Sleepy Cyclones escape Drake's upset bid, 21-17

cooling down.

By Bob Denney Gazette sportswriter

AMES - What was expected to be a rout became an unexpected thriller.

A stroll turned into a crawl of survival for Iowa State's Cyclones against a determined and surprising Drake defense Saturday afternoon at Cyclone Stadium-Jack Trice Field.

Drake jumped out to a 17-0 lead in the third quarter before the Cyclones awakened with three touchdowns in the last 22 minutes to score a 21-17 non-conference football victory.

The Cyclones' escape, which squared their season record at 1-1, left many of the 47,656 fans wondering what happened.

All-American flanker Tracy Henderson, who caught an 11-yard winning touchdown pass from Alex Espinoza with 1:39 left to play, wondered out loud, too.

"I think we just underestimated Drake," he said, after catching 10 passes for 139 yards. "We showed up; they came to play."

"I wasn't the primary receiver on the touchdown, Robbie Minor was," he said. "I was told once I got back to the sidelines the pass wasn't for me. I guess I was ready, though, if it came my way."

Said Cyclone Coach Jim Criner, "Winning is never a step backward. A win is a win. You look at our program and where it was. A year ago we Picture on page 3B

wouldn't have won this football game . . . We learned some valuable lessons out there today." Drake Coach Chuck Shelton, whose hard-luck

Bulldogs fell to 0-3 and have now dropped five straight games dating back to last season, vented his frustration publicly.

Only 25 feet down the hall from a group of reporters, Shelton cursed a supervisor of officials walking by, threw a roundhouse right into a pop machine, tossed paper in the air and walked nearly back to the entrance to the stadium before

When he finally approached reporters, he said he would speak for only two minutes and punctuated most of his remarks with "No comment."

Why were you upset, coach?

"No comment."

What decided the game in your opinion? "No comment."

Was Iowa State the better team? "They had more points."

Shelton's teams have defeated Big 8 foes three of the past four meetings, and seemed headed for monumental decision this time. But the Cyclones, behind a 281-yard performance by

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Espinoza

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Mike Smithson pitched AL West leader Minnesota to a 1-0 win at Texas. Page 5B.

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Gazette photo by L.W. Ward

Penn State linebacker Shane Conlan chases down lowa quarterback Chuck Long during Saturday's game at Kinnick Stadium.

Penn State beats No.5 lowa, 20-17

By Gus Schrader Gazette sports columnist

IOWA CITY — They laughed when Joe Paterno said his Penn State football team "wasn't in the same league" with No. 5-rated lowa, but that's the way it looked for the "We want to give the ball to our first quarter.

get a first down in that time, and quarterback Dave Strang missed on his first eight pass attempts.

Unfortunately for the Hawkeyes these games have four quarters, because after that it was a case of "PS, I love you" with the football fates. The visitors took full advantage of Iowa mistakes to post a 20-17 upset before 66,145 spectators in near-perfect weather in Kinnick Stadium.

So the Hawkeyes take a 1-1 record into Big Ten play at Ohio State next Saturday. It will start at 2:40 p.m. Iowa time and will be on a split-national telecast via CBS.

"THE MAN UPSTAIRS was with Penn State today," sighed Iowa's Hayden Fry. "This is the hard part of coaching. It was a heck of a second down and nine to go. ballgame. We made more mistakes than they did. Every time the ball got on the ground it took a Penn State bounce. Maybe that's just good hustle, because they're a fine two made contact when the ball team and they deserved to win today."

The verdict may have boiled down to a key play with two minutes to go. Trailing by that 20-17 score, the Hawkeyes had fourth

down and two feet to go on the PS

The play Iowa called certainly would have met with approval of almost every Hawkeye fan: let Ronnie Harmon do it, right?

best runner," Fry explained. "All of Penn State, ranked 12th, didn't our films indicate they (PS) shoot the inside gap, so it would've been impossible to go inside. Personally, I thought he might go outside and score on the play. I'm not faulting Ronnie. He was diving for the first

"I thought I made it," the quicksilver Hawkeye junior said sadly, "but they marked it short."

