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Gators put bite on Hawkeyes, 14-6

MARC HANSEN

at the Gator Bowl

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. — Hayden Fry issued the warning earlier this week. Never had he brought a team into a game — any game — so unprepared.

No one was arguing after Florida's 14-6 Gator Bowl victory Friday night. Who knows whether the foul weather that wouldn't cooperate with the Hawkeye practice schedule had anything to do with shrinking the big-play offense that had served Iowa so well this season? It certainly didn't help, but that's too easy.

"I've never had this kind of layoff," he said. "Last year before the Peach Bowl we got in four workouts at home before we came to Atlanta. Fortunately the weather was a whole lot better then. No way we could have done that this year."

It was a rationalization, of course. Florida beat Iowa plain and simple in a dreadful game. But if Fry didn't attribute the uninspired offensive play to the uninspired weather, he'd probably go mad wondering why the No. 3 offense in the land couldn't escape its shadow for 60 minutes.

"It must have been the layoff," Fry said. "I can't believe we're that bad a team."

And all those penalties. Florida had a Gator Bowl record 12 of them and Iowa had seven. If this were basketball both teams would have been shooting free throws all night. It would have been the one-and-bonus before any of the 81,283 eyewitnesses had a chance to catch Florida frostbite.

It was far from the artistic success it was supposed to be. Fry had an inkling of that afterward when he asked a mob of fact-finders what they thought. That was a first.

"I don't know what that national audience thought about it," he said. "It was good defensively, but that's about it. Thank goodness that defense is back next year. You probably saw two of the better defensive teams in the nation out there tonight."

Before the kickoff, all the hype and buildup added up to the best of the bowl games. Somebody must have added wrong. The only things that added up once the game started were the penalties.

Even the battle between two of the best quarterbacks in the land started slow before fizzling out altogether.

When everyone was talking scoring, scoring, scoring the past two weeks, Fry was shaking his head. Watch for a defensive game, he said.

Right again. This is going to be like starting over, he told us. The defense will be ahead of the offense. As it turned out, the race wasn't even close. Why, Chuck Long, the second most efficient passer in the country, had never thrown four interceptions in his life.

"I'm sure Charlie's shaking his head," Fry said. Sure enough. Charlie was doing exactly that.

"Things like this happen," he said. "It's just too bad it had to happen when it did — on national TV and everything. "We didn't execute and I forced the ball a few times. It's the first time I've ever had four interceptions and I hope it's the last. This was one of the most frustrating games I ever had."

"Frustrating" seemed to be the byword late Friday night. Without a doubt, the word graced the Top 10 in Fry's vocabulary. Usually, it was coupled with the word "extremely."

Believe it. Maybe THE most frustrating. The last time Chuck Long threw as many as three interceptions, the phrase "destined for greatness" was only a prediction. The opponent was Arizona, the season was 1982 and the week was No. 3. A while back, in other words. But even that game had a happy ending.

From Iowa's standpoint, it wasn't much to look at, unless you're a defense freak. Wayne Peace, the second most prolific passer in Southeastern Conference history, completed nine of 22 passes for 92 yards. He never hit for fewer passes in any of Florida's previous 11 games.

"I didn't expect a high-scoring game," Long said. "I thought Florida's defense was better than Illinois'. Our running backs weren't healthy against Illinois, and tonight they were. That No. 88 [linebacker Wilber Marshall] is really a great player."

And there was nothing sophomoric about the play of sophomore running back Neal Anderson, who almost had the run of the place. Anderson rushed for 84 yards and overshadowed the fact that Peace wasn't having the best of games.

There were dropped passes and delay penalties that slowed Iowa down once it was gaining speed. Long and Fry will tell you the man on the 25-second clock was living in fast-motion the first half.

Time wasn't on Iowa's side, but neither were the Hawkeyes.

