave the ailing Phillips much of the credit for his exceptional ballcarrying display, saying Eddie kept providing him with valuable tips when he was on the bench.

"He was like another coach on the sidelines," said Gill, "and I have a lot of respect for what he did. If I was lining up too close to the line or doing something else wrong, he'd tell me about it.

"I dedicated this game to Eddie and also to the seniors who were playing their last game in Kinnick Stadium."

Asked if he had any preference if a bowl bid is forthcoming, Gill replied: "I'll go anyplace where it's warm. I hate the cold weather."

King Tops 100 Wisconsin also had a 100-yard rusher in King, a senior who has been a reserve most of his career. He gained 127 yards in 11 carries, but got the bulk of them on the long

touchdown gallop. On the fake field goal that led to Creer's interception, one of the officials, umpire Don Mason, was injured in a pileup and couldn't finish the game. He reportedly suffered a mild concussion.

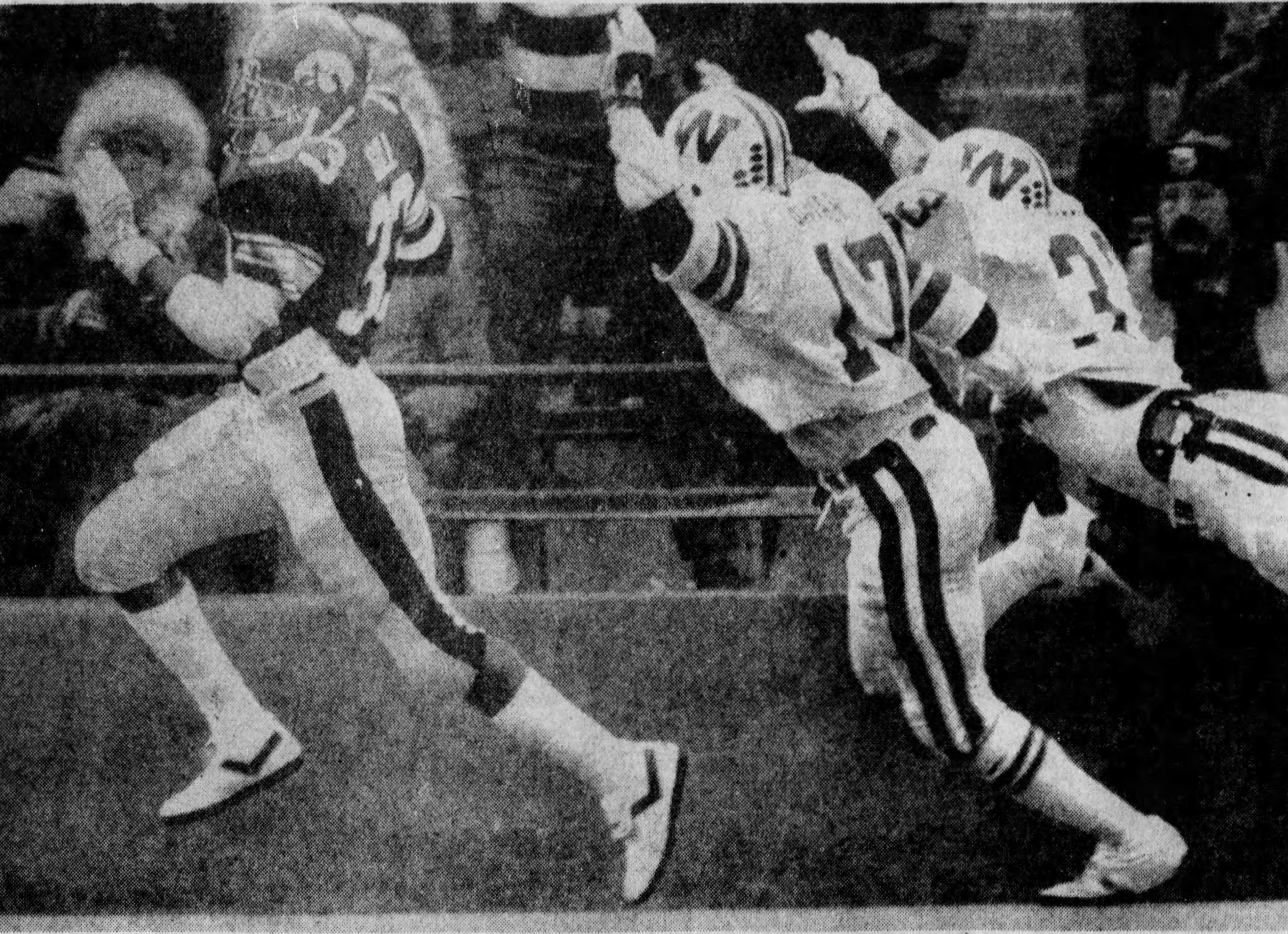
No Hawkeye was any happier than standout defensive tackle Mark Bortz, the senior co-captain from

