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A nice start

The Cyclone basketball team opened its season with an 81-45 breeze. Page 5B.

Section B

Red Peppers Open Forum 10-16B Stock Listings

Gophers buried, 61-10; Florida next

Hawks waltz into Gator Bowl



Gazette photo by Don Hornstein

Brent Carstensen, a University of Iowa senior from Clinton, holds up an alligator made of balloons while other Hawkeye football fans whoop it up around him Saturday afternoon in Kinnick Stadium. lowa fans had plenty to

cheer about as lowa closed out the regular season with a 9-2 record by crushing Minnesota, 61-10, and earned a trip to the Gator Bowl Dec. 30 in Jacksonville, Fla.

By Mark Dukes

Gazette assistant sports editor IOWA CITY — The Rose, the Peach and now the Gator. Anymore, bowling seems to be right

up lowa's alley.

Eddie Phillips became Iowa's career rushing leader Saturday, sparking a school record 517yard ground attack and leading Iowa to a 61-10 rout of Minnesota in the college football regular season finale for both teams.

As expected, 11th-ranked lowa accepted an invitation to play No. 12 Florida in the Gator Bowl Dec. 30 in Jacksonville, Fla., at 7 p.m. Iowa

"We accept with honor," Iowa Coach Hayden Fry told Gator representatives Bill Nimnicht and John Lanahan.

"We finished 9-2, we have a chance to go 10-2, we play a great team like the University of Florida, we're in one of the best bowl games in the nation . . . I'm just poppin' my buttons.

"I've never been more proud of a team in a season. They overcame the tragedy, the injuries,

Going to the Gator Bowl? Then take a peek at page 7B

the hardship, the nitpicking, and all those other things that don't set too well with the ol' coach.

"We've seen the program turn around to what really looks like one of the better teams in the nation. I think we can compete with anyone in the country."

Iowa set eight more school or stadium records and tied another in handing Minnesota its 17th straight Big Ten Conference defeat and worst loss ever in the 77-game series. The Hawks broke 43 records and tied six more during the season.

Iowa, which has won four straight games and six of its last seven, finished the Big Ten season alone in third place at 7-2. Minnesota lost all nine of its conference games and completed a 1-10 campaign, the lone victory coming against Rice.

A crowd of 66,160, the second-largest in Iowa history, watched a number of record-breaking performances:

• lowa smashed the season scoring mark, running the total to 374. The previous record was 322 in 1968.

• The 517-yard rushing performance shattered

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Reeling Irish contemplate their bowl worthiness

Associated Press

Notre Dame officials say they aren't sure whether the Irish are "worthy" of a berth in the Liberty Bowl, but Coach Gerry Faust and some of his players said Saturday they would welcome the opportunity to

face Boston College. Notre Dame, reeling from a third straight loss that dropped it to 6-5, said after the game it had asked Liberty Bowl officials to seek another opponent for Eagles in the Dec. 29 classic at Memphis.

"Personally, I would like to go," Faust said, adding that the decision "is up to the administration."

"If they offer it, we'll go," said sophomore tailback Allen Pinkett, who ran for 197 yards and a touchdown in the frustrating, 23-22 loss to Air Force. "We'll go in there smoking and use that game as a stepping stone for next year — then we'll play some

Gene Corrigan, Irish athletic director, said before Saturday's game against Air Force that Notre Dame probably would accept the Liberty Bowl invitation. But later he apparently changed his mind.

Corrigan said Liberty Bowl founder and executive director A.F. "Bud" Dudley - a Notre Dame alum and former director of the university's alumni organization -- described the Boston College-Notre Dame matchup as "a dream game."

Liberty Bowl officials said Saturday they were considering Oklahoma, Arizona State and Washington State as possible opponents for Boston College if Notre Dame withdraws from the Dec. 29 bowl game.

Oklahoma remains uninterested in playing in a postseason football bowl game, despite Notre Dame's announcement that it had asked the Liberty Bowl to look for another participant, an Oklahoma sports official said Saturday.

"I still don't think we are interested in going to a bowl at this time," said Mike Treps, OU sports

information director. "Coach (Barry) Switzer has been adamant in saying we will be going only to Hawaii. At the present time nothing's happened that would change that."

But Treps said he did not know if the school would accept the bowl bid if it was offered.

Oklahoma, 7-3, is scheduled to play the University

of Hawaii in Honolulu on Dec. 9. Treps said Saturday evening that the school had

not been contacted by Liberty Bowl officials.

"I'm sure the Liberty Bowl people have been taken by surpise and probably have to have a meeting and decide what to do," he said. "There hasn't been much time for anything to happen."

"Again, the same problem occurred with the Liberty Bowl as with others, we might not take as many fans along as they'd like to come because of Hawaii," he said.

Many bowls were already set before Saturday's games, but others weren't settled until some things were settled.

UCLA's 27-17 win over Southern California coupled with Washington's 17-6 loss to Washington State put UCLA in the Rose Bowl for the second straight year. Washington will oppose Penn State in the Aloha Bowl.

Michigan's win over Ohio State placed the Wolverines in the Sugar Bowl against Auburn, while the losing Buckeyes will head to the Fiesta Bowl to meet Pittsburgh.

Mississippi rallied to edge Mississippi State, 24-23, and secure a spot in the Independence Bowl against Air Force.

Maryland assured itself of a place in the Florida Citrus Bowl by whipping North Carolina State, 29-6. The Terrapins' opponent in Orlando, Fla., will be Tennessee.