Harmon was hauled down by safety Ray Isom, and the measurement showed it was nearly a foot short of a first down. Penn State shook off any effect from the hostile crowd and easily protected its victory in the last game scheduled in the Iowa series.

WANT ANOTHER important play? This time Penn State, nursing a 13-10 lead as the final quarter began, was on Iowa's 15-yard line,

Strang hurled a pass into the end zone, aimed at his flanker, Keith Campbell. Iowa cornerback Nate Creer was in front of him, and the arrived. It fell incomplete as Hawkeye fans roared approval.

But the nearest official threw a yellow flag.

"I just knew it was on the other Please turn to page 4B: Iowa

How The AP Top 20 Fared

- 1. Nebraska (2-0) beat Minnesota 38-7.
- 2. Clemson (2-0) was idle. 3. Michigan (1-1) lost to Washington 20-11.
- 4. Texas (1-0) beat Auburn 35-27. 5. Iowa (1-1) lost to Penn State 20-17.
- 6. Miami, Fla. (3-1) beat Purdue 28-17.
- 7. UCLA (2-0) beat Long Beach State 23-17.
- 8. Brigham Young (3-0) beat Tulsa 38-15. 9. Ohio State (2-0) beat Washington State 44-0.
- 10. Boston College (2-0) was idle.
- 11. Auburn (0-2) lost to Texas 35-27. 12. Penn State (2-0) beat lowa 20-17.
- 13. Oklahoma State (2-0) beat Bowling Green 31-14.
- 14. Southern Methodist (1-0) beat Louisville 41-7. 15. Oklahoma (2-0) beat Pittsburgh 42-10.
- 16. Washington (2-0) beat Michigan 20-11.
- 17. Pittsburgh (0-2) lost to Oklahoma 42-10. 18. Florida State (2-0) beat Kansas 42-16.
- 19. Alabama (0-2) lost to Georgia Tech 16-6. 20. Southern California (1-0) was idle.

By Mark Dukes Gazette sports editor

IOWA CITY — It came down to one play, the play of the game - fourth-and-one for lowa on the Penn State 29-yard line with less than two minutes to play.

Make the first down, and the Hawkeyes would take another step toward a possible winning touchdown. Fail, and the loss would be imminent.

The number Iowa Coach Hayden Fry chose was Ronnie Harmon's and the play he picked was a sweep to the left. It was the same play on which Harmon scored from 15 yards with four seconds left in the first half. Not bad reasoning by Fry.

But the RH factor was foiled this time. Defensive back Ray Isom led a furious Penn State charge, which stopped the Hawkeyes' gamebreaking threat a foot short of first down and secured a 20-17 win Saturday at Kinnick

Harmon thought he made it

Stadium. "We wanted to give the ball to our best runner," Fry explained. "All of our films indicated Penn State shoots the inside gap, so it would've been impossible to go inside. Personally, I thought Ronnie might go outside and score on the play. I'm not faulting Ronnie, because he was going for the first down, period."

It was an ironic consequence for Harmon, considering his all-purpose performance in last week's rout of Iowa State and his thrilling, bigplay runs late in the first half.

After Penn State had padded its lead to 13-3 with 48 seconds left in the half, Harmon returned the kickoff 50 yards. Five plays later from the Nittany Lions' 15, he swept the left side, cut quickly back to the right and scored.

"I think the blocking was there, and everybody said I'd made it," the Laurelton, N.Y., junior said of the fourth-down, fourth-quarter play.

"I just wanted to do what I could to make it, and I thought I did. It was the exact same play that worked before, and you don't stop doing what has been working. Penn State was looking for me for some reason, though.

"When I look at the films, I'll probably think I should have gone outside. But that's history

The fourth-down play could be deemed most important only because of the time frame. But reducing 60 minutes of football to one play isn't entirely fair.

In fact, two fumbled punts by Robert Smith, a disputed pass interference call on Iowa's Nate

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Cubs fatten lead over Mets to 91/2 games

Associated Press

CHICAGO - Jim Frey's cautious lip slipped just a bit Saturday after his National League East division-leading Chicago Cubs took their second straight from the second-place New York Mets.

