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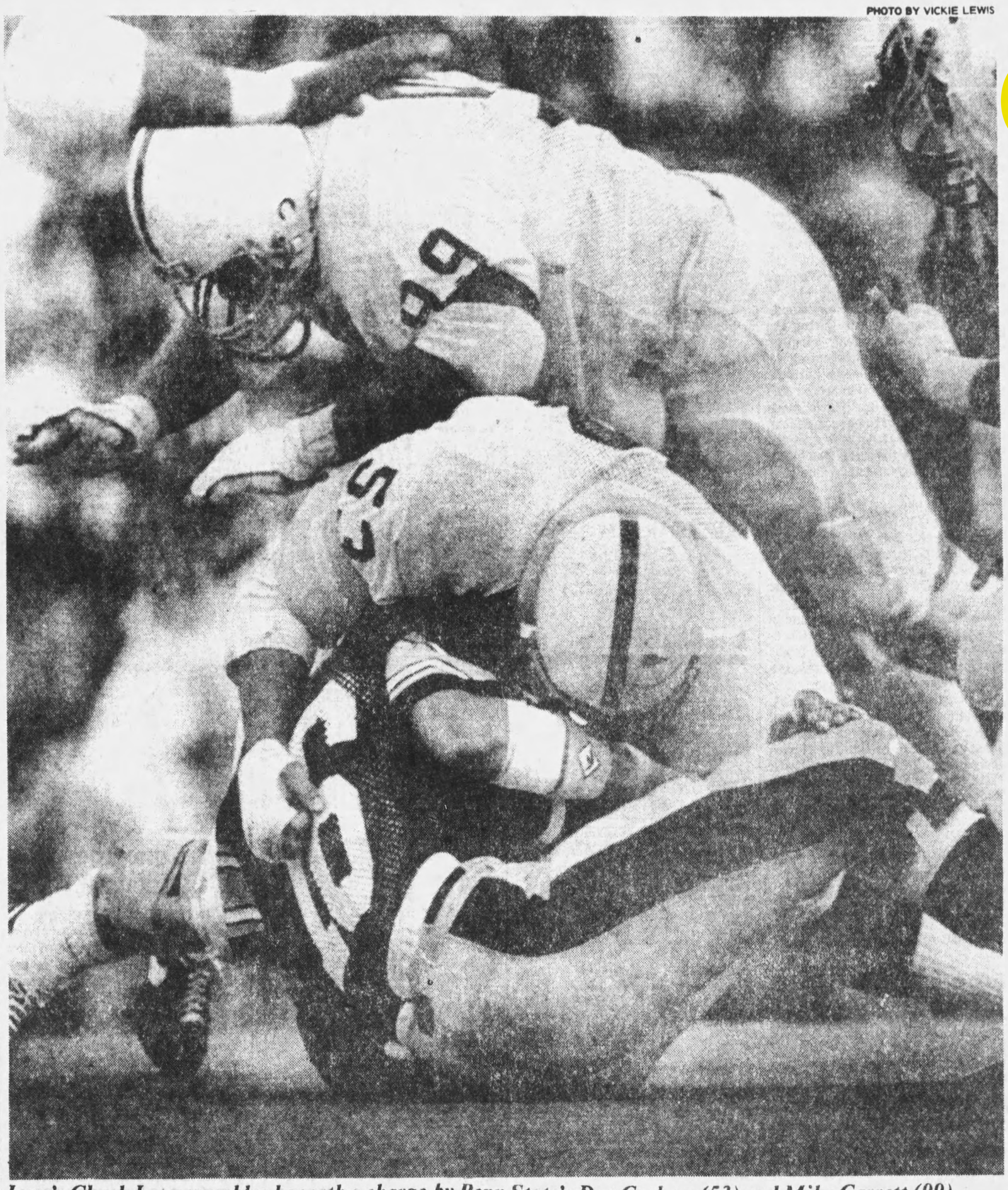

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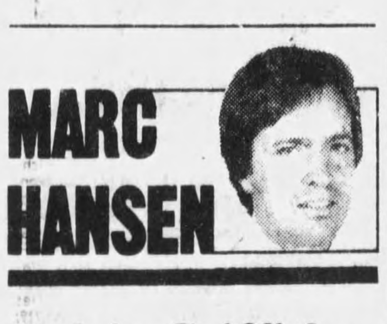