AP Photo

GO, EDDIE, GO - Iowa running back Eddie Phillips runs past a Minnesota defender Saturday, something he did all afternoon. Phillips gained 172 yards on 17 carries to become the Hawkeyes' alltime career rushing leading with 2,144 yards. He also scored three touchdowns Saturday.

BOWLS AT A GLANCE

Bowl	Date	Site	TV Station	Time	Teams
Independenc	e Dec. 10	Shreveport, La.	Miziou/ESPN	7:00 p.m.	Air Force vs. Mississippi
California	Dec. 17		Mizlou/ESPN	\$\$\$\$\$\$.\$	N. Illinois vs. Fullerton St.
Florida Citru	s 'Dec. 17	Orlando, Fla.	Miziou/ESPN	7:00 p.m.	Maryland vs. Tennessee
Holiday	Dec. 23		Mizlou/ESPN	8:00 p.m.	BYU vs. Missouri
Sun	Dec. 24	El Paso, Texas	CBS	2:00 p.m.	SMU vs. Alabama
Aloha	Dec. 26	Honolulu	Metro/ESPN	7:00 p.m.	Penn State vs. Washington
Liberty	Dec. 29		Katz Comm.	7:30 p.m.	Boston Col. vs. TBA
Gator	Dec. 30	Jacksonville, Fla.	ABC	7:00 p.m.	lowa vs. Florida
Hall of Fame	Dec. 30	Birmingham, Ala.	WTBS	1:00 p.m.	Kentucky vs. West Virginia
Peach	Dec. 30	Atlanta	CBS	2:00 p.m.	N. Carolina vs. Florida St.
Bluebonnet	Dec. 31	Houston	Miziou/ESPN	7:00 p.m.	Oklahoma St. vs. Baylor
Cotton	Jan. 2	Dallas	CBS	12:30 p.m.	Texas vs. Georgia
Fiesta	Jan. 2	Tempe	NBC	12:30 p.m.	Ohio State vs. Pittsburgh
Orange	Jan. 2	Miami	NBC	7:00 p.m.	Nebraska vs. Miami, Fla.
Sugar	Jan. 2	New Orleans	ABC	7:00 p.m.	Auburn vs. Michigan
Rose	Jan 2	Pasadena	NBC	4:00 p.m.	Illinois vs. UCLA

Cowboys tie up Archer

By Bob Denney

Gazette sportswriter AMES — Oklahoma State's Cowboys booked passage on Air Archer Saturday afternoon, and are now flying their way to the Bluebonnet

Bowl. The Cowboys, confounding Iowa State's passing attack and quarterback David Archer, used two early turnovers to roll to a 30-7 victory over the Cyclones in a Big Eight Conference football finale at Iowa

State Stadium. The Bluebonnet Bowl in Houston will be Oklahoma State's eighth post-season appearance. The 7-4 defensive-minded Cowboys meet Baylor, Dec. 31. Iowa State, retiring 4-7 under first-year coach Jim Criner, srw its hopes for a sweet Criner. "It would have been a great

"Cyclone Bowl" climax turn sour opportunity for us to finish strong early.

the Big Eight at 3-4. - a blocked punt and a fumbled very proud of the way our defense kickoff return — spelled disaster. The ISU offense, meanwhile, never really got untracked. You might say "Air Archer" was grounded due to the Cowboys' alert and crafty defen-

sive scheme. Oklahoma State, already a proven defensive giant a month ago in its 14-10 loss to No. 1 Nebraska, rattled the plans of pass-minded Iowa State

and before a crowd of 46,517. "I'm very, very disappointed in the loss for our seniors," said ISU's

and meaningful for our seniors and The loss moved ISU into a tie our program. It was a tough loss for with the Cowboys for fourth place in us. I don't feel we played anywhere near as well offensively as we've A pair of first-quarter turnovers played the last three games. I'm played and got after them."

Criner later thanked reporters, adding, "There will be days when we'll be drinking champagne in

The Cowboys began their way to holiday cheer by building a 14-0 cushion in the first quarter scoring two touchdowns in a span of 49 seconds. Defensive end Harry Roberts blocked Doug Myers' first

