Garvey's heroics force Game 5 with Cubs

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Padres refused to die and, sparked by a performance that made "time freeze" for Steve Garvey, the National League Championship Series will go to a fifth game.

Garvey had four hits and drove in five runs — two with a tie-breaking homer in the ninth inning — as the Padres defeated the Chicago Cubs Saturday night, 7-5. That tied the NLCS at two games apiece in an unprecedented comeback for the Padres.

"When the ball started toward the fence, I froze in time," Garvey said of his game-winning homer off Lee Smith after a one-out single by Tony Gwynn. "It ranks right up there with my most exciting nights in baseball."

Game 5 of the NLCS is this afternoon at 3:05 on ABC-TV, with Cubs ace Rick Sutcliffe going against San Diego's Eric Show. Sutcliffe and the Cubs beat Show in the series opener.

The Cubs won the first two games of the series — 13-0 and 4-2 — in Chicago, and now, the Padres have won the two in San Diego. Not only has no NL team come back to win a playoff after being down 0-2, but none had even come back for a tie.

"Something like this, it's so difficult to achieve in this game," Garvey said. "And in a game of this importance, when you can do something like this, you take a lot of pride in it."

During the season, Garvey had just eight homers, the same number he now has in playoff competition. His game-winning shot to right-center field gave him 20 lifetime playoff RBI. He extended his own NLCS record and broke the previous record for either league of 18, held jointly by his current teammate Graig Nettles and Reggie Jackson of California.

Garvey's first RBI capped a two-run third inning that gave San Diego the early lead. After the Cubs had come back to lead 3-2 on a two-run homer by Jody Davis and Leon Durham's solo shot in the fourth, Garvey drove in a run in the fifth inning to tie the game.

The Padres went ahead 5-3 when Garvey drove in one of two San Diego runs in the seventh, but the Cubs scored twice in the eighth inning off Rich Gossage to tie the score once again.

"This is the best playoff game I've ever been associated with," said San Diego Manager Dick Williams, who had been to post-season play previously with Boston, Oakland and Montreal.

"I remember Yaz (Carl Yastrzemski of Boston) was the MVP in 1967. I never watched a player have a year like he did, but I never recall a player with a day like Steve had today."

Cubs Manager Jim Frey said his pitchers had done all they could against Garvey. This night just belonged to the Padres and a stadium record crowd of 58,354.

"You've got to respect Steve Garvey. You can't fault our pitching," Frey said. "There are a lot of guys wearing these funny uniforms that can't do what he did tonight."

Despite having to face Chicago's ace in Sutcliffe, 16-1 and winner of his last 14 decisions during the season, Williams likes his club's chances of winning the pennant in its first appearance in post-season play.

"We're facing a guy who won 15 or 16 in a row, so I think the percentages are with us," Williams said. "We're in our park now, and I've got to believe we can hold our own with their future Cy Young winner."

The Cubs have not won the pennant since 1945. If they win this year they would face the American League champion Detroit Tigers, against whom they lost the last time they went to the World Series 39 years ago.

The game once again was played with substitute umpires, but there were no controversial calls of any consequence.

Some questionable baserunning by Larry Bowa took the Cubs out of their first scoring opportunity in the third inning.

Bowa led off with the first hit off Tim Lollar, a double down the left-field line. After Cubs starter Scott Sanderson bunted foul for a third strike, Bob Dernier came to bat. Dernier hit a two-hopper to Padres shortstop Garry Templeton, and Bowa tried to advance to third.

Templeton fielded the ball, spun and threw

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Steve Garvey

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Abernathy stars

Cedar Rapids' Kirk Abernathy scored three touchdowns to lead Drake past Northwest Missouri State. Page 8B.

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Hawks stuff 'Cats, 31-3

Defense sets mark; 3 TDs for Harmon

By Bob Denney
Gazette sportswriter

EVANSTON, Ill. — Iowa's Hawkeyes won't have to walk home tonight. Coach Hayden Fry isn't into hitchhiking after what he saw defensively Saturday in a 31-3 Big Ten football victory over Northwestern at Dyche Stadium.

Fry's defensive troops in black and gold couldn't have been sharper. The Iowa defense lived up to its pre-season billing, shattering a school record in total defense by holding Northwestern to 49 net yards. That broke the 29-year-old mark of 67 yards set in 1955 against Kansas State.