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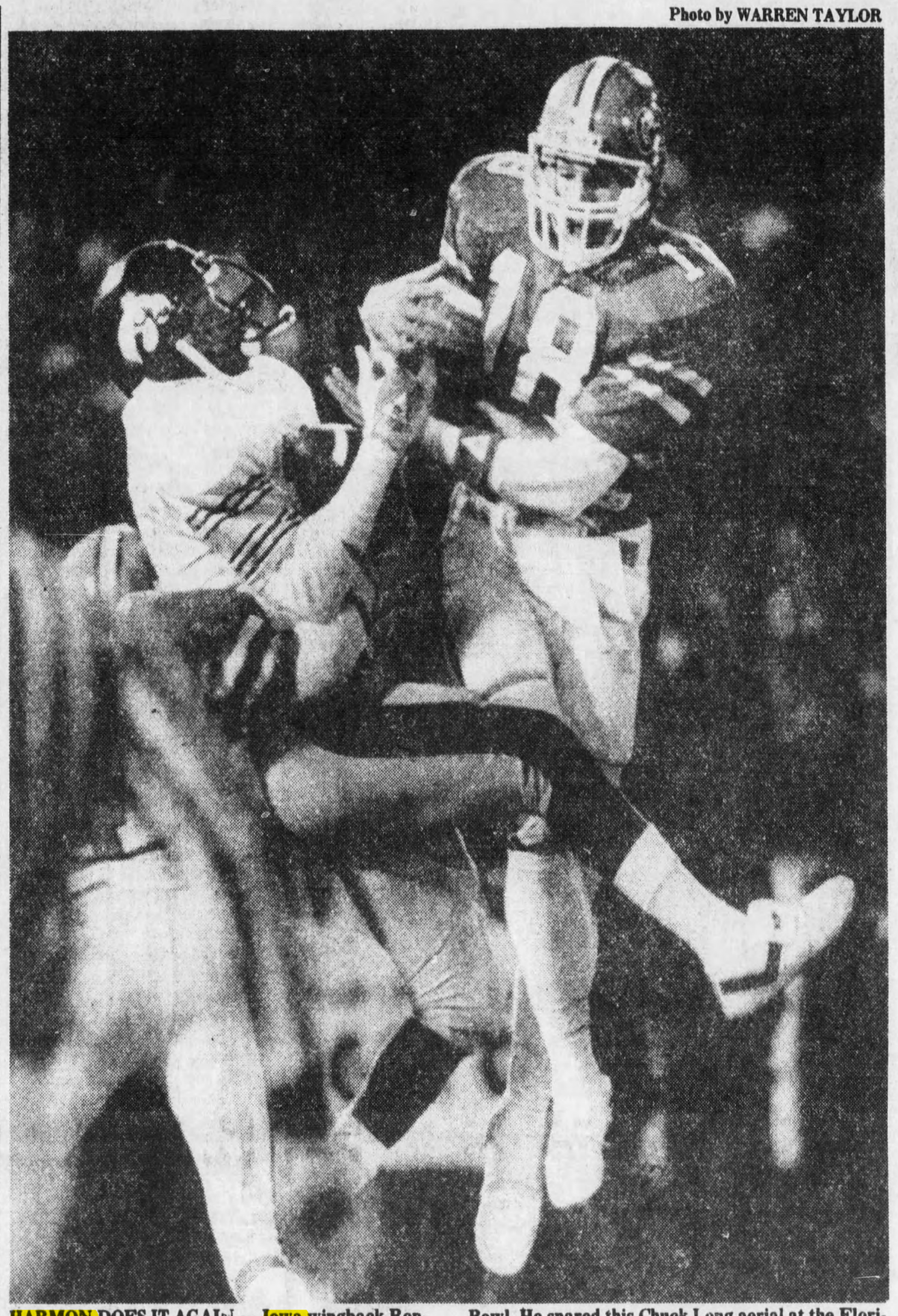

HARMON DOES IT AGAIN — Iowa wingback Ronnie Harmon makes another of his tremendous circus catches in first-half action of Friday night's Gator Bowl. He snared this Chuck Long aerial at the Florida 8-yard line between Tony Lilly (18) and another Gator defender.

Turnovers prove costly in 'Gator'

BY BUCK TURNBULL
Register Staff Writer

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. — It may go down as a memorable Gator Bowl game here Friday night — but for all the wrong reasons.

Certainly no one in a record crowd of 81,293 will forget the bitterly cold, subfreezing weather, nor will Iowa and Florida forget all the chilly and rainy days leading up to the 39th annual classic.

But the game itself will not be long remembered, mostly because the teams did not have the practice preparation they needed, and they played like it.

Florida walked off with a 14-6 victory but had a record 12 penalties in the process. And Iowa was penalized seven times in the ragged contest.

The Hawkeyes came here with one of the nation's most powerful offenses, yet could not even score a touchdown. They had the country's No. 2 passer in Chuck Long, yet he surrendered four interceptions after throwing only eight throughout the entire season.

The biggest play of the game was a fumbled snap from center. And that tells you what kind of game it was for the shivering fans.

Florida seemed headed for a 7-3 halftime lead, and thus it figured to be anybody's game in the second half before a national TV audience.

But then Iowa's Tom Nichol failed to catch the ball while standing in his

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end zone ready to punt with a little more than 1 minute left in the second quarter.

Compounding the error, Nichol didn't fall on the ball for a safety after it bounced off his helmet. And suddenly Florida linebacker Doug Drew was there to fall on it for the decisive Gator touchdown.

"It was my fault," said the disheartened Nichol afterward. Asked if he taken his eye off the center snap to cause the fumble, he just repeated: "It was my fault."

Iowa Coach Hayden Fry held his hands in front of his face in describing where Nichol received the ball from center Joel Hilgenberg.

"Tommy missed it," explained Fry, "and then he made a very bad mistake. He tried to pick it up instead of falling on the ball. If he'd fallen on it, Florida would have gotten only two points and not a touchdown.

"The Florida guy came in from the back side to recover it. The sad part was, Florida had a return on and he (Drew) was the only player rushing the kicker."

The Hawkeyes also got a bad break as Nichol sought to retrieve the ball. Fullback Norm Granger was back as a blocker and it rolled between his legs, allowing Drew to make the recovery.

"But we just didn't play well enough to win," added Fry. "We have no alibis, no excuses. Florida did a heck of a job against us, and I'm sure Charley Pell is shaking his head that he was able to win with a high-powered offense that scored only one touchdown.

"We have a high-powered offense and couldn't even score a touchdown."

Nichol's two field goals from 32 and 31 yards accounted for Iowa's only points.