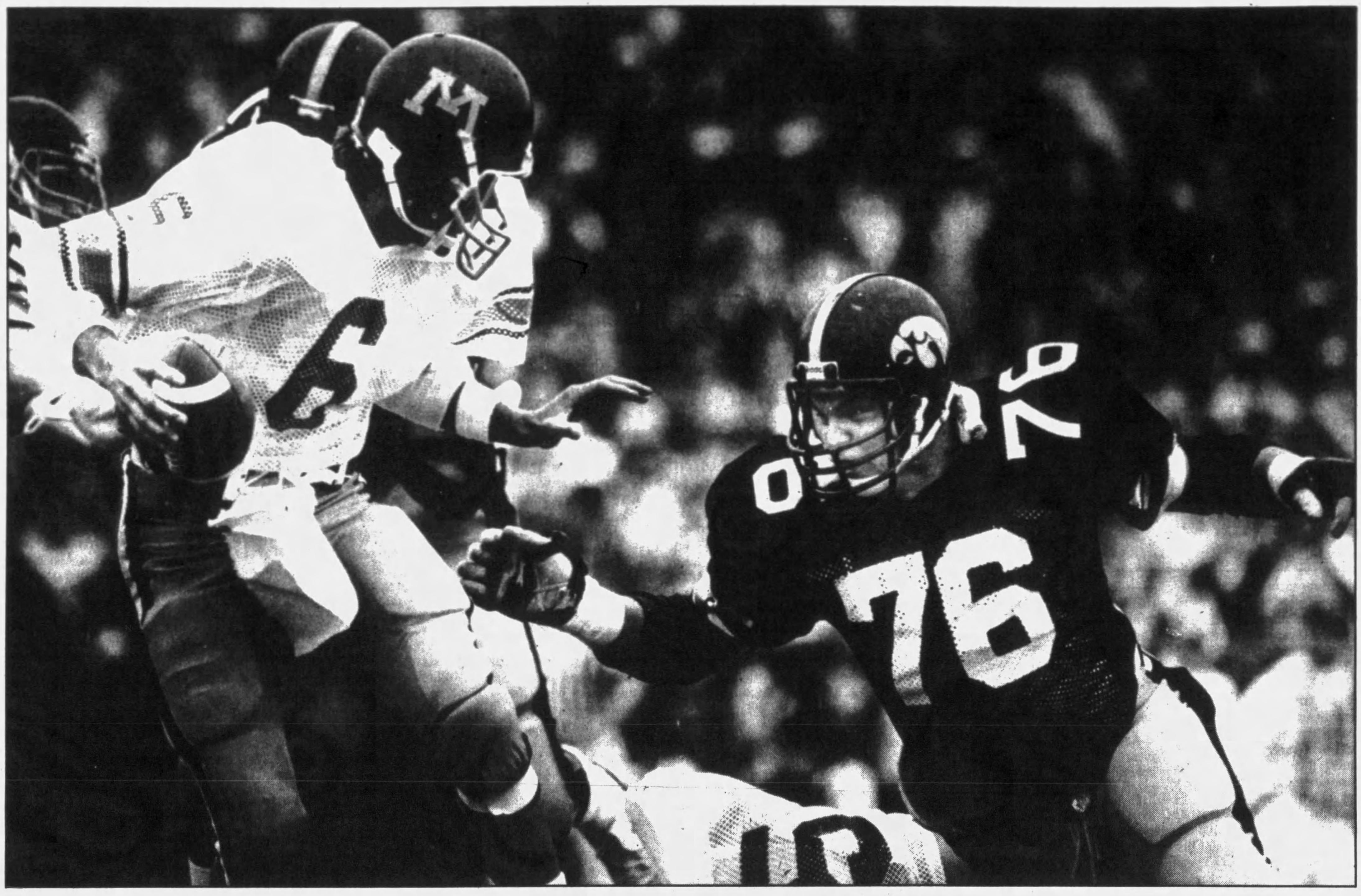
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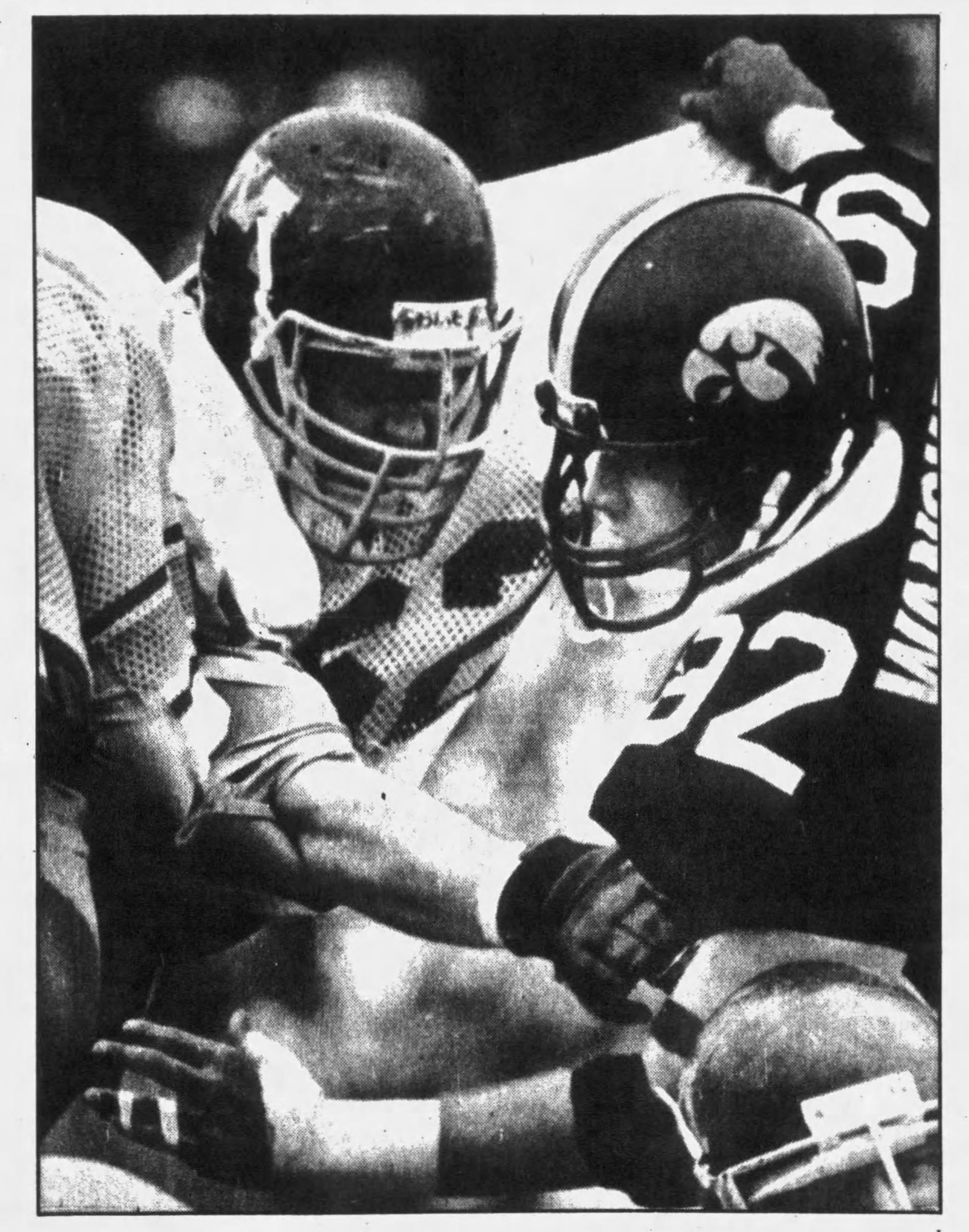
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Left: The crowd sends an lowa cheerleader up the stadium the hard way. Below: Minnesota quarterback Brett Sadek (6) is in the sights of lowa tackle Jeff Drost.