It was the type of effort that makes Iowa defensive coordinator Bill Brashier stick out his chest and reach for the nearest cigar.

"Thanks a lot, fellas," Brashier said when informed his defensive scheme was sterling on paper as well as on the field. "We needed a game like this."

What did Iowa's defense do differently that it hadn't all season? Nothing more than put on a fierce pass rush of four players, and have its secondary stick to the Northwestern receivers like glue.

"It was a basic scheme," said Brashier, the architect from high in the press box. "We just rushed four people and disguised differently. The kids just plain executed real well. When you put hands in someone's face, it makes all the difference in the world."

Big Ten powers Ohio State, Michigan are upset. Page 3B.

Iowa's defenders held Wildcat starting quarterback Sandy Schwab to seven completions in 18 attempts for 30 yards, before he was forced to leave the game with a bruised shoulder in the third quarter.

The win boosted Iowa to 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the Big Ten race, good for a three-way tie for third place with Saturday's upset victims Ohio State and Michigan. The Hawks visit Big Ten leader Purdue (3-0) next Saturday.

Northwestern suffered its biggest

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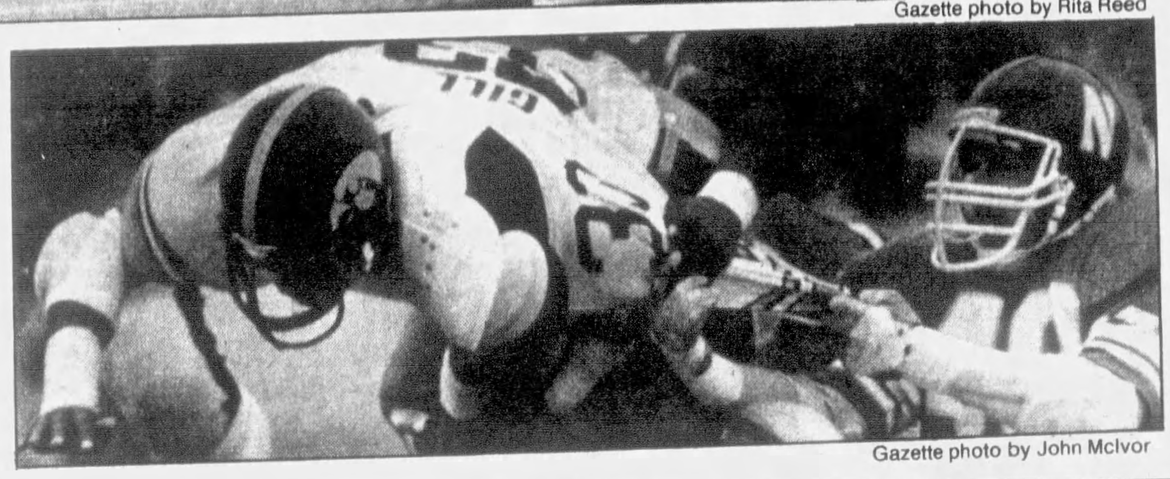

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Above, Iowa running back Ronnie Harmon is dragged down by Northwestern's Kent Weeks.

Right, fullback Owen Gill tries to escape the grasp of Wildcat linebacker Jeff Custer. Behind the running of Harmon and Gill, the Hawkeyes defeated Northwestern, 31-3.

How The AP Top 20 Fared

1. Texas (3-0) beat Rice, 38-13
2. Ohio State (4-1) lost to Purdue, 28-23
3. Washington (5-0) beat Oregon State, 19-7
4. Boston College (3-0) was idle.
5. Oklahoma (4-0) was idle.
6. Florida State (4-0-1) tied with Memphis State, 17-17
7. Brigham Young (5-0) beat Colorado State, 52-9
8. Nebraska (4-1) beat Oklahoma State, 17-3
9. Oklahoma State (4-1) lost to Nebraska, 17-3
10. SMU (3-0) was idle.
11. Penn State (4-1) beat Maryland, 25-24
12. Georgia Tech (3-1) lost to North Carolina St., 27-22
13. Michigan (3-2) lost to Michigan State, 19-7
14. Miami, Fla. (5-2) beat Notre Dame, 31-13
15. LSU (3-0-1) was idle.
16. Notre Dame (3-2) lost to Miami, Fla., 31-13
17. UCLA (3-2) lost to Stanford, 23-21
18. Auburn (3-2) beat Mississippi, 17-13
19. Vanderbilt (4-1) lost to Tulane, 27-23
20. Georgia (3-1) beat Alabama, 24-14