Florida tailback Neal Anderson was the game's leading rusher with 84 yards in 17 carries, and more than half came on a stunning 47-yard after the first of Tony Lilly's two interceptions

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Statistics

	Iowa	Fla
First downs	16	14
Rushes-yards	40-114	44-168
Passing yards	167	92
Return yards	33	34
Passes	13-30-4	9-23-2
Punts	2-40	7-38
Fumbles-lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-yards	7-44	12-105

SCORING

Iowa	0	3	3	0	— 6
Florida	7	7	0	0	— 14

Fla — N. Anderson 1 run (Raymond kick)
Iowa — FG Nichol 32
Fla — Drew recovered fumbled snap by Iowa punter in end zone (Raymond kick)
Iowa — FG Nichol 31
A — 81,293

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing — Iowa: Gill 10-83, Granger 9-37; Florida: N. Anderson 17-84, J.L. Williams 10-68.
Passing — Iowa: Long 13-29-4-167, Nichol 0-1-0-0; Florida: Peace 9-22-2-92, Dixon 0-1-0-0.
Receiving — Iowa: R. Harmon 6-90, Granger 2-22; Florida: Dixon 5-55.

Sharp Hawk cagers tame Memphis State

By RON MALY
Register Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — There were some National Basketball Association scouts in the audience Friday night, and Iowa showed them some all-pro stuff en route to an impressive 73-66 victory over 17th-ranked Memphis State in the championship game of the Winston Tire Classic.

The Hawkeyes, pushing their season record to 7-2 while winning their fourth straight in-season tournament, will go into the Big Ten season next week with much more confidence after turning in an awesome performance before 6,227 fans — more than half of whom were cheering for Iowa.

Without a doubt, this was the Hawkeyes' best game of the season. Frankly, they were less than brilliant in some of their earlier December games, but they operated on all cylinders here against an opponent that now has a 7-3 record and was as high as 10th in some national rankings.

"Before the season started," said Iowa Coach George Raveling, "we set a bunch of goals, and one was to win four championships.

"We won our own tournament (the Amana-Hawkeye Classic), and got this one tonight. Now we want the Big Ten and National Collegiate championships. It's two down and two to go — and I feel good about it — but the next two championships will be much tougher to get."

Steve Carfino, Greg Stokes and Michael Payne of Iowa were named to the six-man all-tournament team. Joing them on the squad were Keith Lee of Memphis State, who was an unpopular choice as the tournament's

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IOWA	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	RB	A	PF	TP
Anderson	31	5-8	1-1	10	0	0	11
Payne	31	5-12	1-2	9	0	1	11
Stokes	23	1-5	4-5	2	0	4	6
Banks	32	5-9	2-3	5	1	1	12
Carfino	31	5-11	2-2	2	4	1	12
King	2	0-0	2-3	2	0	0	2
Fullard	6	0-1	2-2	0	0	0	2
Fort	6	0-1	0-1	0	0	1	0
Stange	1	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0
Berkenpas	4	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Ursery	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Snedecker	5	0-0	1-4	1	0	1	1
Boyle	6	0-1	6-6	1	0	2	6
Lohaus	21	4-8	2-2	6	0	4	10
Team				3			
Totals	200	25-57	23-31	41	6	17	73

MEMPHIS ST.	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	RB	A	PF	TP
Parks	35	2-13	8-9	6	1	1	12
Lee	29	5-11	1-3	15	3	4	11
Phillips	17	1-3	0-1	6	0	2	2
Turner	20	5-8	0-0	0	1	2	10
Haynes	33	5-11	0-0	1	0	3	10
McCoy	8	4-6	0-0	0	0	3	8
Albright	15	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
Wilfong	4	0-0	2-2	1	0	1	2
Holmes	12	3-7	0-0	4	1	4	6
Becton	5	0-2	0-0	1	0	1	0
Bedford	23	2-7	1-3	7	0	1	5
Team				3			
Totals	200	27-69	12-18	45	6	22	66

Iowa	29	44—73
Memphis State	22	44—66

Technicals — Bedford, Memphis State bench. A — 6,227.

Huskies rally, upend Drake

By PAUL ROWE
Register Staff Writer

Terry Hairston's driving layup with 2 minutes 42 seconds left to play gave Houston Baptist the lead for good, and the Huskies hit seven of eightfrom free-throw line down the stretch to rally past Drake, 57-53, in a non-conference game Friday night.

The game was played at Veterans Auditorium in Des Moines before a crowd of only 1,984.

Hairston's shot capped a second half rally that saw the Huskies overcome a

DRAKE

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HOUSTON BAPTIST (57)	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	RB	A	PF	TP
Goporo	4	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2
Jones	21½	0-0	5-6	0	1	2	5
Bigott	16	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Lavodrama	31½	2-9	2-7	6	0	3	6
England	39	7-9	6-6	5	1	3	20
Kongawoin	12	0-2	0-0	1	0	1	0
Hollins	32	1-5	3-4	2	0	4	5
Hairston	36	7-9	3-4	3	1	2	17
Lewis	8	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2
Totals	200	19-36	19-27	22	4	15	57

DRAKE (53)	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	RB	A	PF	TP
Nauman	31	0-0	0-1	1	0	2	0
Kreklow	35	1-1	2-2	1	0	4	4
Henderson	29	5-13	0-0	3	3	4	10
Weathers	12	1-2	0-0	1	1	1	2
O'Sh'nessy	9	2-2	0-0	0	0	1	4
Kendrick	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Jones	12½	0-1	0-0	2	1	0	0
Johnson	7	0-1	0-0	2	1	1	0
Mathis	33	6-14	5-6	6	1	3	17
Lloyd	27½	5-9	6-7	4	2	2	16
Totals	200	20-43	13-16	24	9	18	53

Hous. Baptist	20	37 — 57
Drake	28	25 — 53

Attendance — 1,984.