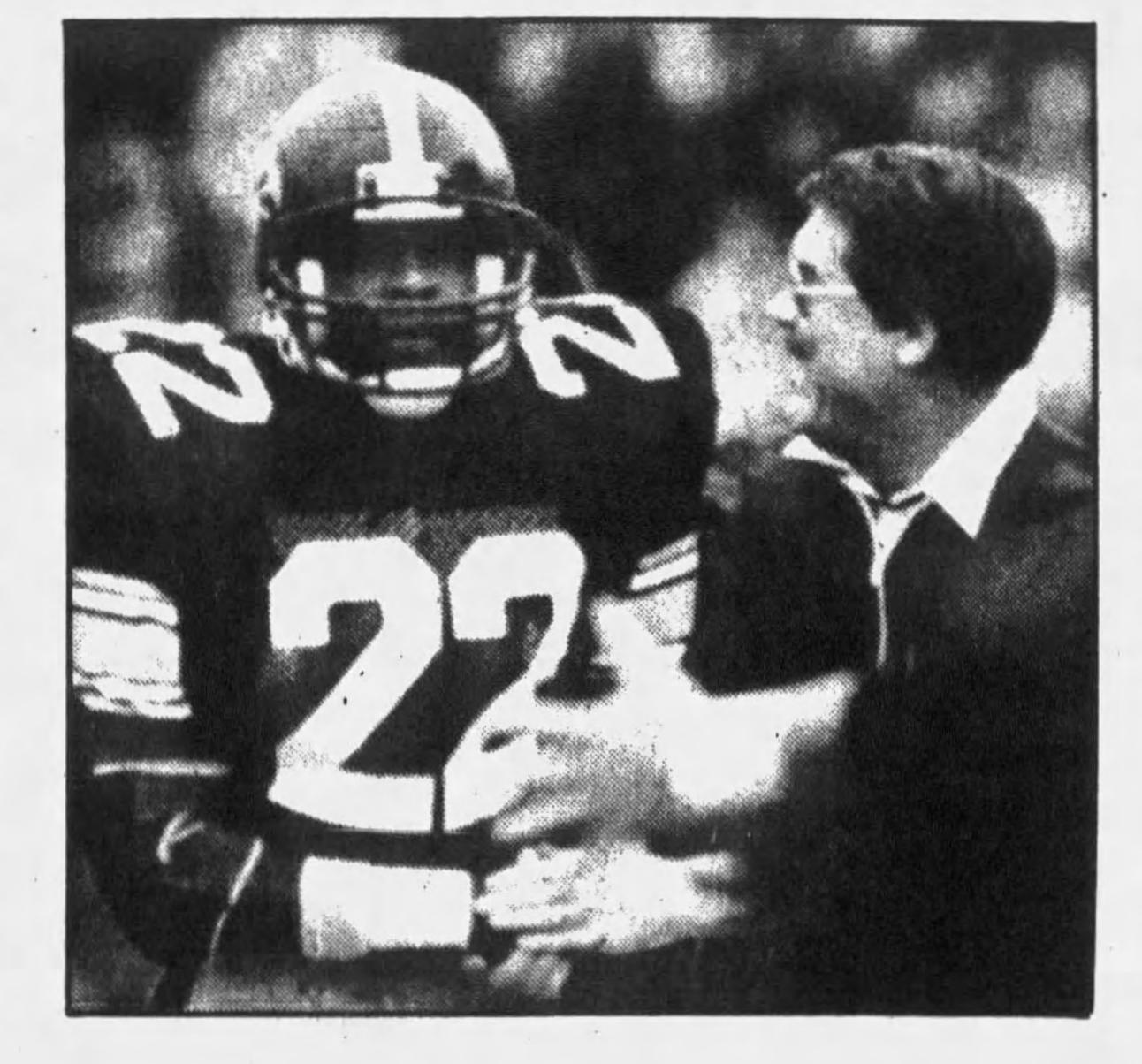
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Above: lowa defender Tony Wancket is locked in combat with Minnesota lineman Jim Hobbins. Right: Coach Hayden Fry and others congratulate Hawkeye running back Eddie Phillips, who set an lowa career rushing record.

Photos by John McIvor and Associated Press



Fry's poppin' his buttons

By Brian Chapman Gazette sportswriter

IOWA CITY — Iowa football coach Hayden Fry, trailed by two green-jacketed Gator Bowl representatives, made his way through a massive media crowd in his post-game conference room and, smiling warmly, passed out a number of verbal bouquets.

"I'm poppin' my buttons," Fry said after exchanging pleasantries with the Gator people and formally accepting an invitation to appear in the Gator Bowl Dec. 30 in Jacksonville, Fla.