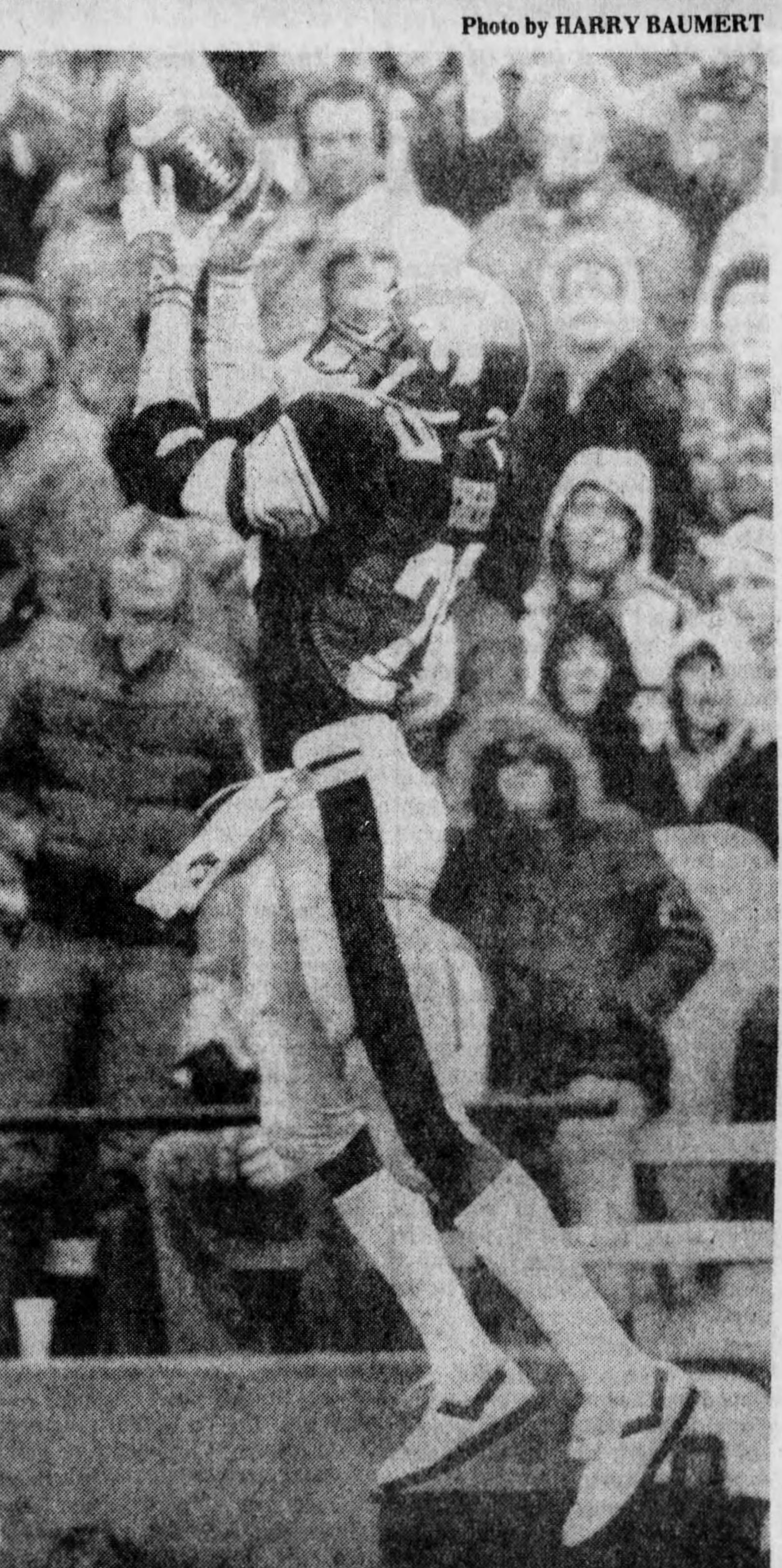
Pardeeville, Wis. This was Iowa's sixth straight victory over the Badgers and Bortz stands a perfect 4-0 against the team from his native state.