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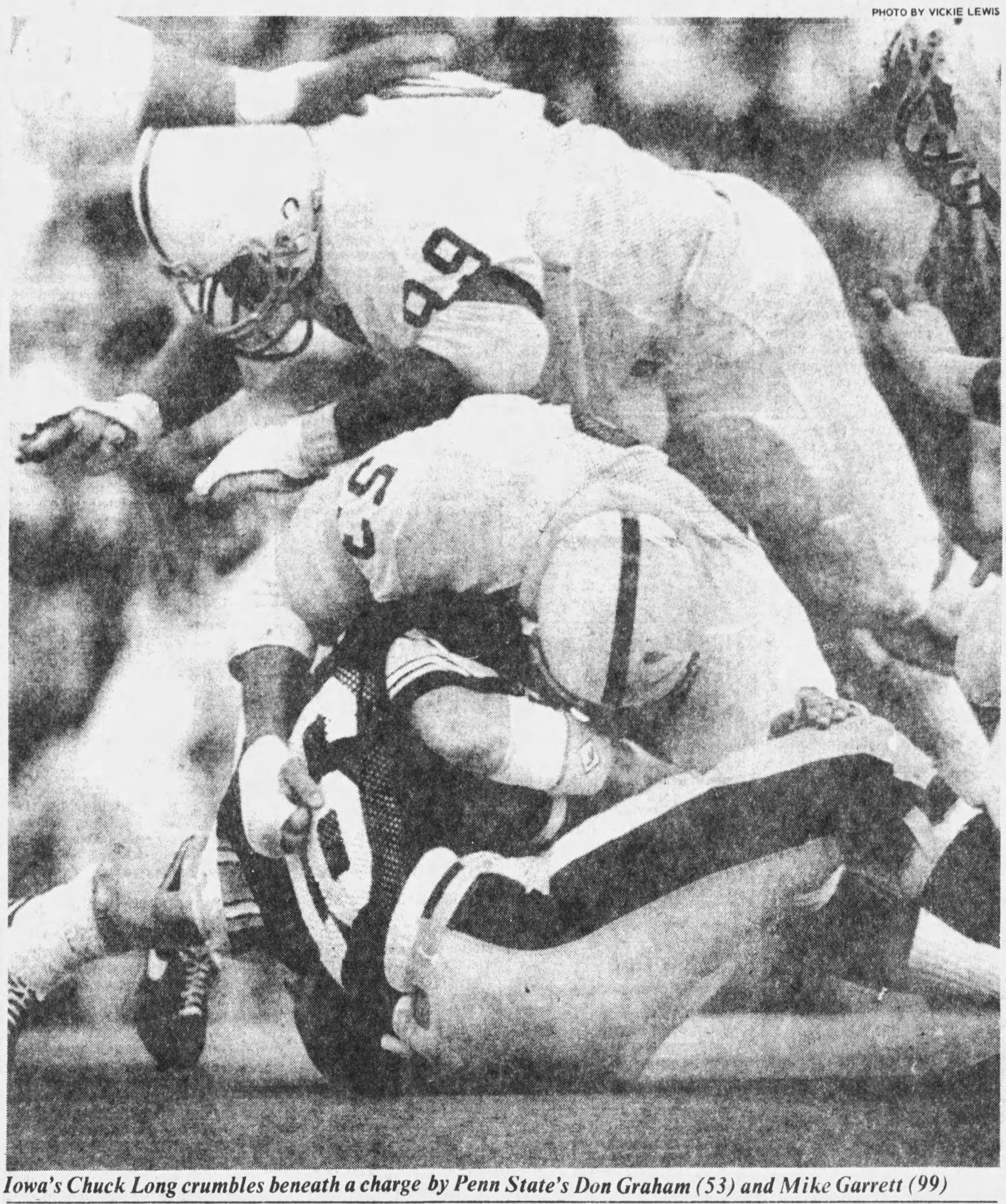

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Even the wily Paterno admitted his 12th-ranked outfit — especially the defense — might be better than he espoused.

"We have better people and are better organized than last year," he said.

Which really isn't surprising.

Individual Statistics

RUSHING

PENN STATE	No.	Yds.	IOWA	No.	Yds.
Mumford	16	79	Gill	16	56
Clark	11	35	R. Harmon	9	48
Strang	10	22	Long	11	31
Smith	5	21	Bush	7	29
Manoa	5	13	Smith	2	16
			Sennott	1	1

PASSING

PENN STATE	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.
Strang	11	27	2	157
IOWA	**Comp.**	**Att.**	**Int.**	**Yds.**
Long	16	27	1	189

RECEIVING

PENN STATE	No.	Yds.	IOWA	No.	Yds.
DiMidio	2	47	Happe I	3	51
Bellamy	2	39	Hayes	3	42
Hamilton	3	35	R. Harmon	3	25
Campbell	2	24	Love Jordan	1	18
Manoa	1	11	Early	1	13
Mumford	1	1	Gill	2	9

TACKLE LEADERS

PENN STATE	U.	A.	IOWA	U.	A.
Isom	7	2	Spitzig	11	3
Hamilton	7	1	Station	8	3
Zordich	5	0	Hufford	6	3
Alexander	4	2	Peterson	6	3
Conlan	4	2	Creer	6	0
Sydnor	4	1	Mitchell	4	4

Defense helps lead Vandy past Maryland

COLLEGE PARK, MD. (AP) — Vanderbilt turned back repeated Maryland threats and defeated the Terps 23-14 Saturday. Vanderbilt is now 2-0; Maryland, 0-2.

Vanderbilt's Kurt Page completed 25 of 35 passes for 316 yards, including 10 to Chuck Scott for 162 yards, and hit the flanker for scoring passes of 23 and 19 yards to build a 14-6 lead in the second quarter.

Maryland, which twice had to settle for field goals after third-down quarterback sacks, forged a 14-14 second-quarter tie on a 17-pass from Frank Reich to Alvin Blount, plus a two-point conversion.

But Ricky Anderson's 46-yard field goal with 1:15 left in the first half put Vanderbilt ahead for keeps. Anderson added a 31-yarder in the third and another from 26 yards with 2:28 remaining.

Jess Atkinson missed two field goal tries of 49 and 44 yards on Maryland's first two possessions of the third period when the Commodores' defense again stiffened.

Maryland had a chance to go ahead on the third play of the final quarter, but tight end Ron Fazio dropped a fourth-down Reich pass on the Vanderbilt one.