"I'm so proud to see this program turn around into one of the nation's better programs."

With Saturday's 61-10 romp past Minnesota, Fry racked up his third consecutive winning season with the Hawkeyes. Fry stands 25-10 during that stretch, and that kind of success often spawns rumors of job offers from other leading universities.

It did so Saturday.

"I tell them if you and Howard don't straighten up . . . " responded Fry, a big grin creasing his face, to a question posed by KCRG-TV's John Campbell.

The remark, greeted with a howl of laughter, was in reference to KGAN-TV's Howard James. Two weeks ago James lambasted Fry, accusing the Iowa coach of running up the score in Iowa's 49-3 pasting of Indiana.

But, there were no hard feelings this day.

"I haven't done the job I came here to do," continued Fry, who has stated in the past that his top goal before retiring is to win the national championship.

"Just like with the indoor football facility — I've found over my life that I'm not a smooth talker. Sometimes I'm a little controversial, but I still love to win.
"I'm not leaving unless they run me off."

Fry was heavy with praise for this year's football squad. "We've got a great football team at the University of Iowa. They did a super job in the game today. To go 9-2 and have a chance to go 10-2 and play a team like Florida in one

Fry even lauded the media, saying, "Without the tremendous exposure you people have given us, I don't think we could have recruited or built the program as successfully as we have."

The coach explained it was Iowa's intention to "jump on Minnesota right away and not let them get in the game."

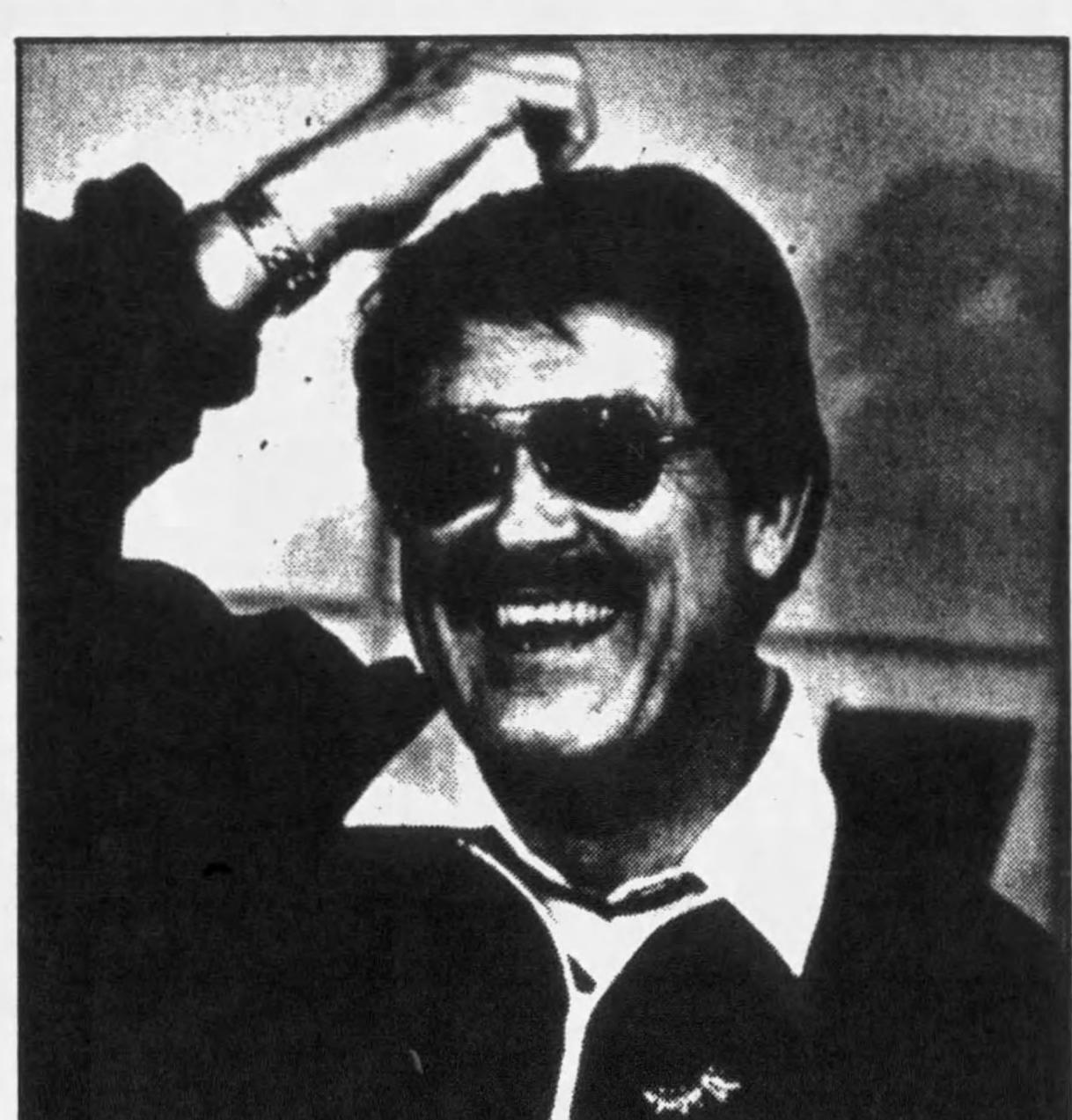
EDDIE PHILLIPS sped 80 yards on the game's first play, and Fry said he "never dreamed we would have scored our first touchdown on our first play. We had never run that formation before, and it caught them completely off guard."