Despite 'poor game', Cyclones roll, 72-64

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. (AP) — It was a victory that Coach Johnny Orr wasn't giving away, because the 72-64 Iowa State decision over Ball State gave the Cyclones consolation honors in the Hoosier Classic basketball tournament Friday.

But, Orr said, "I think that was our poorest game of the year."

Terrence Allen and Barry Stevens scored six points apiece during a 20-2 scoring spurt that gave Iowa State a lead it never lost late in the first half.

The 6-foot 5-inch Stevens, who was named to the all-tournament team, had 13 of his team-high 21 points in the second half, including six in the final 4 minutes when the Cyclones had to hold off a late comeback bid, and Allen tied a career high with 20 points.

"Our spurt (in the first half) helped us tonight like it hurt us last night," Orr said, referring to a 2½-minute dry spell that allowed Boston College to take command of their first-round game with the Cyclones. "We got some good steals, but we could have stolen the ball more if we had put some real pressure on them."

"I guess you might say we lost our concentration," said Ball State Coach Al Brown. "We made some turnovers on the half-court pressure, but not on the press."

Ball State was down by 14 after a Stevens shot from the corner with 10:47 remaining in the game.

Rick Rowray, who had 21 to share game scoring laurels, pulled Ball State to within five points three times in the final 5:00. But the Cyclones were able to hold off the threat by connecting from the free throw line — hitting 10 of their last 12 — as Ball State was forced to foul in a bid to regain the basketball.

The Cyclones (8-2) trailed, 20-14, when Stevens hit a jumper from the free throw line with 8:50 left in the

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IOWA STATE (72)	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	RB	A	PF	TP
Stevens	36	8-20	5-7	4	3	2	21
Ro.Harris	29	1-6	-01	3	1	2	2
Moss	34	4-12	4-8	9	0	4	12
Allen	38	8-11	4-4	6	1	0	20
Hornacek	38	3-5	7-8	6	6	3	13
Virgil	19	1-3	2-2	2	3	0	4
Culbertson	6	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0
Team				8			
Totals	200	25-58	22-30	38	14	12	72

BALL STATE (64)	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	RB	A	PF	TP
LaFeve	20	0-3	2-2	3	1	3	2
Rowray	37	7-14	7-8	6	3	3	21
Lanzy	32	5-11	0-0	5	1	3	10
Furlin	23	2-11	0-0	4	1	4	4
Jones	34	5-9	0-0	4	0	4	10
Shelton	26	5-7	1-2	5	0	3	11
Clark	10	2-6	0-0	2	0	1	4
Chasser	18	1-1	0-0	4	1	4	2
Team				5			
Totals	200	27-62	10-12	38	7	25	64