"I feel a lot better than I did two days ago," the Cubs' manager said after Ron Cey doubled in two runs in a four-run first inning and the Cubs held on to post a 5-4 win. "Safety first, I always say, but I'll admit, the Mets have got a big hill to

climb." The victory gave Chicago a 91/2-game cushion over New York - the largest first-place lead in the NL East this year. It also reduced the Cubs'

magic number to five games. Asked whether he was "getting excited" as he guided the ballclub toward its first post-season appearance in 39 years, Frey replied, "I'm not sure you'll see it if I do. I'm not the kind of guy save.

who jumps up and down." Johnson was down, but certain he could get his ballclub up for the final series meeting between

the two today. "We've still got great spirit. The way we him. Gary Matthews then sirrled to score final series game today.

Safety first, I always say, but I'll admit, the Mets have got a big hill to climb. 99

-Jim Frey

battled back showed that," he said. "If we'd got a couple of breaks late in the game, it might have

up the victory. Lee Smith survived a two-run rally by the Mets in the eighth to earn his 32nd

Mets loser Sid Fernandez, 4-6, made his first Across the way, New York Manager Dave major league showing against the Cubs and it

didn't take Chicago long to figure him out.

out to second and Fitzgerald came home when Wally Backman also grounded out. been different." Scott Sanderson, 8-4, went 71/3 innings to pick

The Cubs made it 5-2 in the fifth when Larry Bowa walked with one out, took second on sacrifice and scored on Dernier's double.

Fernandez.

The Mets cut the lead to 5-4 in the eighth on a two-run single by Mookie Wilson off Smith.

The win gave the Cubs a 12-5 edge in their Bob Dernier drew a lead-off walk and stole, series with the Mets. New York remained winless second before Ryne Sandberg walked behind at Wrigley Field this season, going 0-8 with the

Dernier and one out later, Cey doubled through

the legs of New York third baseman Ray Knight

to score Sandberg and Matthews for a 3-0 lead.

After Jody Davis was intentionally walked, Cey

took third on Leon Durham's fielder's-choice

grounder and scored on a wild pitch by

The Mets got two runs back in the third when

Knight led off with a single, the first hit off

Sanderson. Mike Fitzgerald then doubled off the

right field wall to put runners at second and

third. Knight scored when Fernandez grounded

Budweiser Whips roll at World softball meet

By J.R. Ogden Gazette sportswriter

While Cedar Rapids teams continued to dwindle, tournament-favorite Budweiser Whips of Harvey, Ill., showed no signs of an early exit.

Of the 66 games contested in Saturday's version of the United States Slow-pitch Softball Association World Tournament, none of the 33 wins were as impressive as the Whips' two. Games were played at both the Kirkwood and 'C' Street

softball complexes. The Whips battered Stadium Lounge of Cedar Rapids 11-3 in an early morning second-round contest, then clobbered the Brama Construction Bulls of New Brighton, Minn., by the same tally to race into today's winner's bracket quarterfin-

"We played terrible this morning. But these guys wanted to see if they could unload a bit," said Whips Manager Fred Aprati after their third-round victory over Brama.

"That's self-induced. The guys do it themselves."

The Whips, ranked No. 1 in the country by Softball Insight magazine and winners of this year's Amateur Softball Association national, stirred up 15 hits in their Brama victory while pitcher Dave Bischoff and a stingy defense allowed just eight hits. Tom Kelleher led the hitting show by going 3-for-

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Above, Ronnie Harmon celebrates as he scores the Hawkeyes' first touchdown Saturday on a 15-yard run.

Right, lowa running back Owen Gill rams his way through a Penn State defender.

> Gazette photos by Joe Edens



Former lowa recruits hurt Hawks

By John Millea Gazette sportswriter

ran for one touchdown and tossed a 24-yard way we wanted it." scoring pass to teammate Herb Bellamy Saturday as the Hawkeyes defeated Penn State, 20-17, at Kinnick Stadium.

Now as any self-respecting football fan knows, that statement is a lie. Strang and Bellamy both play for Penn State, of course, the team that upset fifth-ranked Iowa Saturday by that 20-17

But as any self-respecting football fan may not know, those two Nittany Lions could very well be wearing Hawkeye black and gold.