Historic day for ex-Hawks

Hilgenberg, Bortz blocking for Payton

By Bob Denney
Gazette sportswriter

CHICAGO — There are other memorable things happening in Chicago today besides the exploits of the Cubs baseball team. The other focus of sports fans in town will be in Soldier Field at noon today, where another unbelievable event is scheduled.

It is there that Walter Jerry Payton, better known as "Sweetness" or as the co-owner of Studebaker's Diner & Bar in Schaumburg, will break a hallowed National Football League record many once thought untouchable. When Payton takes the final step on his 67th yard in today's meeting with the New Orleans Saints, he will eclipse the 12,312-yard NFL career rushing mark of Jim Brown.

Perhaps the day will be a lot like Hank Aaron breaking Babe Ruth's home run mark, or O.J. Simpson gaining his 2,000th yard in a season.

Whatever the feeling, there on the Astroturf, Payton will also have former University of Iowa center Jay Hilgenberg and ex-Hawkeye defensive tackle (now guard) Mark Bortz opening holes in the line for him.

Jay Hilgenberg

Mark Bortz

A mass of reporters is scheduled to cover Payton's historic run for the record. Bears officials plan an outdoor tent to house the crunch after the game. The hoopla surrounding Payton has affected Hilgenberg, too. Signed as a free agent with the Bears in 1981, Hilgenberg has developed into one of the outstanding centers in professional football. He was named to the all-rookie team the same year.

The 6-2, 255-pound Iowa City native said playing with Payton is "an unbelievable experience."

"Walter is an incredible athlete," said Hilgenberg. "I've never seen anyone like him. There's no one to compare him to. He runs so well, even when the holes aren't there. It helps to have him there when you're playing."

Hilgenberg not only will share in Payton's big day, but he'll also do it in front of his entire family. Father Jerry Hilgenberg will bring his family in from Iowa City, while brother Jim will drive in from Minneapolis, and youngest son Joel will suit up on the opposite side of the field. Joel is a rookie center for New Orleans. It will be the first time Joel and Jay have stood on opposite sidelines.

"It's going to be an unusual experience, but I'm looking forward to seeing my brother," said Jay. Hilgenberg said teammate Bortz, a 6-6, 271-pound, second-year player and eighth-

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Wobbly Cyclones KO'd by Kansas

By Mike Hlas
Gazette sportswriter

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Iowa State's football team not only beat itself Saturday afternoon, it knocked itself cold.

The Cyclones made more turnovers than some high school basketball teams do in a week, and were routed by the Kansas Jayhawks, 33-14.

It was the Big 8 Conference opener for the two squads. Both teams are 2-3 total.

Like it did two weeks before at Texas A&M, Iowa State had more net yards (435-427) Saturday than its opponent. And, like it did two weeks before, ISU was badly beaten on the scoreboard.

"It's kind of tough to know what in the world to say," said Iowa State Coach Jim Criner. "Kansas basically wanted it more than we did.

"You can't beat anybody making the mistakes we made," continued Criner. "It was a poorly, poorly executed game. There were some bright spots, but way, way too many turnovers to be competitive in this conference, or any other conference as far as that's concerned."

Futile, inept and awful are just a few words that come to mind to describe how the Cyclones used their offensive possessions. Here are some examples:

- Iowa State's first drive of the game closed at its 49-yard line when tailback Richard Hanson fumbled the ball away.
- With a first-and-goal at the Kansas 9 early in the second quarter, ISU fullback Tommy Davis ran toward the goal line, then fumbled the ball over the right sideline of the KU end zone. Touchdown? No. Touchback? Yes.
- This isn't a turnover, but it might as well be. Kansas defender Alvin Walton went untouched by the Cyclones as ISU punted from its 34 on the first drive of the second half. Walton blocked Jim Thompson's kick, and it rolled back to the

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Red Peppers

By Gus Schrader

Gazette sports columnist

Mixed emotions

EVANSTON, Ill. — Iowa's **Chuck Long** admitted he had ambivalent feelings after the Hawkeyes defeated Northwestern 31-3 Saturday.

