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Nichol's kick pushes Hawks past 'Cats

By Jay Christensen

The Iowa Hawkeyes looked more like a gang of starving vultures in their thrilling 17-14 victory Saturday night against Arizona, the first night win for the Hawks against a Pac-10, opponent

The victory made Iowa Coach Hayden Fry, who insisted his team would improve each week, resemble a prophet rather than a football coach. "The win at Arizona at night was the most pleasing for our coaching staff in

our four years at Iowa," Fry said. Improvement from week two - a 19loss to Iowa State — to week three, was most evident in the Hawkeyes' offense, especially at quarterback. Sophomore signal-caller Chuck Long exhibited poise under pressure and received a vote of confidence from

"HE MADE KEY play after key play throughout the game. You can't keep going back and forth between two quarterbacks. It's better to have one quarterback and go with him."

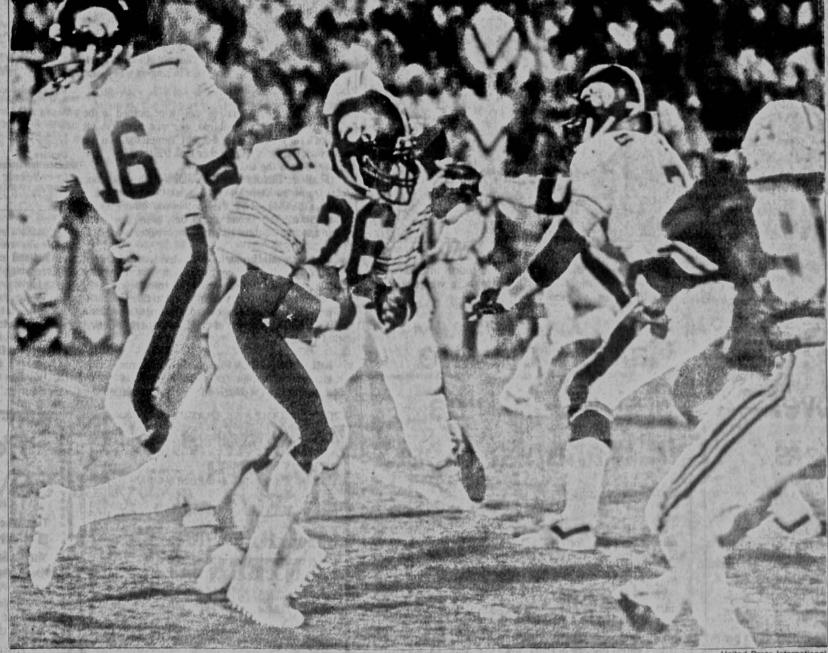
Long did suffer a bruise on his right shoulder in the third period but remained in the game. "He made a couple of mistakes," Fry said. "He checked off a couple of times he shouldn't have, but I'd rather have him do that than not say anything.

That was one of the best quarterbacked games since I've been at Iowa. I imagine the stats will speak for them-

Long completed 18-of-27 passes for 187 yards, but most important, he exhibited savvy in engineering the Hawks' winning drive with the game on the line. Tom Nichol's field goal from 20 yards away with two minutes, 20 seconds left, after running back Owen Gill had been stopped three times from the one-yard line, provided the winning

THE 80-YARD drive was keyed by Long's 14-yard run off an option play As Long was tackled, he fumble where Gill pounced on the ball at the

Arizona had one more chance, but quarterback Tom Tunnicliffe couldn't connect on two passes. His third attempt was tipped and freshman sensation Devon Mitchell of Iowa dove and caught the ball, preserving the victory. Arizona Coach Larry Smith was up-



Long, 16, and dodges Arizona linebacker Lamonte Hunley. Granger, lowa's

set with several dropped passes, call- as a "typical Big Ten team."

ing it the "human factor." 'Certainly things happen that you can't explain, they just happen," he said. "I don't feel Iowa is a great team, just a good team that got it together. You've got to give them credit. That team has something. They learned a lot

of football last season. SMITH FURTHER classified Iowa

They were physical and pushed you around. Iowa played its best game of

Iowa trailed 14-7 until late in the third quarter when the Hawkeyes' used

a bit of trickery to tie the score. Long handed off to running back Eddie Phillips who headed off tackle. Before he hit the hole, Phillips turned defeated Arizona in Tucson, 17-14, to register their first victory of the season.