Phillips Saturday became Iowa's all-time leading career rusher. He said he was surprised he achieved the record because "I didn't know when I would get healthy again. I strained a thigh muscle in the pre-season and it's bothered me ever since."

Phillips, who happily cradled only the third game ball to be awarded to an Iowa player during the past three seasons, said he was "thrilled" to be Gator Bowl-bound.

"That was my goal when I came here, to go to bowls.
When that happened when I was a sophomore (the Rose Bowl), I said, 'Oh, wow, this soon!'

According to Phillips, Phil Blatcher was given a game ball in 1981 for his 247-yard rushing outburst against



Coach Hayden Fry

Michigan State, and Phillips earned a game ball a year ago for his 198-yard rushing performance against Minnesota.

Wingback Ronnie Harmon closed out the Hawks' scoring, zipping 11 yards while operating from his favorite position—tailback. Harmon, who may play tailback next year, said he "wanted to score on that play, since I was at running back."

Currently a 190-pounder, Harmon reported his goal is to weigh 210 by next August. "I'm going to have to do a lot of weightlifting, a lot of eating," he said.

Speaking of his immediate future, Harmon added, "I'm ready to go to Florida, have a nice time, play a good game."

FRY DISCUSSED the Hawkeyes' Gator Bowl opponent, Florida.

"We have called some people familiar with the Florida bowls," he said, "and they were all complimentary about the facilities, the hospitality, things of that nature.

"By the way, we've already done a little research, and the University of Florida is one of the better teams in America — no doubt about it.

"They're a super team with great personnel."

However, Fry said, "I think we can play with anyone in the country."

Linebacker Kevin Spitzig, defensive tackle Paul Hufford and split end Dave Moritz were forced out of the Minnesota game with knee injuries. Fry said he believes all three will be "okay" for the Gator Bowl.

The Hawkeyes will not gather again until they report for a team meeting Nov. 30. Fry said he expects quarterback Chuck Long, who did not suit up for Saturday's game, to report then in full health.

Long sprained an ankle in Iowa's victory at Michigan State a week ago. He was on the sidelines Saturday in a yellow sweater and slacks, wearing a headphone.

the old high of 464 against Washington State in

 Iowa had three 100-yard rushers in a game for the first time ever. Phillips had 172, Norm Granger 123 and Owen Gill 104.

 Phillips broke the career rushing record with . 10:15 remaining on a three-yard run. His 2,144yard total is 11 yards more than Dennis Mosley's in 1976-79.

• The Hawkeyes went undefeated at home (5-(0) for the first time since 1960.

 This is only the third team in Iowa history to win nine games in a season. The others were in 1956 and 1903.

Joe Salem, the Minnesota coach who resigned earlier in the season, expressed his season-long frustration by declining to hold a press conference. The Gophers allowed a Big Ten record 518 points and had six teams score 50 or more points

"I don't want anyone in here," he said. "It's been a very long day."

Iowa scored on its first five possessions and roared to a 34-0 halftime lead. But it was the game's first play which set the tone.

Phillips, 215-pound senior from Chicago, took a pitch to the right, cut slightly toward the middle of the field behind some great blocking and sped 80 yards for the score.

"We had never run that formation (with two wings) and caught them completely off guard," Fry explained. "We wanted to jump on them right away and not let them get in the game."

Phillips, who had 198 yards against the Gophers last year, finished with 17 carries for 172 yards and three touchdowns. His 10.3-yard per carry average was typical of the lowa backs, as the team got 8.2 yards per running play.

"My only reaction to the run was that if I would have let anybody catch me, I never would have heard the end of it," said Phillips, who was awarded the game ball for the second straight year against Minnesota. "This game ball is like a trophy. But I never could have got all that yardage without the offensive linemen."

Senior Tom Grogan started at quarterback in place of regular Chuck Long, who wore street clothes and a headset on the sidelines. Grogan, who didn't practice all week because of back spasms, hit half of his 22 pass attempts for 97 yards.

Grogan scrambled 20 yards for an apparent touchdown on Iowa's second possession, but a holding penalty nullified the play. Iowa had firstand-goal at the Minnesota 6, but settled for Tom Nichol's 25-yard field goal.

On the Hawks' third possession, Ronnie Harmon's 26-yard run on a reverse and a personal foul penalty on Minnesota carried Iowa to the Gopher nine. Phillips blew into the end zone on the next play for a 17-0 lead with 3:46 left in the quarter.

Tom Nichol kicked a 22-yard field goal on the Hawks' fourth possession. Nichol broke school season records for field goals (12), PATs (44), and PAT attempts (47).

Grogan kept that drive alive when he hit Bill . Happel of Cedar Rapids with a 10-yard pass on fourth-and-nine at the Minnesota 20. Happel was lowa's leading receiver with five catches for 54 yards.

Owen Gill's 41-yard run with 8:20 left in the half hiked the Iowa cushion to 27-0. Gill, who used nine carries to gain 104 yards, broke a tackle at the 30 and bullied his way past a Gopher defender at the five.

Robert Smith's 29-yard punt return put Iowa at the Gopher 25 later in the second quarter. On the first play, Harmon made a juggling catch over Phil Sutton in the end zone from senior Cornelius Robertson, who quarterbacked Iowa's final three

series' of the half. Despite a 34-point half, the Iowa fans saved their loudest ovation of the first 30 minutes for the defense.

