

Hawkeyes

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I never dreamed we would lose the football," Fry said softly, eyes downcast.

Gill deserved a better fate, as he led a decent Iowa running game against the nation's No. 2 defense with 120 yards on 20 carries. Michigan outgained Iowa in total yards, 317-261, and 246-167 rushing.

"I've never been more disappointed," Gill said. "The guy got a helmet right on the ball and jarred it loose. I was just hoping the defense could stop them after that."

Michigan moved 43 yards in seven plays to the Iowa 28. The backbreaker for the Hawks was a screen pass from quarterback Steve Smith to tailback Rick Rogers with 23 seconds left.

Rogers, who rushed for 125 yards on 26 carries, picked up some blockers on the left side, cut across the grain and sped 24 yards. After an incomplete pass, Rogers ran seven yards on a draw play to set up the winning field goal.

"The other team was just eight seconds better," Fry said. "You certainly have to give Michigan credit for moving the ball down into position for the field goal."

"Not too often is a coach proud in defeat, but I don't believe I've ever been prouder than I was today. I really feel bad because our guys showed a lot of character and fight in the second half. They played with as much heart as any team I've been associated with."

Bergeron, a walk-on senior from Fort Wayne, Ind., who missed a 53-yarder in the first half, lined up on the right hash mark. His kick into the drizzle was anything but classic, but it worked.

"I really wasn't feeling anything at all, I was just concentrating on making the kick," Bergeron said. "I consider myself good under pressure. I like pressure, as a matter of fact. I've been dreaming about this moment since I came here."

Iowa trailed 6-3 at halftime, but rallied to tie the game early in the fourth quarter. The Hawkeyes scored 10 points in a span of 3:17 of the second half with the help of a fake field goal.

Iowa's defense was on the field a long time in the first half, but allowed Michigan only two field goals. Bergeron connected from 37 yards after an 11-yard Nichol punt in the first quarter, and from 20 yards with 10:05 left in the half.

Paul Hufford, elected one of the game's tri-captains, sat out last week with an injury but joined linebackers Erric Hedgeman and Larry Station and backs Mike Stoops and Devon Mitchell in an inspired defensive effort.

After 20 minutes, Michigan had outgained Iowa, 129-43. But on the Hawkeyes' fourth possession, Fry went to the pass. Iowa advanced only 13 yards, but the series loosened up Michigan's defense.

Don Bracken punted 53 yards to the Iowa 12, giving the Hawkeyes possession with 4:39 left in the half. Long's passes of 19 yards to Dave Moritz and nine yards to Bill Broghamer, and runs of 15 and 14 yards by Gill, set up Nichol's field goal.

The 56-yarder with 43 seconds left in the half broke Dave Holstclaw's school record of 51 yards in 1977 against Michigan State.

Moritz caught a 22-yard pass from Long on third-and-21 on the third play of the second half. But two plays later, Mike Mallory intercepted Long's pass to Ronnie Harmon at the Michigan 44.

Nine plays later, Rogers took a pitch around the right side, juked Hunter at the corner and rolled four yards into the end zone. Bergeron's kick gave Michigan a 13-3 lead with 5:56 left in the third.

Iowa responded with a 14-play, six-minute drive after Robert Smith's 28-yard kickoff return.

On fourth-and-goal from the Michigan three, Tom Grogan lined up to hold for a Nichol field goal. But he pulled away, rolled right and hit Lon Olejniczak in the back corner of the end zone for a touchdown. Nichol's kick cut the lead to 13-10 with 14:48 left.

Iowa was in business again moments later, as Gerald White fumbled the kickoff and Iowa's Joe Schuster recovered at the Michigan 19.

Long passed eight yards to Moritz and Norm Granger raced another eight to the Wolverine four. Gill swept left end to the two, but a holding penalty pushed Iowa back to the 12. Long was sacked back to the 16 on second down and the Hawkeyes eventually settled for Nichol's 27-yard field goal with 11:31 remaining.

This was Long's least productive game since a 61-yard passing performance last year against Minnesota. Long, who entered as the No. 2 passer nationally, completed 9-of-18 passes for 91 yards and was intercepted twice.