and pitched the ball back to Long, who threw a perfect pass to receiver Dave Moritz in the back of the end zone. The 14-yard touchdown play set-up Nichols'

Arizona scored first on an 16-play, 80yard march that ended with Tunnicliffe passing to tight end Mark Keel from six yards away for the score. The Hawkeyes then tied it at seven on an

80-yard drive. J.C. Love Jordan caught a Long pass for a nine-yard touchdown

THE WILDCATS scored with 1:55 left in the half after linebacker Ricky Hundley intercepted a pass by Long and returned it to Arizona's 34-yard

Eventually, fullback Courtney Grif-

fin bulled across from three yards out to make the score 14-7.

'We didn't get too many sacks on the quarterback, but we got pressure on him," Fry said. "Our defense faced a pretty good Arizona offense. They prevented the bomb, the big play."

What made Iowa's comeback victory even more amazing was the fact that the Hawkeyes' charter flight was late leaving the Cedar Rapids airport. Scheduled departure was 6:40 p.m. Friday, but the plane did not leave until 9 p.m. It arrived in Tucson at midnight,

DESPITE THE butchered schedule, owa was the stronger looking team in the end. Arizona could not get rolling offensively in the second half, due in part to another gutsy performance by the Hawks' defense.

Several Hawkeyes were injured, with linebacker Kevin Spitzig appearing to be the biggest casualty. He is out "indefinitely" with an injured left knee. Offensive left tackle John Alt has a scratched right eyeball and wore a patch on his eye on the flight back. He is expected to miss a few days of prac-

All eyes will be on Kinnick Stadium Saturday. Iowa's foe, Northwestern, will be gunning for two-straight victories. Yes, the Wildcats finally broke the NCAA record 34-game losing streak, beating Northern Illinois, 31-6 Saturday.

Northwestern has not won a Big Ten conference game since a 1977 victory over Illinois. That streak stands at 37 games. Arizona is idle this Saturday, but travels to UCLA in two weeks.

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UA-Griffin 3 run (Zendejas kick) Iowa-Moritz 14 pass from Long (Nichol kick) Iowa-FG Nichol 20-yard kick A-41,124

lowa field hockey rated No. 2; Davidson cautiously optimistic

By Mike Condon

"It's the best feeling I've ever had."

Lee Ann Detwiler's reaction is probably the norm among the members of Iowa's field hockey squad. The reason for all the excitement is the fact that Coach Judith Davidson's Hawkeyes are ranked No. 2 in the country, behind Connecticut, in this week's first release of the United States Field Hockey Association's top 10

The Huskies garnered five first-place votes with Iowa and third-ranked Penn State each collecting one vote for the top spot. Northwestern is the only other Big Ten school to make the top 10. The Wildcats are rated

DAVIDSON WAS a little surprised with her squad's lofty ranking. "I was really excited when I received the news but I didn't expect it (the No. 2 ranking). I felt we would be somewhere around No. 6.'

According to Davidson, the fact that Iowa is isolated from the upper echelon of field hockey has hurt the Hawks' rating in past years. "In order to end up No. 1 you have to play a high caliber of competition every week," she said. "Our schedule has only one big trip to the East (where most of the top-rated teams are located) so for us to stay near the top, it is important that we continue to play well."

But does being No. 2 put any added pressure on the Hawks? "We can take the rating one of two ways," Davidson said. "We can just let it happen and deal with it or we can let it go to our heads and get bumped off by a team that shouldn't beat us."

SOPHOMORE FORWARD Vickie Sax had this reaction: "It's really exciting and hard to believe. I don't think our squad will let it go to our heads. I will just try not to think about it and just take every game one at a

Detwiler believes the ranking will give the Hawks the confidence they may have lacked last season. "We went East last year and we knew we were good, but we didn't quite make it. But this year they know out East that owa is a quality team and the ranking will enhance winning the rest of the season."

Senior defender Carol Barr has seen the Hawkeye program come a long way in her years at Iowa. "Things have changed since I started here. Every year has just



got better and this is what we've been working for."