"Going into this season I don't think many people took us seriously," said Bortz. "But now we've got a second straight winning season, and that takes a load off our shoulders with

one game left." Or maybe two games left.

The way these young Hawks are playing, winning six of their last eight starts, they're as deserving of a bowl bid as most any team you'd care to





GILL IS GONE! — The Hawks' Owen Gill outruns Badger defenders Rich Baxter (17) and Jim Mella on a 44-yard touchdown romp in the second quarter. Gill's tally put Iowa ahead, 14-7.

Photo by FRANK FOLWELL



A BELT FROM BORTZ — Above, Mark Bortz smothers Wisconsin quarterback Randy Wright after a pass. Tony Wancket (92) attempts to block the toss, which was incomplete.

RECORD CATCH — At left, Nate Creer picks off a Randy Wright pass, the sixth Hawkeye interception of the day — an Iowa record.

Do Hawkeyes have the cure for fans' bowl fever?

IOWA CITY, IA. - Bowl representatives in gaudy blazers were in ample supply here Saturday. Bowl talk was blanketing Kinnick Stadium here faster than dusk. There even seemed bowl fever breaking out after Iowa' 28-14 victory over Wisconsin.

Still to be determined, however, was one major detail. Was there a living, breathing bowl team on the premises to go with all the accessories? If so, it wasn't Wisconsin; Iowa had seen to that. And if it was Iowa Coach Hayden Fry wasn't saying.

"I'm not even going to think about bowls," he said, talking about bowls, "until after the Michigan State game (next Saturday)."

That, of course, is like trying not to think of monkeys after being instructed not to think of monkeys; especially after someone has slapped a monkey sticker on your lapel. It's impossible.

Scouts were here from the Holiday Bowl, the Tangerine Bowl and the Independence Bowl. They wore blazers you could spot from Coralville and suntans you can't find in Coralville. And they had the privilege of watching the Hawkeyes stitch up their second winning season in a row after going without since 1961. For that alone, it can be argued, Iowa deserves a bid.

"Years and years from now," Fry said, "people are going to look back on this team and say, 'How in the world did they accomplish what they

MAYBE THAT'S what the man

from the Independence Bowl was wondering as he took the smiling Fry aside afterward and bent his ear for five minutes. Someone had adorned the coach's black and gold sweater with an Independence Bowl sticker, which made Fry's post-game pledge next to impossible to carry out.

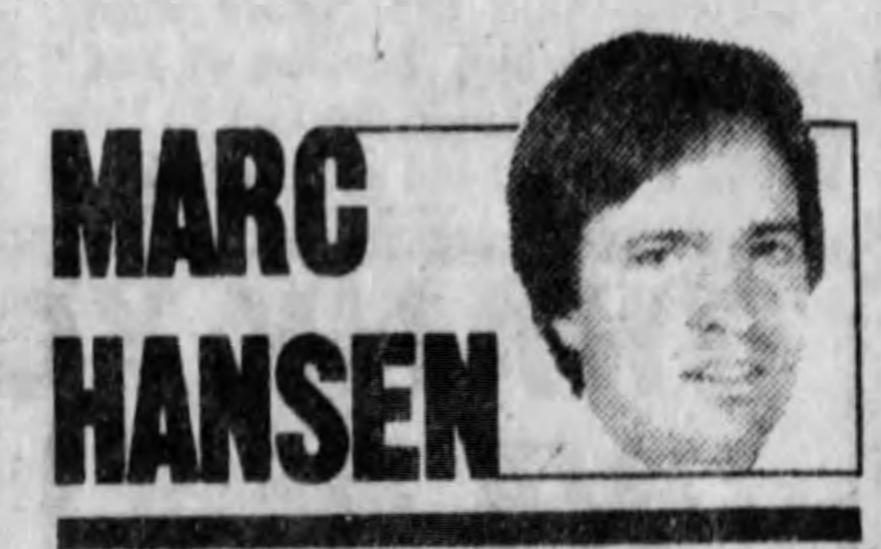
The Hawkeyes can finish no worse than 6-5 with Michigan State the last stop on the 1982 schedule. Asking Iowa players to abstain from thinking evil bowl thoughts, however, is the equivalent of asking Hugh Hefner to abstain from, well, let's not carry the simile too far. But about that Independence Bowl sticker...