Both Strang - who scored on a one-yard leap to give Penn State a 20-10 lead early in the fourth quarter - and Bellamy - who had earlier hauled in a 24-yard Strang pass to score late in the first half - were heavily recruited by Iowa.

In fact Bellamy, a 6-foot, 193-pound wide receiver from Staten Island, N.Y., who redshirted as a freshman last year, narrowed his choice to Iowa and Penn State before making a decision.

"It came down to the last day," said Bellamy after Saturday's game. "Iowa's a good school but I felt Penn State was the place for me."

Despite his fond words for lowa, Bellamy admitted that the No. 12 Nittany Lions - who edged Rutgers, 15-12, last week and host William and Mary next Saturday - were aiming for the Hawkeyes.

"This was the one we wanted," he said. They're ranked fifth and people were praising them, and we're young and inexperienced.

"We talked all week that if we can win this one IOWA CITY - Iowa quarterback Doug Strang it would set everything straight and get it the

Bellamy's touchdown catch gave Penn State a 13-3 lead with 48 seconds to go in the first half before the Hawks cut the margin to 13-10 on a 15yard touchdown run by Ronnie Harmon.

Bellamy, who was all alone in the middle of the end zone when he scored his first collegiate touchdown, said that Iowa's secondary may have been crossed up. Hawkeye cornerback Ken Sims was several steps behind Bellamy when the pass

was caught. 'I was running a post pattern and I cut straight past him," said Bellamy. "He was rolling toward me and I just cut past him.

"I was thinking, 'I've been waiting for this for a long time . . . and don't drop it.' "

Strang, a senior from Linwood, N.J., completed only one of his first eight passes. Unfortunately for him that one was caught by Iowa safety Mike

Pass No. 9 finally broke the ice for Strang. The 17-yard completion to Eric Hamilton, coming with 11:27 left in the second quarter, was also

Penn State's initial first down. "We felt we could throw on them," said Strang, "and we felt it was just a matter of time before

we started completing them." Penn State Coach Joe Paterno also said that he wasn't overly worried at that point, despite

having logged just one first down. "We didn't worry about how many first downs

we had, we were worried about how many points they had; and they only had three," said Paterno.

Penn State's offense also got some help from the defense, most notably Shane Conlan. The sophomore linebacker forced turnovers that led to two first-half field goals by Nick Gancitano.

A blitzing Conlan jarred the ball loose from Iowa quarterback Chuck Long and then recovered it on Iowa's four-yard line on the first play of the second period, setting up a 21-yard field goal to make the score 3-3. And on Iqwa's next series Conlan smacked receiver Owen Gill just as the pass arrived, and teammate Bob Ontko grabbed the loose ball for an interception. Shortly after that, Gancitano's 35-yard kick made it 6-3.

"I just came flying up, got a good hit and saw Bob Ontko grab the ball," said Conlan. "We just try to get everybody to go to the ball, and the big plays will happen.

"I knew it was going to be tough; Iowa's a real tough team."

Paterno agreed with Conlan's assessment of the Hawkeyes.

offensive team," said Paterno. "They've got good balance and great skill people."

"Our defense did a good job against a great

The 19-year Penn State coach also commented on the ruckus raised by the Iowa crowd late in the game, which gave the Penn State offense problems in hearing Strang.

"That's a tough crowd," said Paterno. "We felt we could have had a little more help from the officials (in quieting the fans), but then again Doug should have asked for more help."

lowa falls to Penn State

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team because our guy was in front," Fry said. "The defensive man was in front and got shoved from behind."

The ruling, however, was defensive pass interference, and Penn State had a first down on the twoyard line. Two plays later Strang dived over; and Nick Gancitano kicked-the point for the 20-10 lead.