"Hey, we're back in the race," he smiled after hearing that Ohio State and Michigan had been dealt their first Big Ten losses, by Purdue and Michigan State, respectively. That left Purdue as the only team with a clean conference slate (3-0), and Iowa has the Boilermakers on the schedule next Saturday at Lafayette, Ind. Illinois is second with 3-1, with Iowa sharing third with Ohio and Michigan at 2-1.

"Yes, it was a tough day for me to be sacked so many times like that today in front of many of my people from this area," added the former star at nearby Wheaton North High. "I guess we just had some lapses today, but Northwestern had some real good defensive play too."

The Hawkeyes will have to improve considerably on offense to have a chance against Purdue, which has lost only to Miami, Fla., while beating Notre Dame, Minnesota, Michigan State and then the whopping upset of Ohio State Saturday.

Makes one wonder if Iowa tried to play it cool against a Northwestern team that the Hawkeye coaches and players knew they could beat, or whether there really are serious problems with Iowa's offense — especially in the offensive line blocking.

Whichever, Iowa has never had an easy prospect against Purdue, especially at Lafayette. The Boilermakers defeated Iowa 20 straight times until the 33-7 turn-around in 1981. And the Hawkeyes have not won at Lafayette since a 21-20 thriller in 1956 that sent Iowa to the Rose Bowl.

Pass the hash

• Northwestern Coach **Denny Green** said he was distressed to hear **Jim Harbaugh,** Michigan QB, suffered a broken arm in the loss to Michigan State Saturday. Northwestern plays at Michigan next Saturday.

"I coached with his dad, **Jack Harbaugh,** and know Jim very well," Green said. Harbaugh also coached at Iowa and now is head coach at Western Michigan.

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• Iowa quick-outs: Among those attending Saturday's game was **Sandy Boyd,** president of the U of Iowa when **Hayden Fry** was hired as coach. He now is head of the Field Museum in Chicago. — We estimated at least half of Saturday's 36,598 were Iowa fans, many of whom cannot buy tickets for Hawkeye home contests. — Iowa now has won 11 straight over Northwestern. — The crew of Big Ten officials finished the game with only six members, as field judge **Otto Puls** was carted off with torn knee ligaments in the first half. — Speaking of injuries, **Ronnie Harmon** said he was afraid he'd sprained an ankle Saturday but was relieved to discover it wasn't serious. — Ronnie's brother, **Kevin,** is being used at both quarterback and running back in practice and is ready to play either when the opportunity arises. — Nose guard **Hap Peterson** made the trip but didn't play. He had arthroscopic surgery on a knee 10 days ago, but may be able to play Saturday at Purdue. — Iowa had never held an opponent to 49 yards before. The old mark was 67 yards by Kansas State in 1955. — Although head coach Denny Green didn't complain about Iowa's having its first team in action to score the final TD with 42 seconds left, assistant coach **Nick Quartaro,** a former Hawkeye placekicker, noted: "Yeah, that was a little odd, but we knew they were trying to improve some national statistics and go for a higher rating."

Pass the hash

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• The two big-league playoffs illustrate the wisdom of some advice to gamblers: Bet that the winning team will score at least as many runs in one *inning* as the losing team will score in the whole game.

You'd have won on all of the first three NL games: Cubs 13-0 and 4-2 and Padres 7-1. And you'd be 2-1 in the AL: Tigers 8-1, 5-3 in 11 and 1-0.

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• **Jim Frey,** Cubs manager who could have run for mayor of Chicago last week, was reminiscing about the old days in the Three-I League.

"Sure, I played in Cedar Rapids in 1951 and '52," he said. "I was with Evansville in the old Three-I then. Played the infield. I think they gave me a watch at Evansville for being the most popular player. I always got awards for that, but it's kind of like being named Miss Congeniality at the beauty contest."