"They're some of my best friends down there in Louisiana," Fry said. 'If there's anybody else who wants to slap one on, I'm all for it."

Saturday there were no takers. Instead, there was Scott Miller, wearing bright Independence Bowl red explaining the selection process. Bowl bids can't go out until the 20th, he was saying, but it doesn't hurt to

"lowa played a very good ballgame," Miller said. "This is just the kind of team we're looking for. Hayden's been there before with North Texas State, and we're leaning toward teams from the Big Ten and Big Eight. Iowa is one of our top three choices now. We're still looking at Illinois, Kansas State and a couple of other teams."

Had Wisconsin's fate befallen Iowa, the bowl talk would have been coming from the other side of Kinnick Stadium, where Badger Coach Dave



McClain was wondering instead what gives. He has been at Wisconsin five years, and for five years the Badgers have failed to defeat Iowa.

NOT Tooversimplify matters, but six interceptions and two fumbles were the reasons this time. Those didn't come, however, until well after Troy King bounced 80 yards on the first play from scrimmage. Suddenly the Badgers had a touchdown lead, and the Hawkeyes had a strange taste in their mouths.

They went into the game as the most stingy team in the conference against the rush, allowing only 73 yards a game. But after just one play Saturday, they had coughed up that much and change.

"Our coaches are kind of into stats," tackle Mark Bortz said, "and they're going to be disappointed about

It took King 14 seconds to cover those 80 yards, but it must have seemed like 14 minutes to the Hawkeyes. It was a sweep left, King said, and because he was still cold, the last 50 yards were a struggle. If that was the case, think of how Bortz must have felt.

"It kind of gutted you at first," he said. "A play like that sends tremors through your body. Nobody should run it that far."

Nobody did again; unless, of course, you count Owen Gill's total. The sophomore from Tilden High in Brooklyn, New York, took off on a 44-yard touchdown run to put Iowa ahead for good with less than five minutes to play in the first half.

The "Baby Bull," whose nickname is only 50 percent authentic at this stage, finished with 157 yards in 28 carries. Maybe, he conceded afterward, he was feeling even better than he did after that 314-yard game back in high school.

IF IT WAS Gill's best day in black and gold, what of quarterback Chuck Long, who watched another quarterback Randy Wright, launch five interceptions? Long, who completed 14 of 22 passes with an interception of his own, felt sorry for Wright - but not that sorry.

"Randy had a hard time," Long said. "After the first couple interceptions he got flustered, and then he got himself into a hole. I don't think he was looking off his receivers enough. But things like that happen. I'm just glad they didn't happen to me."

They didn't happen to Dave Browne, either. The senior nose guard recovered two fumbles and made 11

tackles. He couldn't think of a game he had played more skillfuly. Then again, he said, there was one play he might have taken back.

James Erb had intercepted a pass in the end zone late in the first half to preserve the Hawkeyes' 21-7 lead. and he was ready to head upfield.

Until Brown sat on him, he was. "I thought he was going to get stopped at the five or six, so I tackled him," the nose guard said. "He's one of the fastest guys on the team, so probably should have let him go."

On the contrary, the end zone was a fine place to stop.

'Ironman' suffers coronary at game

Max S. Hawkins, a former lobbyist for the University of Iowa and a member of its "Ironmen" football team of 1939, suffered a heart attack Saturday at the Iowa-Wisconsin football game in Iowa City.

Hawkins was taken to University Hospitals, where he was listed in 'guarded but hopeful" condition in the coronary care unit. Hospital spokesman Dean Borg said the term "guarded" can mean "very serious,

very critical." Last week, officials dedicated a road to him - Hawkins Drive - that leads to the university's athletic facil-

Hawkins retired last year but still lobbied part-time for the Board of Regents.

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