Moritz, however, was brilliant. He caught four passes for 61 yards, most of them in heavy traffic. Fullback Norm Granger complimented Gill's running with 10 carries for 67 yards, all but seven in the second half.

Afterward, some of the dozen bowl scouts visited Fry in the cramped dressing room. If Iowa can rebound from the loss, beginning with Saturday's home game against Indiana, the scouts may stick around.



HUFFORD IN PURSUIT — Iowa defensive tackle Paul Hufford (64) chases Michigan running back Rick Rogers (20) as he moves up the field for yardage during the first quarter of Michigan's 16-13 win over Iowa Saturday at Ann Arbor, Mich.



GETTING THE SCOOP — Iowa Coach Hayden Fry talks things over with backup quarterback Tom Grogan (13) on the sidelines Saturday as wide receivers Bill Broghamer (27) and Ronnie Harmon (31) listen in. Grogan accounted for the Hawks' only touchdowns in their 16-13 loss to Michigan as he threw to Lon Olejniczak on a fake field goal.

Wartburg whips Upper Iowa, 41-6

WAVERLY, Iowa (AP) — Gary Walljasper threw two touchdown passes to Dave Koll Saturday as Wartburg defeated Upper Iowa 41-6 in Iowa Conference college football.

Koll scored on touchdown passes of 36 and 7 yards and Brett Nelson scored on runs of 3 and 1 yards for the Knights, now 4-1 in the conference and 6-1 overall.

Upper Iowa, playing without Paul Caton, the league's No. 2 passer who separated a shoulder in last

week's game with Dubuque, scored on a 1-yard pass from sophomore Dennis Cooling to Rick Heller.

Walljasper hit on 18-of-35 aeriels for 224 yards and Montgomery got 106 rushing yards on 25 carries.

For Upper Iowa, 1-4 and 2-6, frosh quarterback Dan Hovden of Cresco hit 5-of-11 passes for 41 yards before giving way to Cooling, who is from Solon. Cooling hit on 12-of-20 passes for 123 yards.

Miller's passing leads UNI to 23-13 triumph

CEDAR FALLS (AP) — Larry Miller passed for 210 yards and two touchdowns to lead Northern Iowa to a 23-13 non-conference college football game over Youngstown State Saturday night.

The Panthers took a 17-0 lead with two minutes remaining in the first half on a Chris Miliner two-yard scoring run, an 8-yard Miller-to-James Vaughn touchdown pass, and a 23-yard field goal.

Then the Penguins scored on an 80-yard Ken Kuhn-to-John Goode pass play and Paul McFadden kicked a 30-yard field goal to move to within 17-10 at intermission.

McFadden kicked a 45-yard field goal early in the third quarter. But Northern Iowa's Miller stopped the comeback with a 46-yard scoring pass to Scott Miller moments later to end the scoring.

Kuhn completed 14 of 23 pass attempts for 225 yards for the Penguins.

Northern Iowa raised its record to 4-4, while Youngstown State dropped to 4-3. The Panthers are at Northern Michigan Saturday, and play their final home game Nov. 12 against Northwestern Missouri State.

Loras rolls, 44-0

DUBUQUE (AP) — Paul Edmeier rushed for a school record 265 yards and scored four touchdowns to lead Loras to a 44-0 romp over Beloit in a nonconference college football game Saturday.

Edmeier started the Loras barrage by rambling 41 yards for a first quarter touchdown, added scoring runs of 3 and 43 yards in the second quarter and ran 7 yards for a third period TD.

Red Peppers

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Gazette sports columnist



Party's over?

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Stack the chairs upside down on top of the tables, boys, because its mop-up time in the run for the roses.

The winner of next Saturday's Michigan-Illinois game very probably will capture the Big Ten title and the Rose Bowl berth.

True, Michigan still has to play Ohio State, but otherwise the two leaders have a cakewalk: Michigan facing Purdue and Minnesota, and Illinois winding up against Minnesota, Indiana and Northwestern.

And you Iowa fans should be aware that the Hawkeyes and Buckeyes are out of focus in the title picture.

Indeed, only twice in history has a Big Ten team gone to the Rose Bowl with two conference losses. Wisconsin did it in 1959 (5-2) and Iowa in 1981 (6-2).