Frey said **Bob Coleman** was his manager at Evansville. We asked if his teammate in right field was a slugger named **Horace Garner.**

"Sure was," Frey replied. "Horace was some hitter. Yes, I know he lives in Cedar Rapids and is a member of your ballclub's board of directors. I talked with Horace a couple of times when I was managing Kansas City."

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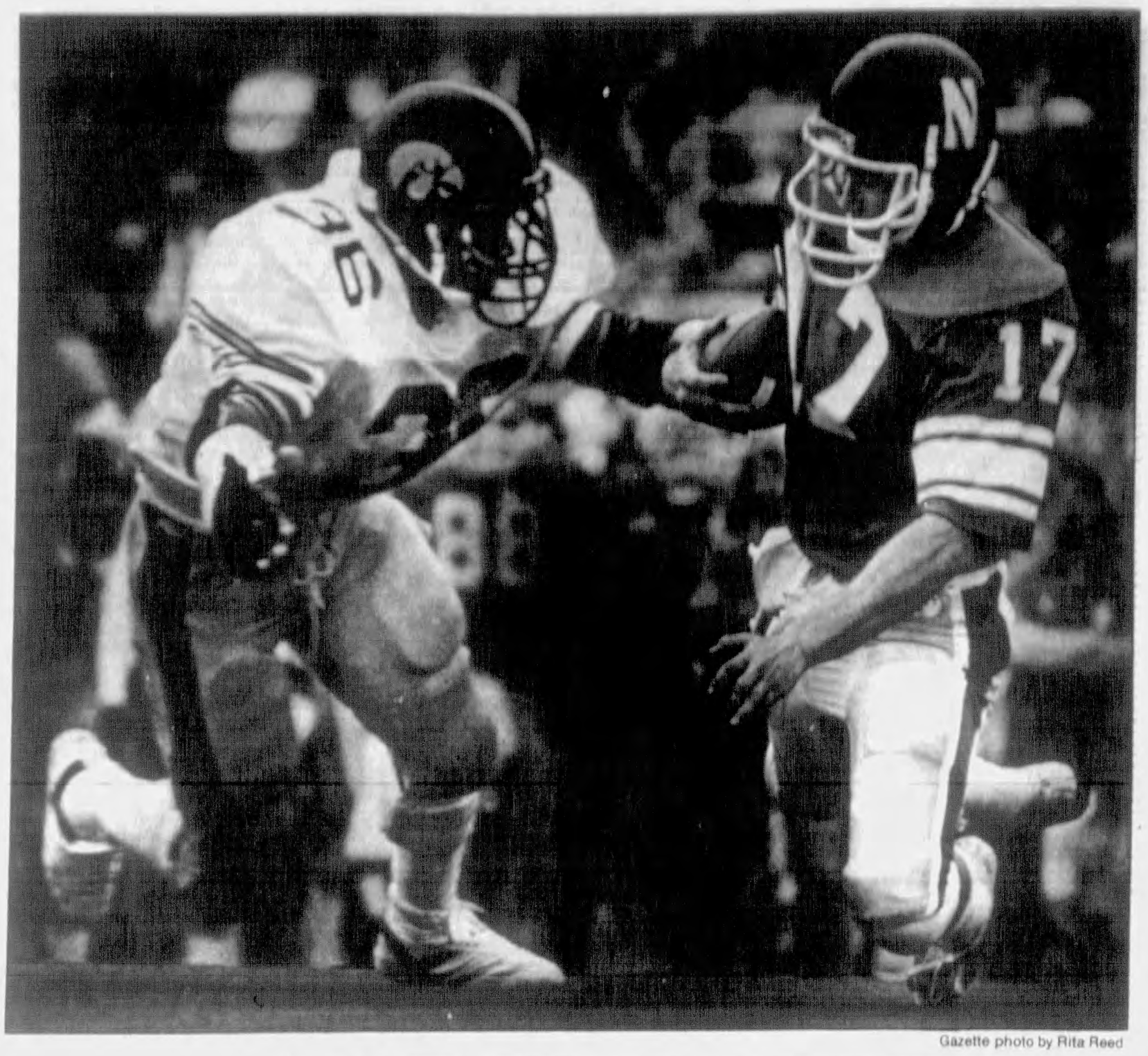
• Merely musing: would they penalize a player if he held the arms of a foe who was trying to celebrate after the sacking of the quarterback, ala **Mark Gastineau?**



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Above, Iowa All-American linebacker Larry Station zeroes in on a sack of Northwestern's Sandy Schwab during the Hawkeyes' 31-3 win Saturday.