Iowa State	40	32 — 72
Ball State	26	38 — 64

A — 16,962

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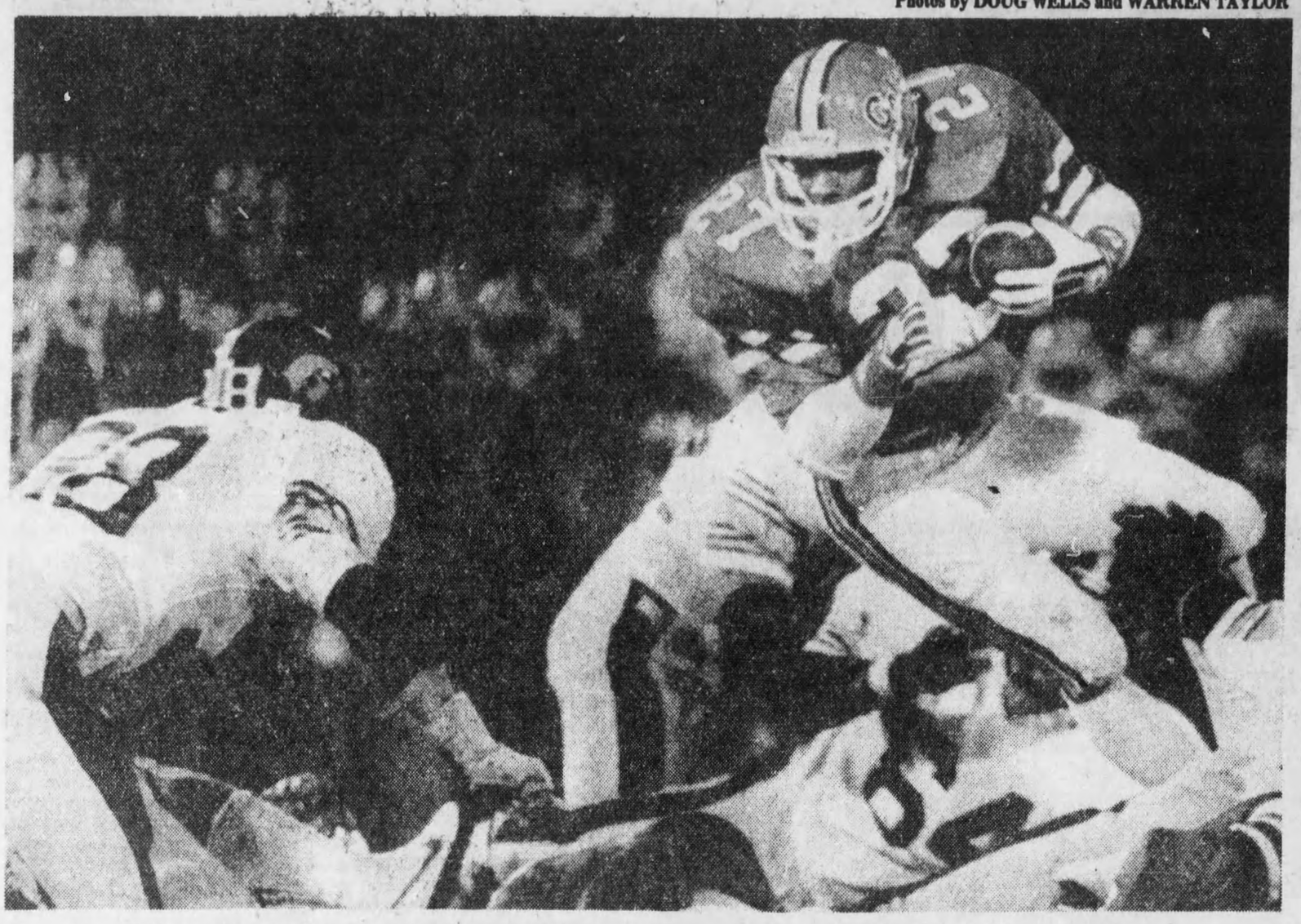
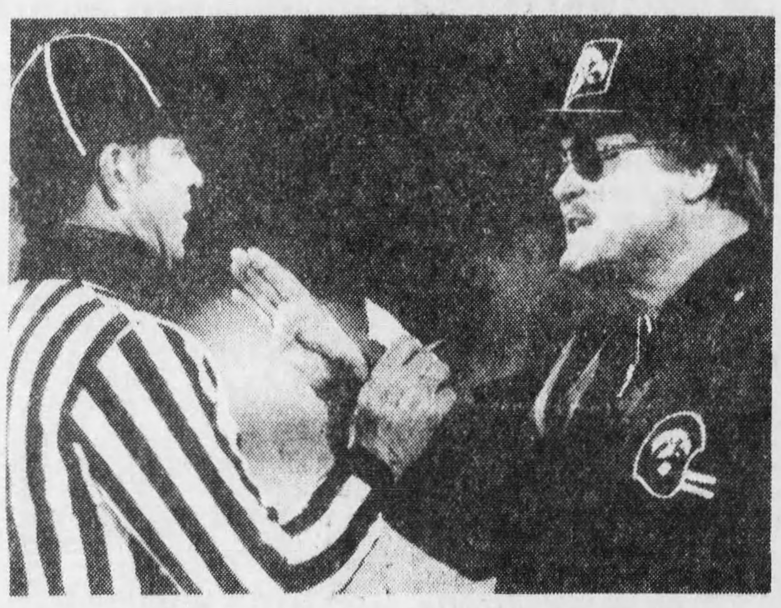
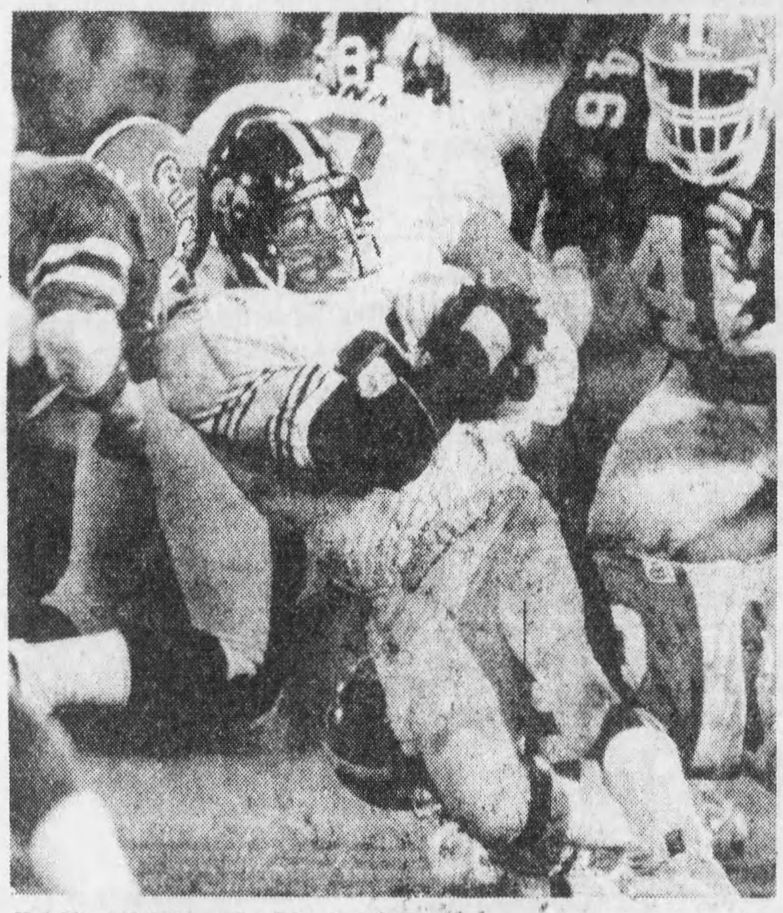