Iowa fought back from that deficit bling and Harmon's 16-yard dash to three-yard loss. the one. Then Long sneaked the final yard and Tommy Nichol kicked leaving for halftime refreshments the point with 10:01 remaining. when Iowa again used the RH

down and stopped the Nittany a sprint-draw, hi-diddle-diddle-Lions, forcing a punt. Robert Smith, right-up-the-middle, and Harmon who had given the Lions possesion raced for the touchdown, brandishby fumbling a punt in the first half, ing the ball triumphantly the last gathered this one and made a five yards. Iowa had trimmed the sparkling 23-yard return. But he was gap to 13-10, and seemed to be on submarined by Duffy Cobb on the the road to victory. PS 46 and the ball went flying. True, the Hawkeyes had 25 first Punter John Bruno recovered it with downs to the Lions' 16, and they eight minutes left.

punt. This time Bruno's boot was the air, downed on the Iowa 10, 6:03 to go.

ken-play runs with passes to Har- Hunter stole Strang's passes. He mon, Owen Gill, Happel and Scott completed only 11 of 27, and he Helverson, and that's how the ball netted 22 yards in 10 rushes. reached the PS 30 for the climax with two minutes to go.

The only score in the first quarter was Nichol's 24-yard field goal. Nichol had missed earlier from 49 yards, and his 56-yard attempt that would have tied the school record hit the upright and fell back in the third period.

The Lions tied it on their first series of the second period. Gancitano, who had missed from 43 yards in the first quarter, connected from 21 yards. This marked the 16th consecutive time he had been successful from 40 yards or closer.

yards, also against the wind.

last week's 59-21 romp over lowa returned two kickoffs for 67. State, could be heard sucking in its The four H's caught three passes collective breath after the Lions each: Jonathan Hayes, Happel, Helimproved their lead from 6-3 to 13-3 verson and Harmon. PS's Eric

from the 18-yard line. On third out-punted Bruno, a 41-yard average down at Iowa's 36, Strang passed to 39.6. Iowa linebacker Kevin perfectly to Herb Bellamy, who Spitzig led both sides in tackling outsped Ken Sims to the end zone. with 11 solos and three assists.

SMALL CHANCE for any Iowa comeback before the half, right? But Harmon returned the kickoff 50 yards to the PS 44. He thought about lateraling to Smith, changed his mind and got tangled up with

Smith as he tried to cut behind him. Long hit Quinn Early with a 13yarder. Gill and Long made short gains, but Iowa got a first down on for a 20-17 score on Chuck Long's the 12 when PS was penalized for a passing to Bill Happel and J.C. personal foul. Then Long fumbled Love-Jordan, Long's own scram- the ball and barely recovered it for a

Many of the spectators were The Hawkeye defense hunkered factor. Long fed Harmon the ball on

outgained them 370 to 327 - 181-AGAIN IOWA'S defense forced a 170 on the ground and 189-157 in

But PS had only two turnovers to Once more Long mixed his bro- lowa's four. Mike Stoops and Keith

Long had much better stats, completing 16 of 27 for 189 yards and running 11 times for a net of 31. Although PS narrowly missed intercepting two of Long's passes early, the only one stolen came when tackle Mike Garrett wrestled it away from Gill after an apparent reception.

Penn State won without its best running back. D.J. Dozier, the soph who riddled Iowa's defense a year ago, couldn't play because of injuries suffered in last week's 15-12 squeaker over Rutgers.

Tony Mumford replaced him and led both teams with 79 yards in 16 He got No. 17 in a row five carries. Gill led Iowa with 56 yards, minutes later, this time from 35 also in 16 trips, while Harmon gained 48 in only nine. Harmon also The Iowa crowd, still relishing caught three passes for 25 yards and

with 48 seconds to go in the half. Hamilton also had three receptions.

This came after a sustained drive Iowa southpaw Gary Kostrubala

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Hawks look to Ohio State

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Creer, two missed field goals and three lost fumbles certainly contributed as much to the Hawkeyes'

downfall. "We deserved to lose because we couldn't kick a field goal and we couldn't make a fourth-and-one," Fry said. "All the fumbles were critical ones, too. We had a lot of

opportunities to win the game, but

just made a lot of mistakes." FRY OBJECTED to the pass interference call against Creer, who stepped in front of Kevin Campbell in the end zone and flicked the ball