Hearns stops Hutchings in third round

SAGINAW, MICH. (AP) — Thomas Hearns, demonstrating his punching power from the opening bell, knocked down Fred Hutchings twice and stopped him in the third round Saturday to retain the World Boxing Council super welterweight championship.

Hearns, who scored both knockdowns in the first round when he nearly ended the fight, had Hutchings in trouble in the second and finished the match in the third when he had the challenger reeling helplessly from a barrage of head punches.

Referee Arthur Mercante stopped Hearns' third title defense with 4 seconds left in the third round. At the time that Mercante stopped the bout, one of Hutchings' handlers had climbed into the ring, imploring the referee to take the action he did.

Hearns, who had knocked out Roberto Duran in the second round in his most recent defense, June 15 at Las Vegas, Nev., came very close to ending this fight in the opening round.

Opening Flurry of Punches

The 6-foot 1-inch, 154-pounds Hearn hurt the 6-2 Hutchings (153¾) with a flurry of punches in the first minute of the fight. Then he knocked out Hutchings' mouthpiece with a crushing right hand, and a short while later, knocked down the challenger from Stockton, Calif., with a right to the head.

Hutchings struggled up, then went down from another right hand followed by a left, but it was the right that did the damage.

Once again, Hutchings, ranked No. 3 by the WBC and a loser only once in 28 previous fights, got up. He reeled into a corner, where he took a mandatory eight-count.

Mercante peered into Hutchings' eyes for a few moments, and then signaled for the bout to continue, but the bell rang.

Hutchings remained on his feet in the second round, but twice was sent reeling across the ring as the champion scored with jabs, hooks and right hands, all of them stiff punches.

Hutchings got in a few jabs in the third round, but Hearns was in control and began the winning barrage with a hard right to one of Hutchings' eyes, followed by a hook.

"People are looking for a knockout all the time," said Hearns, the "Hit Man" from Detroit who has scored two straight KOs after going three fights without a knockout. "All your fights can't be KOs."

Georgia Tech stings Tide

ATLANTA, GA. (AP) — Robert Lavette scored the only touchdown on a 1-yard run and David Bell kicked three field goals as Georgia Tech upset 19th-ranked Alabama, 16-6, Saturday, leaving the Crimson Tide with their worst start in 28 years.

It was the second loss in a row for Alabama, which blew a 17-point second half lead in a 38-31 loss to Boston College, and left the Tide with an 0-2 record for the first time since 1956 — two years before Paul "Bear" Bryant returned to his alma mater to develop a perennial national power.

Lavette's touchdown scamper with 10:23 left in the second quarter capped a 71-yard Yellow Jacket drive that produced a 10-0 lead. He gained 128 yards on 26 carries.

Bell had field goals of 46 yards in the first quarter, 37 yards in the second and 23 yards in the third as Tech built a 13-0 lead before Alabama claimed its initial first down midway through the second period.

It was the season-opener for Tech, which had lost its last five battles with Southeastern Conference foes and 16 of 18 against the SEC since Bill Curry became head coach in 1980.

Alabama avoided its first shutout in 40 games when the Tide used 14 plays in an 85-yard third quarter drive that ended on Mike Shula's 3-yard pass to Ricky Moore with 2:20 remaining in the third quarter.

The Tide failed on a two-point conversion attempt, and then saw all hopes fade when they moved to the Tech 27 with seven minutes to play, but failed on a fourth-and-10 pass.

O'Meara takes lead in Greater Milwaukee Open

MILWAUKEE, WIS. (AP) — Mark O'Meara, chasing that elusive; first professional victory, compiled a front-running, 3-under-par 69 and stretched his lead to three strokes Saturday in the third round of the $300,000 Greater Milwaukee Open Golf Tournament.

O'Meara, four times a runner-up this season, completed three rounds over the 7,010 yard Tuckaway Country Club course in 204, 12 strokes under par.

But the former national amateur champion, who has won $316,236 without taking a title, has his work cut out for him in Sunday's final round of the chase for a $54,000 first prize.

"Three shots is not very much when you've got Tom Watson right there," said O'Meara, who had a 5-shot lead at the turn then saw it whittled away over the last nine.

A fast finish — birdies on three of the last four holes — lifted Watson into a tie for second at 207, three off the pace. The rally salvaged a third round 70 in the cold, breezy weather.

"The fast finish was awfully important," said Watson, the season's leading money-winner and the only man to win three times on the American tour this year.

"It put me back in the tournament," Watson said. "For a while there, it looked like Mark was going to run away with it. And he's still the man to catch."

Watson was tied for second with Dan Pohl, who had a third round 71.

Keith Fergus and Canadian Jim Nelford were only four back at 208. Fergus shot a 68 and Nelford had a solid 70.

"When the leader is that far ahead, that allows him to make two or three more mistakes than you're allowed. He's playing awfully well, and playing with a lot of confidence. A guy like that will be hard to beat — but it can be done," Fergus said.

Tied at 209 were Gary Pinns, with a 68, and Mark McCumber, who had a 69.

O'Meara chipped inside of five feet for birdies on both of the front-side par-5s, hit a 2-iron to within eight feet for birdie on the eighth and ran in an 18-foot birdie putt on the ninth that put him out in 32 and gave him a 5-shot lead.