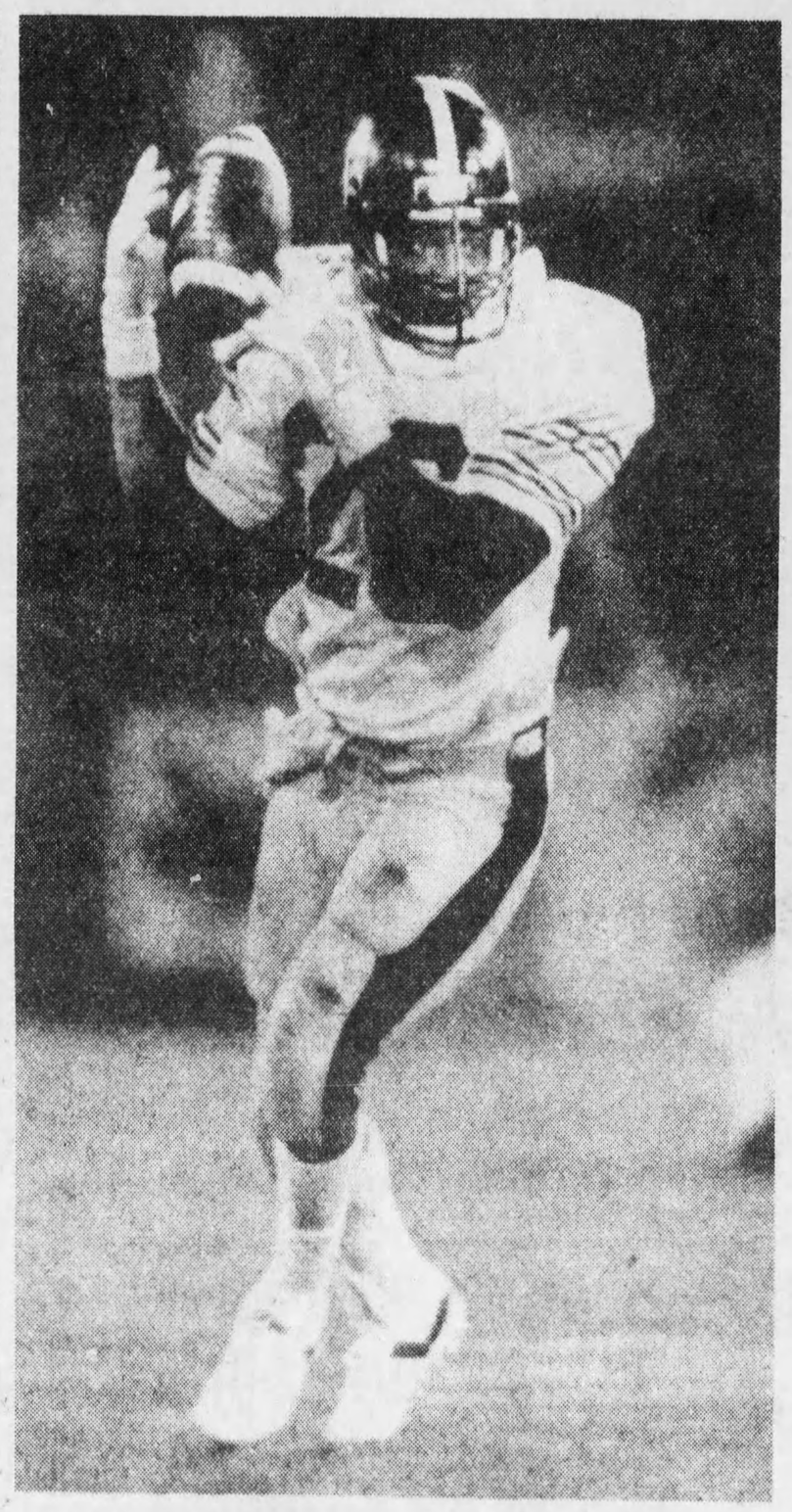
Running of Gator Neal Anderson hurt Iowa. Here, Anderson lunges for a first down



Hayden Fry and referee disagree about penalties.



Eddie Phillips bends into Florida tackler.



Norm Granger catches pass and turns upfield.

Mike Hooks injured a knee in the game, but before that he constantly hounded Wayne Peace.

Hawkeyes give credit to tough Florida defense

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stopped an Iowa march that had reached the Gator 14.