A 23-yard Brett Sadek pass to Lungen Howard gave Minnesota first-and-goal from the Iowa one with 17 seconds remaining. But Sadek was stuffed on a sneak, then Tony Wancket buried Sadek for a six-yard loss on the last play of the

Wancket had eight solo tackles, including five of Iowa's 14 stops for losses. His 10 total tackles were matched by linebacker Kevin Spitzig. Larry Station had nine stops.

Minnesota stunned Iowa on a 66-yard touchdown pass from Sadek to Kevin Starks on the fifth play of the second half. Starks did most of the work, though, as he eluded Mike Stoops at mid-field and outran Nate Creer the rest of the way.

Harmon, who had 75 yards on just four carries, gave Iowa a 41-7 lead with 4:44 left in the third quarter. He took the ball from Grogan on a passrun option reverse, followed Jon Roehlk's crushing block and roared into the end zone from 22 yards out.

Phillips made it 47-7 on a one-yard run early in the fourth quarter, capping a 10-play march. But then it was Granger's turn.

Displaying the speed of a tailback, Granger broke away on a 65-yard scoring run to give lowe a 54-7 lead with 9:06 remaining. He had 123

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Harmon, running at tailback late in the game, capped the scoring with 24 seconds left. He took a handoff to the right, cut back left and outran defenders into the end zone.

yards on just nine carries, and became only the

20th back in Iowa history to gain 1,000 career



Iowa 61, Minnesota 10

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First downs	- 14	30
Rushes-yards	40-62	47-517
Passing yards	246	139
Return yards	27	66
Passes	14-28-2	14-33-1
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Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	4-51	5-55
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lowa — Granger 65 run (Nichol kick) lowo - Harmon 11 run (Nichol kick)

> Individual Statistics MINNESOTA PASSING

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MINNEAPOLIS — Iowa crowned champions or co-champions in seven of the 10 weights at the Minnesota Quad wrestling tournament held Saturday at the University of Minnesota.

No team scores were kept in the meet, which included teams from Minnesota, Northern Iowa and Mankato State, as well as Iowa.

Hawkeye champions were Tim Riley (126 pounds), Lindley Kistler (167), Duane Goldman (177) and Pete Bush (190).

Sharing titles were David Ray and Greg Randall (134), Jeff Kerber and Kevin Dresser (142) and Al Frost and Marty Kistler (150).

Other Hawkeyes to place were Matt Egeland (2nd at 118), Jim Zalesky (2nd at 158), Steve Wilbur (2nd at heavyweight), Troy Johnston (3rd at 177), Paul Glynn (4th at 126), Bob Kaufman (5th at 158) and Dave Martin (5th at 167).

Zalesky forfeited the final at 158 because of

Championship Matches

118 - Ed Giese (M) dec. Matt Egeland (I), 10-3; 126 - Tim Riley (I) dec. Blake Bonjean (M), 6-4; 134 — David Ray (I) dec. Jerry Pritchett (M), 9-5; Greg Randall (1) dec. Kurt Shedenhelm (UNI), 10-4; 142 - Kevin Dresser (1) dec. Brett Rasmussen (M), 8-4; Jeff Kerber (1) dec. Lew Sondgeroth (UNI), 15-5; 150 - Marty Kistler (1) dec. Eugene Green (M), 9-3; Al Frost (I) dec. Todd Deutsch (UNI), 17-6; 158 — Steve Martinez (M) won by default; 167 — Lindley Kistler (I) dec. Jay Llewellyn (UNI), 4-3; 177 — Duane Goldman (I) ref. dec. Mike Foy (M), 8-8; 190 — Pete Bush (1) pinned Dave Bossard (UNI), 1:13; Hwt. — Al Jenson (M) dec. Steve

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A LOOK AT THE GATOR BOWL

Florida scout: lowa 'great'

ootball team" after its 61-10 romp

Florida, which closes its regular season Dec. 3 against Florida State, will play Iowa in the Gator Bowl Dec. 30 in Jacksonville, Fla.