Right, Iowa Coach Hayden Fry discusses a play with fullback Owen Gill.

Iowa-Northwestern

Iowa 31, Northwestern 3

	IOWA	NW
First Downs	23	5
Yards Rushing	135	19
Yards Passing	263	30
Passes	19-28-1	2-26-0
Punts-Avg.	6-38.0	10-43.8
Fumbles lost	1-0	2-2
Yards Penalized	5-10	5-32

Iowa	14	7	3	7	— 31
Northwestern	0	3	0	0	— 3

I — Ronnie Harmon 2 run (Tom Nichol kick)
I — Harmon 9 run (Nichol kick)
I — Harmon 17 run (Nichol kick)
N — FG John Duvic 49
I — FG Nichol 28
I — Scott Helverson 6 pass from Chuck Long (Nichol kick)
A—36,598

Individual Statistics

IOWA PASSING

	Att	Cp	Int	Yd	TD
Long	28	19	1	263	1

NORTHWESTERN PASSING

Schwab	18	7	0	30	0
Greenfield	5	0	0	0	0
Burton	2	0	0	0	0
Robertson	1	0	0	0	0

RUSHING

IOWA	No	Yd	NORTHWESTERN	No	Yd
Gill	11	53	Parsons	9	28
R. Harmon	24	121	Burton	1	10
Smith	2	24	Schwab	6	2
Sennott	1	3	Cummings	1	-3
Long	9	-66	Davenport	2	-3
			Greenfield	8	-16

PASS RECEIVING

	No	Yd		No	Yd
R. Harmon	6	64	Burmgarner	2	14
Hayes	5	62	Cummings	2	1
Happel	4	61	Jackson	1	9
Smith	1	45	Coates	1	4
Early	1	14	Parsons	1	2
Love Jordan	1	11			
Helverson	1	6			

PUNTING

	No-Av		No-Av
	6-38.0	Carpenter	10-43.8

KICK RETURNS

	No	Yd		No	Yd
	3	77	Whitley	5	29
			Duncan	3	98

INTERCEPTIONS

	No	Yd		No	Yd
			Bennett	1	8

TACKLES

	S	A		S	A
Kostrubala	5	1	Moyer	6	3
	4	2	Torkelson	4	5
Smith	1	0	Plant	6	3
	1	0	Sanderson	3	3
	2	1	Weeks	4	1
	1	0	Gatewood	4	1
Station	2	0	Brown	3	2
Little	2	0	Morgan	3	2
Stoops	2	0	Newell	2	3
Drost	1	0	Cruise	1	3
Norvell	0	1	Bennett	3	1
Geor	1	0	Custer	3	1
Hunter	1	0	Myers	1	0
Sims	1	0	Dixon	1	0
Pryor	1	0	A. Brown	1	0
Sennott	1	0	Witteck	1	0
Spitzig	1	0	Flaherty	1	0
Mitchell	1	0	Myers	1	0
Nichol	1	0	Karras	1	0
Divis	0	1			
Hayes	1	0			
Corbin	1	0			
Happel	1	0			
Hedgeman	1	0			
Schuster	1	0			
Vrieze	1	0			
Wirth	1	0			

Wildcats say Hawks not that good

By Gus Schrader

Gazette sports columnist

EVANSTON, Ill. — Iowa's offensive team — with the possible exception of Ronnie Harmon — isn't going to appreciate the reviews it got from two of Northwestern's tough defensive players.

Alex Moyer, outside linebacker, and defensive tackle Keith Cruise, especially said they didn't think much of the Hawkeye offensive line after Iowa's 31-3 defeat of the tail-end Wildcats here Saturday.

"I don't think their tackle, No. 79 (Mike Haight of Dyersville) was very good, and their backs didn't want to block," said Moyer, who was credited with nine tackles, including five for 26 yards in losses. Iowa quarterback Chuck Long was sacked six times for 70 yards, and it seemed Moyer was in on most of them.