BARR ADMITTEDLY is looking ahead to a longer reaching goal, "We've always been thinking of a national championship," she said. "Last year that goal may have been a little out of our reach, but I know its on my mind and I'm sure most of the team is thinking about a national championship this season."

Union not impressed with offer by NFL Management Council

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (UPI) - While the NFL Management Council was optimistic after six hours of talks with the Players Association Sunday, the union claimed no progress was made in the first meeting between the two sides

The Management Council's attempt to settle the seven-day old strike centered around its guarantee of a \$1.6 billion package to go to the striking players over the next five years. The union, in the first regular-season strike in the NFL's 63-year history, wasn't

impressed by the offer. 'We made a move today and we're hopeful and optimistic," said Jack Donlan, the Management Council's executive director. "Today we guaranteed the union \$1.6 billion over five years. If we didn't spend all that money, we would create a fund to disperse the remaining amount.'

HOWEVER, GENE Upshaw, president of the Players Association, had a different opinion of the negotiations, which were held at Hofstra University.

"The session ended exactly as it started," Upshaw said. "We still stick to our plan of a wage scale fund of 50 percent of the television revenues. We will not move off that. "We anticipate in the next few days the owners will try to bribe name players to come into camp. In no way will this happen. We will not go back to business as usual or status quo. The system needs to be changed."

Donlan said that over the past few days the question of guaranteeing the money appeared to be a major stumbling block in settling the strike.

"WE ALSO TOLD them that within these parameters we can work out other things once we have the fundamentals down," Donlan said. "Then we can talk about, for example,

Donlan said he would be in touch

with the Players Association Monday to possibly set up further talks.

This should put to rest the issue of the \$1.6 billion. We are going to spend it. Now it's up to them to regroup," Donlan said. "I think it is a positive

None of the 12 games scheduled for Sunday were played as the entire third week of the NFL's 16-week schedule was postponed and perhaps canceled.

Before Sunday, talks between the players and owners made little progress since they began in February. On Sept. 17, the players dropped their demand for 55 percent of the owners' total revenues and asked instead for \$1.6 billion over four years, with the money coming from a recent contract the NFL signed with television networks.

San Francisco stops Dodgers; within one game of league lead

United Press International

If anyone wants the National League West title, it's there for the taking. Darrell Evans' two-run homer

highlighted a three-run fifth inning that carried San Francisco to a 3-2 victory over Los Angeles and sent the division into a free-for-all. The loss was the Dodgers' fifth in a

row - all by one run - while the Giants' triumph, combined with Atlanta's 3-2 loss to San Diego, put San Francisco into a tie with the Braves for second place, one game behind Los

Fred Breining, 11-5, scattered six hits over 5 1-3 innings to gain the victory, with Al Holland going the final 3 2-3 innings to notch his fifth save.

IN THE FIFTH, Joe Morgan walked wiih one out, stole second and scored Hooton, 3-7. Evans then hit a 1-1 pitch for his 16th homer.

when Dusty Baker walked, moved to second on a single by Pedro Guerrero

and scored on Steve Garvey's single. The Dodgers added another run in the seventh when Bill Russell walked, reached third on pinch hitter Ron Roenicke's single and scored when Baker grounded into a fielder's choice. The start of the game was delayed

two hours and 53 minutes after night long rains left the field soggy and it took groundkeepers nearly three hours to get the field into playing condition. The Giants played the game under protest because of the condition of the

IN OTHER GAMES, Chicago eight innings in leading the Cubs.

on Jack Clark's double off loser Burt defeated St. Louis 6-1, New York edged Philadelphia 6-4, Pittsburgh blanked Montreal 3-0, San Diego nipped Atlanta The Dodgers cut the lead in the sixth 3-2 and Houston downed Cincinnati 4-0.

> At Atlanta, Joe Pittman singled home the tie-breaking run in the ninth and left fielder Terry Harper committed a controversial four-base error in the third, helping the Padres. Tony Gwynn led off the ninth with a walk, went to second on Tim Flannery's sacrifice and scored when Pittman grounded a single into center off loser Rick Camp, 11-11. Gary Lucas went the final three innings to pick up his first victory of the season after 10 losses.

> At St. Louis, Ferguson Jenkins singled home two runs in a five-run first and tossed a seven-hitter over