A 3-putt bogey on the 14th, and Watson's rush over the last three holes trimmed the margin to three.

Watson, one over par for the day and on the verge of dropping out of the title chase, did what he had to do over the last four holes. He scored from 30-35 feet on the 15th, made a 10-footer on the 16th and then capped it with a 20-foot birdie putt from the fringe on the 18th.

Wyoming shoots down Air Force

LARAMIE, WYO. (AP) — Freshman quarterback Scott Runyan threw for a pair of fourth-quarter touchdown passes as Wyoming came from behind to upset Air Force, 26-20, in Western Athletic Conference college football action Saturday.

Both Wyoming and Air Force are 2-1 for the season. The Falcons are now 1-1 in the conference, while the Cowboys are 1-0. The loss also snapped a 10-game winning streak for the Falcons.

Runyan gave Wyoming its first lead, 19-14, with an 88-yard strike to junior Allyn Griffin, then sealed the victory with a disputed 12-yard strike to senior Jay Novacek. Air Force claimed Novacek trapped the ball in the end zone.

Air Force scored the first time it had the ball in both halves, on a 6-yard run by starting quarterback Brian Knorr and a 4-yard run by backup Bart Weiss.

Navy, McCallum trim Tar Heels

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Bill Byrne's 60-yard scoring strike to tailback Rich Clouse and Napoleon McCallum's two-point conversion run with 2:24 left Saturday gave Navy a 33-30 college football victory over North Carolina.

Navy had taken a 25-24 edge on Byrne's 11-yard scoring pass to Chris Weiler with 8:07 remaining. Byrne's two-point conversion pass failed.

The Tar Heels took the kickoff and marched from their 17 to take the lead on Ethan Horton's 2-yard run with 4:02 remaining. Kevin Anthony tried a pass for the conversion but missed, leaving North Carolina with a 30-25 advantage.

After Byrne was sacked at his 21, he got Navy out of a hole with a 19-yard strike to Weiler. He then connected with Clouse, who raced to the end zone untouched.

McCallum, a Heisman Trophy candidatewho rushed 19 times for 117 yards, added the two-point clincher and sent the Tar Heels to their first opening-game loss since 1968.

Pin-point passing in the first half helped the Tar Heels gain a 21-6 lead, but the Midshipmen survived the attack and pulled to within 21-12 at halftime.

In the first half, starting quarterback Kevin Anthony and reserve Mark Maye hit 10 of 11 passes for 162 yards.

North Carolina's passing attack went sour in the second half, however. Anthony threw three interceptions and the Tar Heels managed five completions in 14 attempts. Maye missed all three of his tries.

Salem sails

ATHENS, W.VA. (AP) — Quarterback Jimbo Fisher ran 88 yards for a touchdown and passed for another Saturday, leading Salem College to a 30-17 West Virginia Conference football victory over Concord.

Helmick sees L.A. success as a boon for Valley's Oppel

HELMICK

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ticket sales brought on by the torch relay and ABC's full payment of the television contract.

The LAOOC said 5,797,823 tickets, more than 90 percent capacity, brought in $151 million. Original projections figured on an income of $98 million.

The government-run Moscow Games in 1980, which cost $2 billion, sold 5,466,321 tickets. For the 1976 Games in Montreal, a city that still is paying interest on its multimillion-dollar debt, 3,195,170 tickets were sold.

No Renegotiation

ABC didn't pursue its threat of contract renegotiation after the Soviet boycott. Ratings were so good that they paid off the entire $225 million fee. The network estimated 180 million people in the United States viewed some of the Games on television.

In all, the LAOOC brought in total revenues of $619 million and had expenses of $469 million. They disbursed the financial surplus in three directions:

- The USOC will receive $75 million. From that, each of the 38 amateur sports federations will receive $657,000.
- Another $50 million goes to the LAOOC's Amateur Athletic Foundation. The money will help amateur athletic programs in Southern California.
- The remaining $25 million will be used by the LAOOC to pay remaining bills and assist athletics in some Third World countries that ignored the Soviet Union boycott.

In addition, the $10 million brought in from the torch relay will be divided up among the Boys' and Girls' Club of America, the YMCA and Special Olympics.

The LAOOC was criticized for some of its money-raising methods, but the success of the Games has dampened that criticism.

Ad in the Sky

"There was less commercialization in L.A. than at other games," said Helmick. "We had fewer sponsors, though they were more valuable. The Eastern bloc countries tried to make it sound like everyone would have their hands out, that the athletes would be bombarded with advertising. There was even a joke going around the Eastern bloc countries. An American boy looked to the sky and asked, 'Mommy, what's that?' 'The moon,' she replied. 'Oh,' said the boy, 'what's it advertising?' "

For athletes like Oppel, a Valley senior who holds four state records and competed in the Olympic trials this summer, Helmick said that money passed down from the LAOOC will help him get better training and coaching. The USOC has projected $115 million in expenses in preparing teams for both the 1988 Winter and Summer Games.

"Now that Craig has reached a national level of competition," said Helmick, "I hope to see more underwriting for his training sessions, letting him go to national camps where he can train with guys like Steve Lundquist [dual gold medalist in 1984]."

Helmick also would like to see the money go to people like Des Moines Aquatics Club Coach Mike Burton, a three-time Olympic gold medalist and one of Oppel's mentors.

"I would like to see the money going to help Burton, letting him attend various international meetings so that Oppel will have the opportunity to get the latest in coaching techniques," Helmick said.