The call preceded Penn State quarterback Doug Strang's one-yard sneak. The 9-play, 61-yard drive gave the Nittany Lions a 20-10 lead

with 14:10 remaining. "Our defender is in front of their receiver and gets shoved in the back," Fry protested. "When the official threw the flag, I knew it was

on the offensive guy for shoving." Iowa bounced back, though, driving 80 yards in 12 plays, converting two crucial third down plays and eventually pulled to within 20-17 on Chuck Long's one-yard sneak with

10:01 left. THE MARCH energized the Iowa defense, which stopped Penn State on downs. Robert Smith fielded the rebound. Nittany Lions' punt at the Iowa 32, changed direction and seemed to be headed for a big return when Duffy Cobbs' tackle jarred the ball loose and punter John Bruno recovered at the Penn State 46.

"I saw open field in front of me, but the guy caught me off guard and blindsided me," Smith explained.

"He put his helmet on my left leg. It was pretty painful."

Fry mentioned two missed field goals as a factor in the loss, but Nichol didn't exactly miss chip shots. His low, line drive from 49 yards was short and to the left. And his 56-yard attempt with 3:27 left in the third quarter was plenty long enough but hit the right upright.

Four plays prior to Nichol's 56yard attempt, Harmon ran 14 yards to the Penn State 17. But a holding call on back-up fullback. Tim Sennott gave Iowa first down at the Nittany Lion 41 — a net difference of 24 yards.

"THAT JUST killed us," Fry said. "I swear our kid didn't hold because I was looking right at him. Sennott threw a tremendous block."

Fry and the Iowa players who appeared in the interview room didn't appear entirely crushed by the loss, though. The fifth-ranked Hawkeyes will attempt to rebound Saturday at Ohio State.

"Now they really count," defensive tackle Paul Hufford said. "We've got our first Big Ten game next and our goal is to go to the Rose Bowl, so that's where it all

Long, who had 189 yards passing, believes Iowa is well-equipped to

"I'm glad we won't be No. 5 in the country anymore, because I think we'll play a little more relaxed," he said. "If this loss was later in the year, it'd be a little harder to come back from. We've got 10 games left and a bright future. I think we'll put this on the shelf and bounce back

A black Saturday for Big Ten

Humble pie

IOWA CITY - Bad day at Black Rock for the Big Ten Saturday,

The proud old conference had been celebrating

its best football start ever just a week earlier. "Big Ten football teams last Saturday won eight of the 10 games played against nonconference opponents," crowed a Big Ten release, "an all-time league best when every Big Ten team played a team outside the conference on the same day. Included were victories over No. 1 Miami (by Michigan) and No. 7 Notre Dame (by Purdue)."

Well, as Buddha said, "Those whom the gods would destroy, they first make drunk with

The Big Ten was knocked off its pedestal Saturday when its members won only two of 10 games against outside foes. So the record will be 10-10 going into the one remaining nonconference game (before the bowls), Iowa's invasion of Hawaii Dec. 1.

Gather what consolation you can. At least the Big Ten can boast of two things:

1. Ohio State and Wisconsin emerged with 2-0 records.

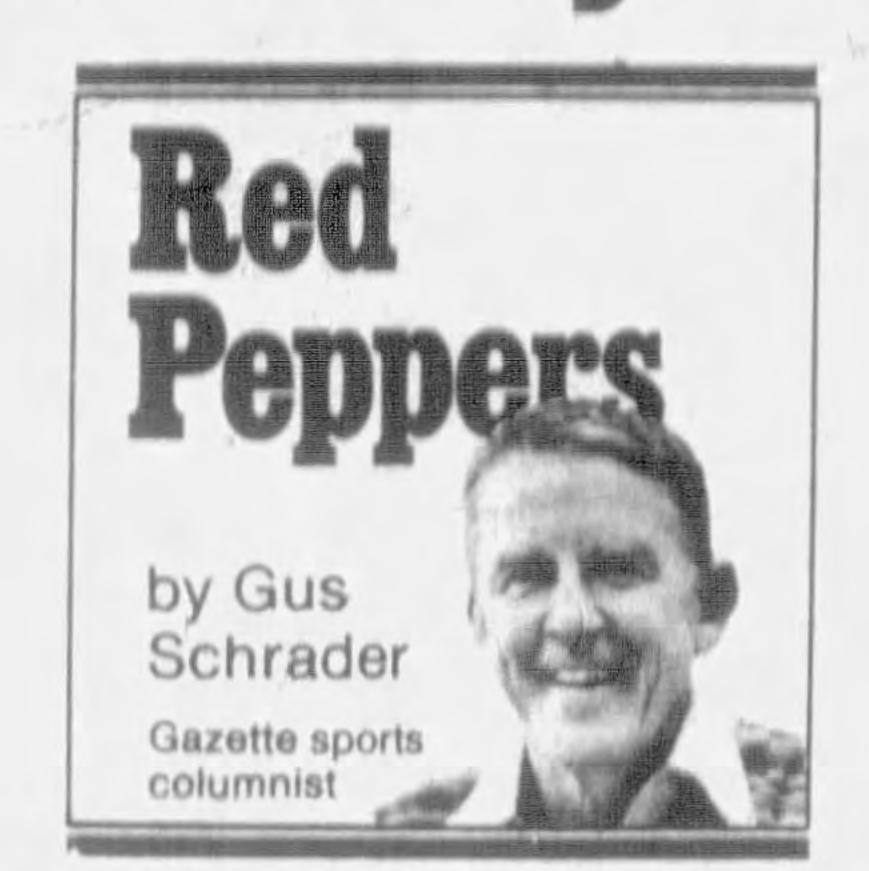
2. The Big Ten enjoyed an unusually good year against the Big Eight, a 4-1 record with the only loss being to the nation's No. 1 team, Nebraska. The Huskers beat Minnesota Saturday, 38-7, but that's hardly impressive considering the Gophers bombed by Nebraska 84-13 a year ago.

Pass the hash

• Mike Stoops, Iowa's strong safety, was seen remonstrating with the official who ruled pass interference against Nate Creer in the end zone, setting up Penn State's touchdown for its 20-10

"I didn't see any interference," he said. "I saw Nate Creer in front of his man (Kevin Campbell), and I thought the official must have called offensive pass interference. But that's the official's job, not mine."

0 0 0 • Two of Iowa's most exciting runners got



tangled up on Ronnie Harmon's 50-yard kickoff return just before the half.

"I saw Ronnie break and he was thinking about lateraling the ball back to me," said Robert Smith. "Then he kept it and I was trying to block for him when we bumped into each other."

Harmon had nine runs for 48 yards, he caught three passes for 25 and he returned two kickoffs for 67. That's 140 yards, a 10-yard average on his 14 plays. He had 371 yards in 21 plays last week, so his two-week average is 18 yards each time he touched the ball. Talk about an RH factor!

 Asked about the quote by Penn State's Joe Paterno that his team was "not being in the same league with Iowa," Harmon replied, "No coach is have lost 17 straight conference games and were stupid enough to say what he really means. I don't take any coach's comment seriously."

Even his own coach's? "My coach - I'd rather not say," he smiled.

0 0 0 Iowa quick-outs: That loss ended a string of

eight Iowa victories at home, the first since Michigan won here in 1982, 29-7 . . . The only Big Ten stadium where an Iowa team coached by Hayden Fry has not won is Ohio State's. The Hawkeyes have played there only once since Fry's arrival, and that ended in a 34-7 Buckeye win in 1979 . . . It was amazing to see so many Penn State fans in Saturday's crowd. Iowans who went to University Park, Pa., last year told us they had never seen so many friendly people at

the pre-game tailgating than the PS fans . . . Hawaii, the 50th state and Iowa's 12th opponent this season, has lost its first two games, to Cal-Fullerton 21-13 and Colorado State 10-3.

Bump Elliott, Iowa athletic director, says his department will not permit moving kickoff times in 1985 as TV has done for Hawkeye home games this season. Saturday's game was the only one starting at 1:05. The Iowa State contest was moved to 12:10, and the last four will open at

"Our Iowa fans deserve better than that," he said. "We won't agree to such changes next season. We might change the kickoff time by an hour for one game, but our fans don't like those 11:10 starting times."