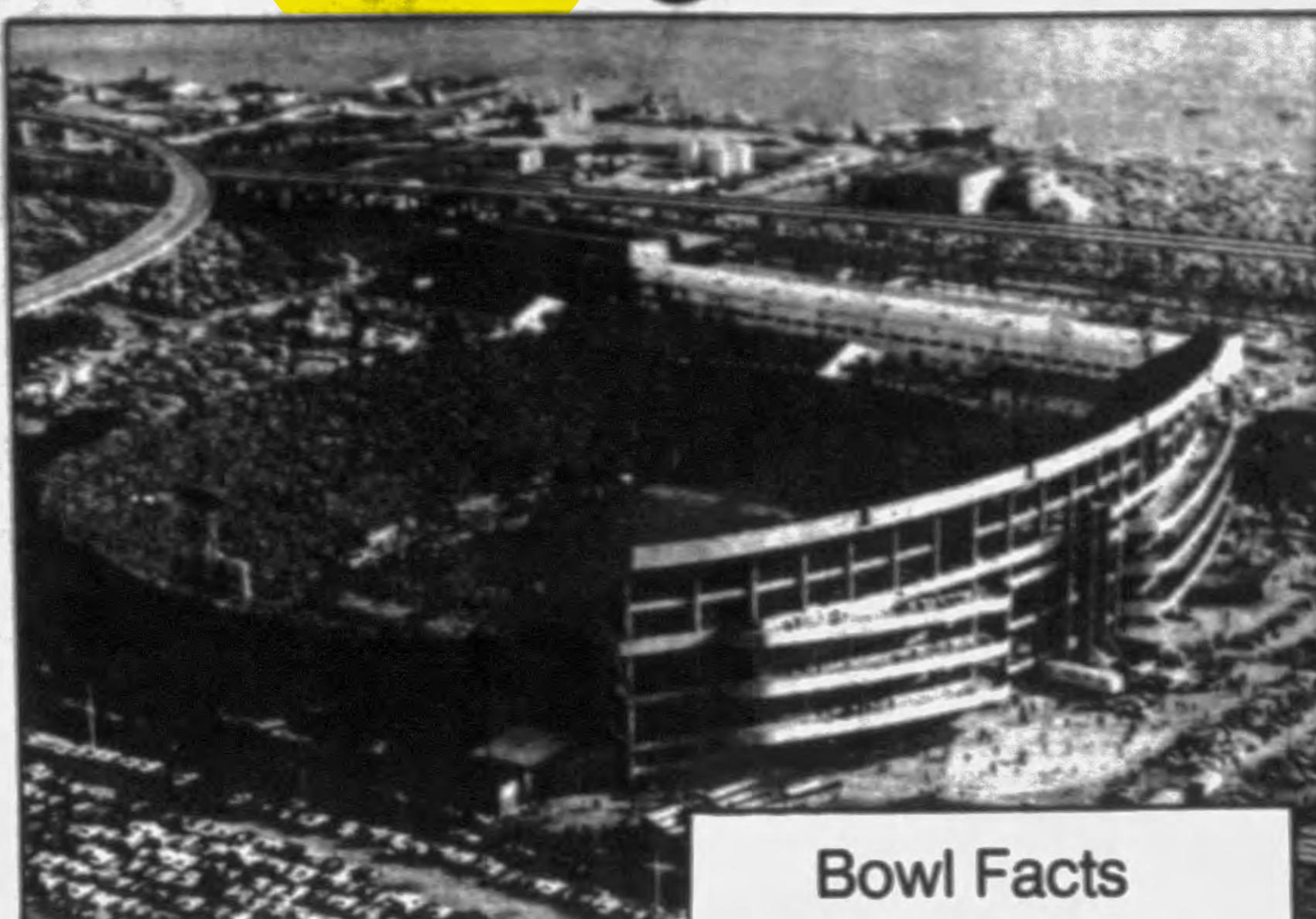
"They are versatile in so many ways," said Shanahan, who also is lators' offensive coordinator quarterbacks coach. "What makes their offense so tough to stop is that they move the football with a fine balance of running and pass-

ong, the Hawkeyes' record-setsignal-caller, suffered an injured ankle last week and didn't suit up against Minnesota. Even so, lowa amassed 656 total yards - including a 517-yard rushing attack which sported three, 100-yard runners.

"Everything Iowa did was good, but it's hard to tell just how good they are without their top man (Long) in there," said Shanahan, who was Minnesota's offensive coordinator under Joe Salem in 1979. "Any time an offense moves the way Iowa did, it gives you an idea of how strong they are."

Shanahan said his Florida offense, which features quarterback Wayne Peace, will get a stiff challenge from Iowa's defense.

"They are aggressive and I'm amazed how well they go to the ball," he said. "They seem to give up some yardage in the middle of the field, but they hardly ever break and they keep you out of the end zone."





39th Gator Bowl

Date: Friday, Dec. 30 Time: 7 p.m., lowa time Site: Jacksonville, Fla.

Location: 1,151 miles from Cedar Rapids; in the northeast corner of Florida, midway between Atlanta and Miami; on the Atlantic Ocean coast.

Population: 530,000 Television: ABC

Stadium capacity: about 81,-Previous Big 10 appearances: Ohio State in 1978 (Clemson

won, 17-15); Michigan in 1979 (North Carolina won, 17-15). Last year's game: Florida State 31, West Virginia 12

Last year's payoffs: \$599,305 to each team

Officials expect ball to be flying

By Mark Dukes

Gazette assistant sports editor

IOWA CITY — Gator Bowl officials John Lanahan and Bill Florida Dec. 30 in Jacksonville, Fla.

"I don't think Florida can stop lowa and I don't think lowa the northeast corner of Kinnick. can stop Florida," said Nimnicht, president of the Gator Bowl Association.

Lanahan, a past president of the Gator Bowl Association and life member of the selection committee, added the 39th Gator Bowl could be one of the most exciting ever. "Both teams throw the ball a lot and do a lot of scoring, so

fans should see plenty of points scored," he said. "It's good for us, because you hate to match teams that are going to play a 7-3 or 10-7 game. "We like the Big Ten because it's one of the Cadillac

leagues in the country, along with the SEC." Ohio State and Michigan are the only other Big Ten teams to play in the Gator Bowl. And, ironically, both lost by a score of 17-15. Clemson beat Ohio State in 1978, and North

Carolina topped Michigan the next year.

One of the loudest cheers during lowa's 61-10 romp over Minnesota Saturday came in response to Lanahan. He and Nimnicht expect a high scoring game when lowa meets Nimnicht moved toward the locker room with two minutes remaining, and Lanahan gave a thumbs-up to lowa fans in

Cheers of the Iowa partisans induced Lanahan into another thumbs up. Then they chanted, "Gator, Gator, Gator."

Iowa Coach Hayden Fry accepted the Gator Bowl invitation in a packed press conference. "We accept with honor," he told Nimnicht and Lanahan. "We'll have a great

Fry said Iowa will leave for Florida "a few days before Christmas." He said the Hawkeyes will work out at Daytona Beach until about Dec. 26, when they will go to Jacksonville for final preparations. Nimnicht indicated Iowa will practice at a high school in

Jacksonville, probably at Sandlewood. Iowa will not resume practice until the Wednesday after

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