Olympic hopefuls like Oppel also may be helped by taking advantage of more sophisticated sports medicine programs and training methods, such as computer visuals to learn more about the swimming stroke.

"All this is pointed not to make our athletes robots or superhumans," Helmick added. "The underlying theme is an equal access to sport regardless of social background. Any young man or woman, regardless of financial background, who has ability or the desire to train to get that ability can go to training camps without financial loss."

Helmick, who started his climb up the FINA ladder when he served as manager for the 1972 U.S. water polo team in Munich, won't predict that the 1988 Games will be boycott-free.

"We want all athletes from all countries to have an equal opportunity to participate," he said. "I'll feel sorry for them if they decide to boycott because we'll still have the Games."

New Hampshire dumps Lafayette

EASTON, PA. (AP) — Junior tailback Andre Garron rushed for 228 yards and three touchdowns Saturday as New Hampshire defeated Lafayette, 21-7, in non-conference college football.

New Hampshire (2-0) opened the scoring in the first period when Garron plunged 1 yard over the goal line at the end of a seven-play, 54-yard drive. Lafayette (0-2) tied the game midway through the second period as quarterback Dean Rivera completed a 31-yard scoring pass to split end Frank Corbo, who made a diving catch into the end zone.

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Here's an amazing oddity that happened in big league baseball this season . . . On July 30, the standings in the National League East were New York 1st, Chicago 2nd, Philadelphia 3rd, Montreal 4th, St. Louis 5th and Pittsburgh 6th — while on the SAME date, July 30, one year earlier, the standings were EXACTLY reversed with Pittsburgh 1st, St. Louis 2nd, Montreal 3rd, Philadelphia 4th, Chicago 5th and New York 6th! . . . What are the odds on that?

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Which National Football League stadium has the smallest seating capacity? . . . The answer — surprisingly — is Houston's Astrodome, which seats 50,496 . . . Every other NFL stadium is bigger.

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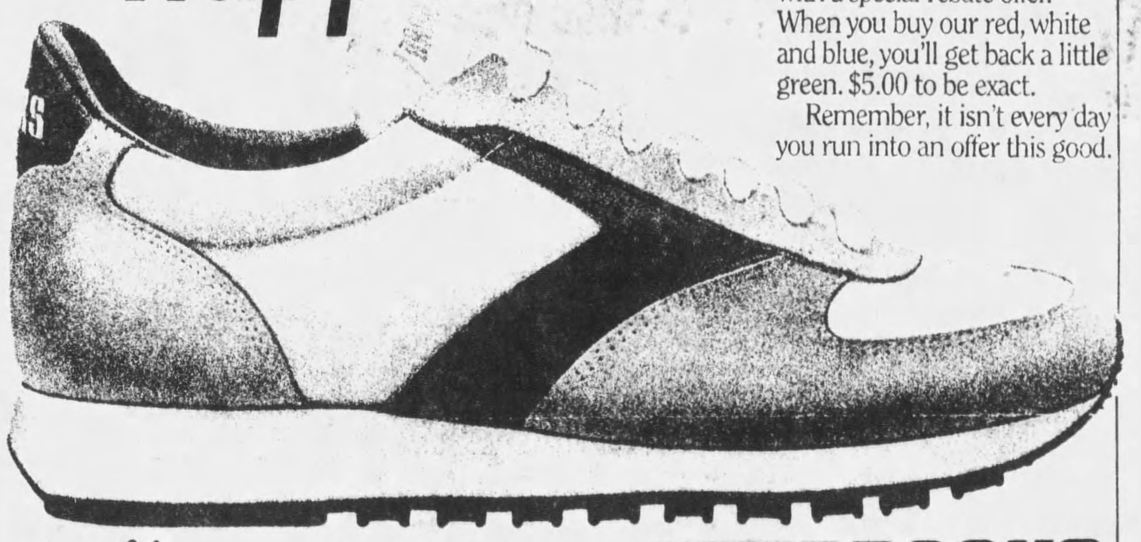

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Hawks jolted back to reality, thanks to Nittany Lions

IOWA CITY, IA. — Reality returned to Kinnick Stadium Saturday beneath a crisp September sky and, when the final second had ticked off in what turned out to be a 20-17 loss for Iowa, you wondered at the smugness that had caused so many of us farm types to ever take a football victory over Penn State for granted.

It was only a week ago, mind you, that the Nittany Lions struggled to get by (hah! hah!) Rutgers, 15-12. And it is only next week that they entertain William and Mary, a school so lacking in couth it doesn't even put the name of the lady first in the title and so short of football scholarships it qualifies as 1-AA. No matter, on this given day, the team that has been widely heralded as the potential Big Ten champion wound up second in a field of two.

Because of the crossover problem concerning the Big Ten and College Football Association, this was one of the few Hawkeye games that won't be carried on the tube.

MAURY WHITE

That was a good thing for future Iowa recruiting until the final 48 seconds of the opening half when Ronnie Harmon contributed greatly to Iowa's first touchdown by returning a kickoff 50 yards, then accomplishing the last 15 yards in one giant gulp with only :04 left before intermission.

The exciting junior from Laurelton, N. Y., who once spurned Joe Paterno's offer to sign on as a defensive back later was a major contributor to Iowa's second touchdown and he was also the fellow entrusted to carry on a fourth-and-one situation deep in Penn State territory with two minutes left. As one and all know by now, Ronnie was not able to pick up those 36 needed inches.