Michigan's Bo Schembechler even admitted a team with two losses now is out of the race.

"I'll tell you, though, there's not much difference in the top four teams in the conference," he said Saturday. "We beat Iowa by a field goal in the final seconds, and Iowa beat Ohio State on a late bomb."

"Yes, Illinois did beat Iowa 33-0, but I don't think the score would be anything like that if they played again."

So don't give up on a bowl game, you Iowa fans, because the Hawkeyes can still pick off a good one. Scouts from nine bowls saw enough in Saturday's nationally televised game to make them remember Iowa when the bowl bids are tendered Nov. 19.

"Iowa and Michigan are very, very close, and I was impressed with Iowa's play," we were told Saturday by George Olsen, director of Jacksonville's Dec. 30 Gator Bowl.

"Hayden Fry and I go way back to the days when he was a young head coach at SMU. He's a super coach, and we'd love to have a Big Ten team in our bowl again."

Iowa has four games to play, but should emerge no worse than 8-3 — maybe as high as 9-2. The toughest test probably will be at Wisconsin Nov. 5, but Hayden won't let his guys look any farther ahead than next Saturday's home contest with Indiana.

Incidentally, the Gator Bowl's Olsen had a good line at Friday night's Michigan press party. Each of the nine bowl scouts was asked to say a few words, and the big guy was the last.

"Everybody had heard enough of that same old baloney," Olsen said Saturday, "so when it was my turn, I stood up and told them I actually had taken a flight Friday from Jacksonville to see the Penn State-West Virginia game, but I fell asleep on the plane and didn't wake up until I was in Detroit. So I said, 'What the heck, I'll just go on over and watch Michigan and Iowa for the fun of it.'"

Pass the hash

Harold Hufford, father of the Mount Vernon boys, told us Saturday Paul probably could

have played against Purdue the previous week if necessary. Fry appointed Paul defensive captain, and it was inspiring to see big No. 64 in there again. He was credited with seven tackles, two of them sacks for a minus nine.

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"Our fake field goal was called by Coach Fry before I left the sideline," said QB Tom Grogan. "Then he leaves it up to me to decide if we should go ahead with the field goal or go for the touchdown. Yes, I have the option to run for it if I think I can get in, but then I saw Oleo (Lon Olejniczak) open and threw it. Coach said we needed a big score at that time, as three points wouldn't help much."

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"Yes, all of us knew it was going to be a fake field goal," Oleo added, "but I think Michigan was looking for the kick, as I didn't hear any of them yelling fake. I knew if I could get off the line that Tom would get the ball to me. I guess that was Mike Mallory (Michigan lineacker) stretching for the ball, but I had the advantage because the defensive men were behind me."

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Iowa sent out only two receivers on that fake field goal. The other was fullback Norman Granger. Stormin' Norman was asked about Michigan's team.

"Michigan has a good defense, quick and aggressive, a typical Michigan defense," he said. "Smith is a good running quarterback. Having him in there is like having another running back, and that gives Michigan an extra dimension. It was a terrific game — just too good to end in a tie. I felt somebody was going to win it."

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For a time in the dying minutes, it seemed Michigan's Steve Smith would be the goat because Iowa's Mike Stoops and Keith Hunter intercepted his passes in the fourth quarter. Then poor Owen Gill was handed the horns for the second year in a row against Michigan, as he tumbled away the ball on Michigan's 29 after a four-yard gain (that gave him 120 yards in 20 rushes).

"The ball just popped loose when a Michigan player put a good hit on Owen," said Iowa QB Chuck Long. "It was a lucky break for them, although maybe they don't think so... I think we're still in the running. We just have to do our best and hope some other teams knock off Michigan and Illinois... Yes, I got knocked a little dizzy a couple of times."

Long tried an underhand "shovel" pass that missed. He said it was the first one this season, although he did use it last year.

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Iowa quick-outs: Michigan hadn't given up a point for 10 straight quarters before Tommy Nichol kicked his school-record, 56-yard field goal in the final minute of the first half... Wide receiver Bill Happel didn't make the trip, apparently because of a leg injury suffered on the final play of the Purdue game...

'Battle of the Bars' today

The Eastern Iowa chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association will host a "Battle of the Bars" today at Seminole Valley Park.

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