Anderson was finally stopped by Keith Hunter at the Hawkeye 40. More slashing runs by Anderson and fullback John L. Williams continued the Gators' counterattack.

Anderson went the final yard with 40 seconds left in the opening quarter, and the first of Bobby Raymond's two conversions gave Florida a 7-0 lead.

Iowa later responded with an 88-yard drive after a punt had pinned the Hawks back at their 2.

Long connected on a 15-yard pass to tight end Mike Hufford, and tailback Owen Gill raced for 16 yards to midfield.

Then Long lofted a pass deep down the middle and Ronnie Harmon made one of his patented acrobatic catches between two Florida defenders at the Gator 8. The play covered 41 yards.

Iowa was called for a delay-of-the-game penalty, moving the Hawks back to the 13.

Fry later complained that the 25-second clock operator was too quick on the trigger — and this was just one instance when it crippled Iowa.

"The guy was starting the clock on his own and not paying any attention to the officials," declared Fry. "He was just terrible. We finally got him straightened out in the second half."

After Long threw two incompletions from the 13, a short pass to Harmon netted only 3 yards. So on fourth down Nichol booted his first field goal.

There was another delay penalty before that one, too. Instead of kicking the ball from 27 yards out, the ball was moved back for his 32-yard effort.

Early in the third period Iowa's Devon Mitchell intercepted a pass by Wayne Peace and returned it 29 yards to the Florida 30.

A little later the Gators were socked with one of their many penalties for a face-mask violation, putting the ball on their 11.

But Eddie Phillips gained only 3 yards in two carries for the Hawks. Long was sacked for a 6-yard loss, bringing Nichol on for his 31-yarder to finish the scoring with 11 minutes left in the third quarter.

Long wound up with 13 completions in 29 attempts for 167 yards, but the four interceptions were killing blows.

"Florida played a heck of a defense," said Long. "You've got to give their defense a lot of the credit. They took us completely out of our game."

Iowa's defense didn't do a bad job against the dangerous Peace, either. He was limited to nine completions in 22 tries for only 92 yards, and he was intercepted twice.

"These are two of the better defenses in the nation," said Fry. "We know how good Chuck Long is, but he had a very difficult time. Wayne Peace is good, too, but he had a difficult time against us."

Tailback Owen Gill, who alternated with Phillips, led Iowa's ground attack with 83 yards in only 10 carries.

Gill was named the most valuable player for Iowa in a vote of writers and broadcasters covering the game. Lilly earned that distinction for the Gators with his two pass thefts.

"Obviously, we weren't as prepared as we needed to be or we wouldn't have had so many penalties," said Pell.

"Iowa is an excellent football team, and if anyone had told us we would hold them to two field goals, we would not have believed it."

The victory was Pell's first in seven Gator Bowl visits, including five straight losses to Georgia in games played here. The Gators had lost 10 of their last 11 starts in the Gator Bowl.

It was a windy and chilly 35 degrees at the kickoff, but dropped steadily into the 20s during the game, creating a wind-chill factor of near zero.

But it wasn't really all that bad, considering what the miserable weather had been here during the week.

In fact, the field was in amazingly good condition. More than 5 inches of rain fell on Jacksonville from noon Wednesday to noon Thursday, and if the game had been played on either of those nights it would have made things much tougher for the teams.

Late in the third quarter Iowa missed a scoring bid that would have set up an exciting finish.

Gill and Granger gained 20 and 17 yards on successive plays, taking the ball to Florida's 41. But the advance slowed once again after the Hawks had a first down at the 24.

Nichol attempted a 40-yard field goal that fell far short of the mark. When the period ended, Iowa showed a possession time of 10 minutes 11 seconds to only 4:49 for Florida, but the Hawks were still down by 14-6.

"It was a very frustrating game for us," said Fry. "We did not make the critical plays when we needed them on offense."

Fry praised Mitchell and linebacker Larry Station for playing outstanding defensive games. Florida had the top two tacklers, all-America linebacker Wilber Marshall with 11 and defensive back Fred McCallister with 10 plus one interception.

Iowa outgained the Gators, 281 yards to 250, but the Hawks also led in the turnover department, 5-2, with Nichol's fumble furnishing the difference.

The loss prevented Iowa from posting the school's first 10-victory season. The Hawks wound up 9-3 for the year and Florida 9-2-1.

When Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad visited the Hawkeye dressing room to console Fry and the players, he said: "It's surprising that Iowa would have to come to Florida to play the coldest game of the season."

And the governor summed up the feelings of all Hawkeye followers quite well when he told Fry: "This is a tough way to end a very good season."