"I thought I made it, but I didn't," he said, with the sense of reason it takes to remain sane while playing this bruising game. "I was thinking touchdown, I wasn't thinking one yard. Maybe I should have put my head down and drove instead of diving. But I just got to the line and did what I could do."

That wasn't quite enough, in this particular instance, although I do not feel that many will fault Our Ronnie as being deficient when it comes to handling a football. Paterno was ecstatic to have kept Harmon so well in check.

A game like this, there are a dozen places that could be called the turning point. Of that potential dozen, the one worthy of the most attention is when Robert Smith, instead of Penn State's lead, was overturned. Or turned over.

WE ARE TALKING of a moment shortly after quarterback Chuck Long had scored on a quarterback sneak, following a 16-yard twisting, churning run by Harmon, to close the game to 20-17. Ten minutes remained, which is a lot. The Hawkeye defense held and forced a punt. And now we are in the land of What Might Have Been.

Robert Smith, a sophomore from Dallas, Tex., who is capable of running 100 meters faster than all but maybe 50 men in the world, latched onto that punt on the Hawkeye 28-yard line, did what seemed a few upright breakdancing steps and went hot footing it down the field for something over 20 yards before meeting up with an accident.

The accident turned out to be Duffy Cobbs, a Nittany Lion who showed up as a walk-on a couple of seasons ago, won a scholarship and is now the "swing man" at both cornerback positions. The 170-pound sophomore came rampaging down the field on coverage so enthusiastically he made what could have been, but wasn't, a grevious error: He overran the play. Badly.

"Luckily I overran it," amended Cobbs, when the game was over. "I don't think anyone even saw me coming when I recovered and surprised him. He was going full speed and I was going full speed. It would have been a good feeling at any time to make a hit like that. When he fumbled, it was especially satisfying."

Fumbled is right. And no wonder. Smith didn't see Cobbs coming and did a body flip almost of the calibre that was getting Mary Lou Retton those 10s, with the ball popping loose somewhere along the way.

"I was just getting the ball tucked safely away when the guy put a helmet into my left leg," said Smith. "I was blindsided, cause I didn't see him. For a minute there, the leg was hurting worse than the fall. I thought I'd broken a touchdown run, and was off for the races."

IF THERE IS one thing that is gospel in football, or any other athletic event, there is never just one play that wins or loses a game. That having been said, it is very likely that the Hawkeyes were just that one blind-sided moment from having pulled out a victory they would have had no more rights to than the eventual winner. It was that kind of a game.

There are many places where Hayden Fry will be able to study the game films and dwell on what might have been. It seems of at least reasonable importance that Penn State accomplished this upset without the use of its injured star running back, D. J. Dozier.

"If I tell you that one guy, two guys, three guys make a big difference in us being a good football team, then I'm disappointed," Paterno told his team before the game. And the loss was survived.

You may have heard it said that football is a funny game, and it is. One of the single most important plays in this game which evened Iowa's record at 1-1 and sent Penn State to 2-0 was the stop on Harmon. Who made it?

"I have no idea," said Paterno. "You'll have to ask the kids."

"I'm not sure. I wasn't in there then," said linebacker Shane Conlan, a man who had hit Hawks so sharply early in the game he forced two balls to pop loose.

"I was in, but I just don't know," said Cobbs.

You see, sometimes it absolutely is necessary to wait and see the game film.

So is all lost for the Hawkeyes? Is the season over, now that there's been a loss? Not if you listen to the players.

"We played good but not great. We've got to get better for Ohio State next week," said cornerback Mike Stoops. "It was a heckuva defensive game, but we could have done better."

Paul Hufford, the defensive tackle, had more of the same.

"Their defense was just a little better than ours today. We've just got to regroup and start getting ready again tomorrow."

Chances are, the Hawkeyes will be ready next week. If there *was* any overconfidence, it's gone now. But the conference season is all in the future.

Pass the fig leaves, reporters are present

By MICHAEL WEGNER
Register Sports Editor

There is a bit of a ruckus brewing this fall about the right of women reporters to enter men's locker rooms. We have contributed a bit to the commotion and thought perhaps an explanation was in order.

Nothing seems to excite the public imagination as quickly as nakedness; it doesn't matter whether it is Miss America posing in the buff for a magazine or a 500-year-old statue of a male nude by Michelangelo. Nor does it seem to matter when the environment is as sweaty, smelly, noisy and dingy as most athletic locker rooms are. Pass the fig leaves, please.

Actually, it is difficult to imagine why anyone would want into a locker room given the conditions. The problem is, there's often news in there — things those thousands of fans in the stands and at home in front of radios and television sets want to know.

The locker room is where Lee Elia a year ago let go with an incredible string of obscenities about Chicago Cubs fans that eventually helped get him fired. It is in the locker room where players celebrate and commiserate. It is the locker room where honest explanations of what really happened in a game haven't yet begun to ferment.

With sex barriers crumbling, more women are turning to sports reporting. The sports world, generally conservative anyway, has been slow to accept the change. While men rushed into the locker room for their stories after the game, women with the same deadlines waited outside for players to shower and dress.

Many sports organizations have caught up. All reporters are welcome in the dressing rooms of the Kansas City Royals and Chiefs, for example. Some players cover up; some don't. Some reporters maintain eye contact; others don't. No big deal.