11:10 a.m.

 Many times you have read about how athletes today are bigger, stronger, etc., compared with those of yesteryear.

Hillerich and Bradsby, which makes Louisville Sluggers, says today's major-league baseball bats vary in length from 32 to 361/2 inches and in weight from 30 ounces (Joe Morgan) to 37 ounces (Claudell Washington).

OK, when the almost legendary Babe Ruth played (1914-35), he hit all those prodigious home runs with a bludgeon that was 42 inches long and weighed 50 ounces. So much for featherlight clubs!

· OK, you Cub fans who have been pestering us, we have received the answers to OTR's diehard Cub fans trivia quiz, and we promise to print 'em in a few days.

Speaking of OTR (Duane Thomas, Iowa City), we finally found a weakness in his predictions and/or statistics: He has been saying the Phillies, not the Mets, would be the Cubs' chief problem down the stretch. Hmm, judging by the way the Cubs have handled the Mets the last two days, maybe OTR isn't so far off at that.

"Mr. OTR predicts the Cubs will cinch the pennant in St. Louis Sept. 23," OTR writes. "The crowd will be 48,000, but 32,000 will be Cubs

fans." Check up on him.

Twins' Smithson has reason to smile

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Mike Smithson had a lot to be happy about Saturday night. He pitched the first shutout of his major league career and he did it against his former team, the Texas Rangers. He also gave the Minnesota Twins a boost in their pennant race in the American League West.

The Twins lead California and Kansas City by a half-game, pending the outcome of the Royals-Seattle

MAJOR LEAGUES

Mariners contest at Seattle. The Royals were beating Seattle, 8-5, heading into the eighth inning at press time.

"The team needed a win tonight," Smithson said after the 1-0 victory. 'I know the guys are looking at me for something. That's why they brought me here."

The Rangers traded Smithson to the Twins after the 1983 season. Smithson, 15-12, struck out five and walked two in the game. Danny Darwin, 8-11, went the distance for the Rangers, gave up eight hits and California bombed Chicago, 11-2; becoming the 13th member of the struck out six.

inside pitch," Smithson said. "I mixed up my pitches very well and had them off stride."

The Twins had lost two in a row coming into the game and Smithson said the team was tight. "Yeah, I sensed we were sort of

tight. I don't know why. I think the hitters need to be more relaxed at the plate." The Rangers' only threat came in

the third inning when they loaded the bases but with two outs All-Star third baseman Buddy Bell was called out on strikes. "Buddy is a guy you don't want

up at the plate with men in scoring position," Smithson said. "Luckily, the umpire gave me a call." Another ex-Ranger, Pat Putnam, drove in the only run of the game in the third inning. With one out,

Mickey Hatcher singled to right, advanced to second on a fielder's choice and scored on Putnam's single.

ELSEWHERE around the American League Saturday afternoon,

Hearns keeps title with KO

Thomas Hearns, demonstrating his punches. awesome punching power from the 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 help-

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Boston edged New York, 4-3; Mil-"Me and Danny established our waukee blanked Baltimore, 7-0; Detroit nipped Toronto, 2-1; and Cleveland downed Oakland, 6-3. In a late game, Kansas City was at

Angels 11, White Sox 2

ANAHEIM, Calif. - Reggie Jackson belted his 499th career homer to lead California's four-homer assault.

With the scored tied 1-1 and Doug DeCinces aboard with a single, the season to come within one of East.

500 circle.

Bobby Grich immediately followed with a solo shot off Tom Seaver, 14-10, and the Angels were never headed.

Mike Witt, 13-11, held Chicago to five hits through seven innings, with Luis Sanchez working the final two.

Tigers 2, Jays 1

DETROIT — Ruppert Jones belted his 12th homer and later robbed Toronto's Cliff Johnson of a home run as Detroit lowered its Jackson slugged his 21st homer of magic number to four in the AL

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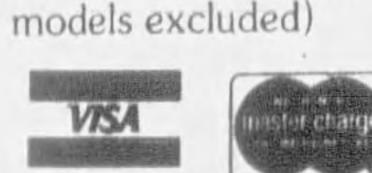
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