"Iowa isn't as good as the score indicates," said Cruise, who got four tackles including a 14-yard sack of Long. "If we'd have filled in better a few times on the alleys, we'd have stopped those few big plays Iowa made and kept them from scoring.

"Iowa's offensive line is not as quick or as good as Wisconsin's, and the Illinois line is a lot quicker."

Northwestern lost its opener to Illinois 24-16 and last week dropped a 31-16 verdict at Wisconsin.

Dennis Green, a former star running back at Iowa, is in his fourth season of being head coach at Northwestern. His 'Cats have lost to Iowa by respective scores of 64-0, 45-7, 62-21 and now 31-3. Did those losses sting the Northwestern defense to play inspired ball Saturday? Iowa's Ronnie Harmon told reporters he thought the 'Cats were really inspired.

"Yes, I think our defense was emotional, because we owed Iowa something today for beating us so soundly the last three years," said Cruise. He and Moyers are two of the seven seniors among the Northwestern starters.

"Ronnie Harmon is a good back, a real good back," said Moyers when asked about the Hawkeye running and pass-receiving star. "We have watched him in the films, too, and we think he's probably the best back in the conference — in addition to Keith Byars (Ohio State)."

Green went even further in praising Harmon, saying, "He may be the best running back in the history of Iowa, extremely explosive, one-on-one he's very hard to tackle and he's as fast as hell.

"I think we just got outplayed by a better football team, but defensively we played very well. They just had some big plays on special teams that really hurt us.

"Offensively, we're in a slump. We just aren't playing well enough on offense to win a Big Ten game, and we have to play Michigan next week.

"But Iowa has a helluva defense, too. Everyone says they're the best defensive team in the league after seeing them. I would have to agree."

Green praised Moyers and Cruise, pointing out the former has started every game since he came to Northwestern and predicting a bright pro future for him.

"We had to take out (quarterback) Sandy Schwab in the second half because he had a bruised shoulder — couldn't pass or even raise his arm," Green revealed. "We went with a freshman, Mike Greenfield, because he has beaten out Steve Burton for the No. 2 spot. Greenfield got the wind knocked out of him and may have a slight bruise in the rib area.

"It was a rough game out there, with a lot of feeling. It wasn't dirty, though, on either side, although some of the players got a little upset. We had only one penalty for roughness."

Luther beats Beavers

DECORAH — Luther turned two Buena Vista turnovers into 10 second-quarter points and downed the Beavers 13-3 in Iowa Conference football Saturday afternoon. It was Luther's homecoming.

Luther's first break of the game came late in the first quarter when Buena Vista punter Joe Schrank's pass on a fake-punt attempt from his own five-yard line was picked off by Luther's Steve Wilson and returned to the Beaver 18-yard line. After three running plays picked up no yards, Luther's Jay Kamin booted a 35-yard field goal to put the Norsemen up 3-0.

Luther's second big break came late in the second quarter when Buena Vista punt returner Jim Ewoldt fumbled and the ball was recovered by the Norsemen's Wilson on the Beaver 9-yard line. On the very next play, quarterback Paul Hefty hit Dave Olson with a nine-yard pass and, after Kamin added the extra-point, Luther held a 10-0 lead.

Buena Vista's Dave Coppock hit a 32-yard field goal as time expired in the first half for a 10-3 Luther lead.

Luther's Kamin added a 37-yard field goal late in the game.

Luther now stands at 2-0 in conference play and 3-1 overall while Buena Vista falls to 1-1 in loop play and 3-2 overall.

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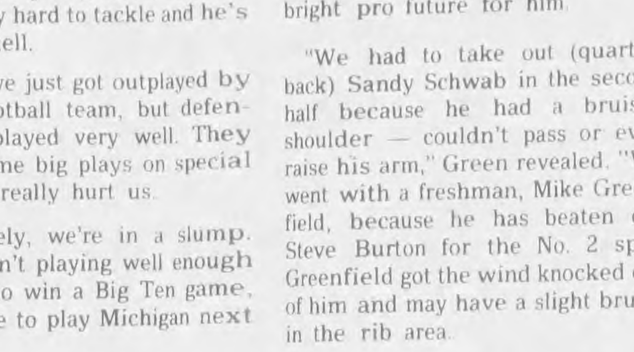