Jay Searcy, sports editor of the Philadelphia Inquirer and president of the Associated Press Sports Editors, whose membership includes most of the country's major newspapers, wrote recently that "locker rooms have opened to accredited women in all parts of the country and it is no big deal. Some coaches bought robes for the athletes; some (including Iowa and Iowa State) set up interview rooms for all reporters. And some simply told their players to keep their pants on and behave for a few minutes until the reporters have a chance to talk to a few of them. It works."

Trouble spots remain, however, even though the nation's courts ruled six years ago that Sports Illustrated reporter Melissa Ludtke had as much right to enter the New York Yankees locker room as male reporters. That is why APSE members decided this summer to go on the offensive in pursuit of equal treatment of male and female reporters. Either let all accredited reporters in, or keep them all out, we said. We even wrote to Big Eight athletic directors this summer (The Register is in the Big Eight region of APSE) asking just that, even though we think the atmosphere in interview rooms is about as conducive to good stories as is the environment at most presidential news conferences.

Missouri decided to close its locker room in favor of an interview room. Nebraska did the same, citing our letter as a reason for its decision. Kansas will keep its locker room open; so will Kansas State, although it will install a privacy curtain for the players.

Iowa and Iowa State would be wise to open their locker rooms so fans could get a more accurate picture of what is going on. But apparently the coaches don't want that. In the meantime, however, the schools at least must be commended for recognizing that women reporters have the same rights as men.

Send your best to tournaments

By RANDY PETERSON
Register Staff Writer

The Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union decided last May to allow girls' basketball teams to play in a six-player state tournament, a five-player state tournament or both. Officials deny it was done to head off a long-running lawsuit, but . . .

They didn't really expect anyone to grab the five-player ball and start dribbling the entire length of the court right away, but 23 had decided to switch by the end of last week. More, possibly, could be just waiting to spring off the six-player bench and splurge head-long into the five-player game played by everyone in every state except Iowa and Oklahoma.

And it was the farthest thought from the minds of IGHSAU officials that a school would enter two teams in the tournaments, one a six-player team and the other a five-player team. Money for an additional coach, travel expenses, additional uniforms and fighting the boys' basketball team, the wrestling team and the gymnastics team for gymnasium practice space during the winter appeared to be too much to overcome.

Some schools undoubtedly will sign up for two state tournaments and more may follow before the Oct. 15 deadline. Hopefully they won't make a mockery of it.

Mockery?

Don't be surprised if some schools send junior varsity 5-on-5 teams to the five-player state tournament and the regular varsity to the six-player tournament. Good practice for the youngsters since the five-player game appears just a short jump shot from springing itself on most of the state, the five-player schools reason.

This wouldn't be fair — for two reasons. First, the IGHSAU has dealt in good faith with those schools wanting to play five-player basketball games this year by providing an "equal" state tournament. Such a move should be answered by a school putting the best varsity players on the floor as possible.

Second, and this is an important one for you five-player believers, "your" state tournament will be under the microscope next March. You've contended for years the girls can put on an equally good show running the entire length of the floor as they do running only to the center stripe. This is your chance to prove it, but do you want to do it with a junior varsity?

More power to those 23 eastern Iowa schools that honestly plan to pursue the five-player game this winter. You'll do nicely in "your" state tournament because most of you will have had 17 regular season games under your belts. To those of you who plan to send a junior varsity team to the five-player state tournament, might not an Amateur Athletic Union-sponsored tournament be the answer until you begin a regular five-player varsity program?

Wayne Cooley, executive secretary of the IGHSAU, has refused to speculate publicly on the five-player state tournament format, but there are two things that can be taken for granted: The tournament will be held at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Des Moines and the title game will be played on "Championship Saturday Night." Cooley doesn't need the equal rights people on his back any more than they already are.

Purely speculating, mind you, but look for four five-player teams being invited to the state tournament and their two semifinal games to be played on a Friday afternoon preceding the six-player semifinals. The losers will play in Saturday afternoon consolation games and the winners in televised Saturday night title games.

Hopefully, the five-player winner won't be a junior varsity team.

LETTERS TO THE SPORTS EDITOR

Chuck's family says thanks

After the article appeared in the paper by Mike Wegner, Sunday, Sept. 2, "Our man Burdick sent to sidelines," letters began to literally pour into our mailbox. People's intention was to let Chuck know what a fine job he had done the past 23 years and how loved he was by all of you from all over the state of Iowa.

Chuck only got to witness one day's worth of this mail, but we read them to him and he was impressed. (As impressed as Chuck B. would be with anything of this nature.) Whether he would admit it or not, we knew it "touched" him. These many letters have been coming in daily (even a balloon bouquet was sent).

None of us in the family had an idea that he was such an important person, nor that his work was so widely acclaimed. We were aware he had reams and reams of notebooks for each high school sport, and that he spent hours updating his statistics each weekend and weekday. I have said more than once, "Do you have to erase today? Maybe we could go someplace." But usually after Friday night he would be taping scores from the one radio and listening to scores coming in on another. Very mind-boggling situation for the rest of us — so we just left him alone — many times until 2 or 3 a.m. This scoring updating was done for every sport in this state and when he didn't or couldn't get a score, he'd be calling his good buddy Mike Henderson at the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union. Chuck's obsession was that he didn't want to leave out any school or any player if they had done something noteworthy.