Individual Statistics

RUSHING

IOWA	No.	Yds.	FLORIDA	No.	Yds.
Gill	10	83	Anderson	17	84
Granger	9	37	Williams	10	68
Phillips	13	33	Hampton	5	24
			Henderson	4	27

PASSING

IOWA	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.
Long	13	29	4	167
Nichol	0	1	0	0
FLORIDA	**Comp.**	**Att.**	**Int.**	**Yds.**
Peace	9	22	2	92
Dixon	0	1	0	0

RECEIVING

IOWA	No.	Yds.	FLORIDA	No.	Yds.
Harmon	6	90	Dixon	5	55
Phillips	2	21	Hampton	1	17
Granger	2	20			

PUNTS

IOWA			FLORIDA		
Nichol	2	40	Criswell	4	33.3
			Nardone	3	40.3

TACKLE LEADERS

IOWA	U.	A.	FLORIDA	U.	A.
Creer	6	1	Marshall	10	1
Boddicker	4	2	McCallister	6	4
Station	6	0	Harris	2	5
Stoops	6	0	Newton	5	2
Mitchell	3	3	Cleveland	4	3
Wanckett	4	0	Vaughan	7	1

Dayton drops Cowboys to claim crown

BIG EIGHT

DAYTON, OHIO (AP) — Senior Roosevelt Chapman poured in 19 second-half points to finish with a game-high 32 and lead Dayton to the Merrill Lynch Classic championship Friday night with an 82-67 victory over Oklahoma State.

Chapman won Most Valuable Player honors for the fourth straight year in a Dayton holiday tournament by scoring 62 points in two nights.

Dayton, winning its fourth straight holiday tournament on its home court, improved its record to 5-4. Oklahoma State slid to 7-5.

Dayton never trailed in the game, steadily building a 12-point lead by the end of the first half on the strength of forward Ed Young's 17 first-half points.

Chapman accounted for half of his team's points in the second half, finishing the game with team-high 11 rebounds and six assists. Dayton jumped to a 19-point lead on Chapman's layup late in the game.

Young finished with 19 points for Dayton. Oklahoma State got 27 points from forward Joe Atkinson.

OKLAHOMA STATE (67)

Crenshaw 6-11 1-3 13, Atkinson 10-16 7-11 27, Baker 0-0 0-0 0, Self 1-8 1-1 3, Case 5-11 0-0 10, Williams 3-7 0-0 6, Jones 2-4 0-0 4, Epps 0-0 0-0 0, Campbell 0-1 0-0 0, Nielson 0-1 0-0 0, Anderson 0-1 2-2 2, Taylor 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 27-61 13-19 67.

DAYTON (82)

Chapman 10-17 12-16 32, Young 8-14 3-4 19, Zern 0-3 0-0 0, Goodwin 1-6 2-2 4, Toney 1-3 4-4 6, Schellenberg 3-4 3-5 9, Tressler 3-3 0-2 6, Harris 0-0 0-0 0, Christie 0-1 6-6 6, Grant 0-0 0-0 0, Dahlinghaus 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-51, 30-39 82.

Halftime — Dayton 44, Oklahoma St. 32. Fouled out — Crenshaw, Case, Toney. Rebounds — Oklahoma St. 37 (Atkinson 14), Dayton 34 (Chapman 11). Assists — Oklahoma St. 10 (Case 4), Dayton 14 (Chapman 6). Total fouls — Oklahoma St. 30, Dayton 22. Technicals — none. A — 10,226.

Loyola of Chicago 77, Colorado 75 — Game-high scorer Alfredrick Hughes made the last one count, tipping in a shot with four seconds left to lift Loyola of Chicago to a 77-75 non-conference basketball victory over Colorado on Friday night at Boulder, Colo.

The Buffs had led by as many as seven points in the first half and held a 44-41 advantage at halftime.

Colorado lost the lead with 4 minutes 19 seconds remaining when Gerry Mundtr hit a shot from 23 feet to put Loyola ahead 72-71.

With 45 seconds remaining, Vince Kelley hit a shot from right of the foul line to tie the game 75-75.

Hughes, who scored 29 points for the night, got his final two and the victory on a tip-in after a Loyola shot rimmed out.

The victory lifted Loyola to 6-3, while Colorado fell to 6-4.

LOYOLA (77)

Mundt 3-14 2-2 8, Hughes 13-24 3-4 29, Nolan 0-0 0-0 0, Golston 8-14 4-4 20, Battle 4-14 1-2 9, Watkins 1-1 0-0 2, Williams 2-5 2-2 6, Cenar 1-2 0-0 2, Bertonini 0-1 0-0 0, Burich 0-0 1-22 1. Totals 32-75 13-16 77.

COLORADO (75)

Kelley 3-9 5-6 11, Stivrins 5-11 1-2 11, Downs 9-14 5-5 23, Pruitt 4-7 5-6 13, Humphries 5-13 3-3 13, Reid 0-0 0-0 0, Yowell 0-0 4-4 4, Anderson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-55 23-26 75.

Halftime — Colorado 44, Loyola 41. Fouled out — Battle. Rebounds — Loyola 36 (Mundt 9), Colorado 40 (Kelley 12). Assists — Loyola 16 (Golston 8), Colorado 15 (Humphries 6). Total fouls — Loyola 19, Colorado 13. Technicals — None. A — 5,104.

ACC cagers tough in December

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A college basketball team in search of sure victories shouldn't schedule games against Atlantic Coast Conference opponents — in December, at least.

Boasting four teams in the Associated Press college basketball poll, the ACC had a 61-6 record against non-league foes going into Friday night's action. That translates to a winning percentage of 90.5.

Last year, the ACC held a 47-19 record in non-conference games for 71 percent for the comparable period. The best start ever was in 1977-78, when ACC teams won their first 20 games before then-reigning national champion North Carolina lost to William & Mary. By the end of December, the conference was 53-4 for 92.9 percent.