His family, five girls and one boy, and myself saw another side to Chuck B. We referred to him many times as "Captain Couch." His favorite spot in the house, with a cigarette burning in the ash tray, a few empty beer cans around, one TV set on one channel, one TV set on another, and two radios going on two other football games, and he presumably asleep. However, if just one of these were turned off or redialed, he'd say a few unkind words, but could tell us everything that was going on on all channels. We learned a long time ago to leave him alone at this point in time.

When the doctors first told Chuck what the outcome of this cancer would be, Chuck said to Register sports writer Randy Peterson, "See, I told you I'd do anything to get out of the state wrestling tournament."

This letter is meant to say thank you to all of you who sent Chuck the great letters of encouragement and appreciation.

I also at this time want to thank Mike Wegner, Gene Raffensperger and Maury White for their articles that have appeared in The Register. They all wrote what was in their hearts and that was difficult, I'm sure. They all gave a great tribute to Chuck through their writings, and Chuck will be a legend because of them. Thanks, and may God bless all of you, and please remember us in your prayers. — **Donita Burdick, Lady, Jill, Jeri, Jackie, Jenny and Jeff, 1329 Linden Lane, Des Moines.**

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It was with shock and dismay that I read of the death of Chuck Burdick. Chuck's knowledge of not only sports, but of life, was evident in each article he wrote. His talent for putting words together which harmonized with his respect for the athletes he wrote of placed him near the top of his profession.

As a fan, I will miss Chuck's words. As a fellow writer, I will miss his style. And as an acquaintance, I will miss his class. — **Scott D. Sergeant, 1141 Easton Ave., Waterloo.**

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It is tragic that Chuck Burdick died in the prime of his life. As with the death of Frank Miller, he will be mourned by many and soon forgotten by most. I never forget these real newspaper men. — **F.J. Hastings, Milford.**

Supports Harris

When the world's second-best hurdler suffered a knee injury and quit the ISU team, Coach Jim Criner complains "he is not fulfilling his commitment to us — he got scared." Now he is scheduled to lose his scholarship.

How could anyone, especially a coach, complain of Harris' decision to protect his knees from the most common form of injury in football in order to maintain his worldwide status as one of the finest athletes to ever enroll at ISU?

Let's hope ISU will grant Harris a full tenure athletic scholarship and keep him at ISU. He has already earned it, and his future worldwide publicity can do ISU no harm in attracting other good athletes to ISU. — **Bill Owen, 3000 Grand Ave., Des Moines.**

Recalling The Game

It seems the Hawkeye fans are beginning to smell roses *already*. Let's not forget about Michigan and Ohio State. And if they are fortunate enough to go, let's try to get some points on the scoreboard instead of getting shut out again. — **Linda Riley and Tammy Priest, 2021 Second, Perry.**

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It appears that Penthouse knows just as much about football as it does about Miss America. — **Tony Grasso, 1222 Forty-seventh St., Des Moines.**

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I felt that this letter was necessary to all of the great Hawkeye fans who showed nothing but kindness to a homesick Alabama fan. This year's Iowa-ISU game was my first Hawkeye game and I was very impressed with the Hawks but more with the very loyal fans. They showed great support for their boys. They remind me of Crimson Tide loyalists. They made me feel welcome and at home in Kinnick Stadium and after Bama's heartbreaking loss to Boston College, they praised Alabama and let their sorrow be known that the "Bear's" team lost. So here's to you great Hawkeye fans and to your team. Thanks to a classy group of people! Roll Tide and go Hawks! — **Bob Schraeder Jr., Box 568, Mitchell Hall, ICCC, Fort Dodge.**

Scholastic eligibility

Mr. Thack of Pella, Ia., in his answer to the lady from Marshalltown points out with apparent satisfaction that 90 percent of the University of Iowa basketball players were graduated.

He also mentions that Iowa State University had two basketball recruits ineligible because of grades. He could have gone further and said that when Earle Bruce was coach of football, they had several players, including a number of starters, declared ineligible just prior to a bowl game.

Buddy Hardeman, who Bruce recently just said was one of the best quarterbacks he had ever had, left school in his last year of athletic eligibility because of scholarship reasons.

With courses like Hawkeye Insights which consists of ball handling and rebounding and taught by a member of the athletic board, it's not surprising that they would graduate.

God forbid, but if ISU would take their cue from U of I and add a few similar courses, they, too, would solve their scholastic eligibility problems. — **R.V. Diggins, 408 West State St., Marshalltown.**

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THE CLOSET COACH

Dear Coach

Can you please profile the coaching staff of Saudia Arabia's Olympic fencing team? Also, I'd like to know who the youngest athlete on the team is? I have been waiting for The Register to publish something on the Saudi fencing contingent, but so far have seen nothing. I think your coverage has been disgraceful.

— **D.C.M., West Des Moines**

The Coach replies:

I'm with you, D.C.M. When it comes to the Saudis, all you ever hear about is the shooting team. It's the Saudi shooting team this, the Saudi shooting team that. It's about time the fencing team, coached by Mohammad Jamal Al Din Mahmud al Shimi, 47, got some ink. Al Shimi, by the way, previously coached the Egyptian team before taking over the Saudi duties in 1982. He also has coached fencing in France.

His youngest athlete is Walid Abdul Aziz Al-Jamea, who is 16 and plays foil, if one indeed can play foil.