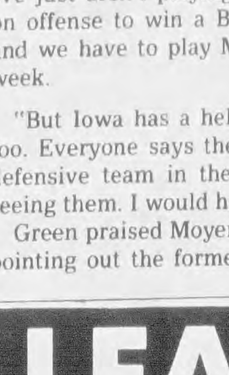

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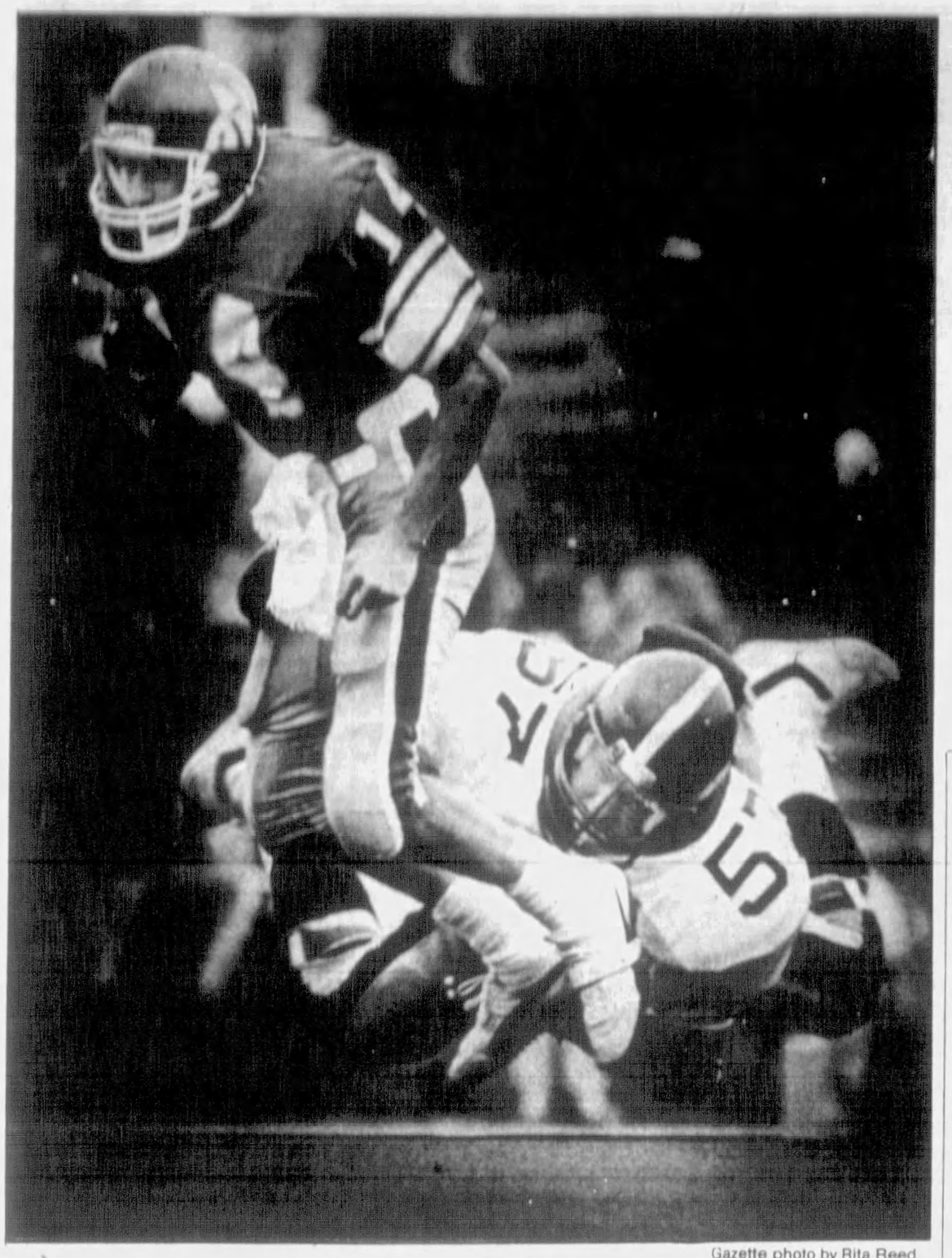

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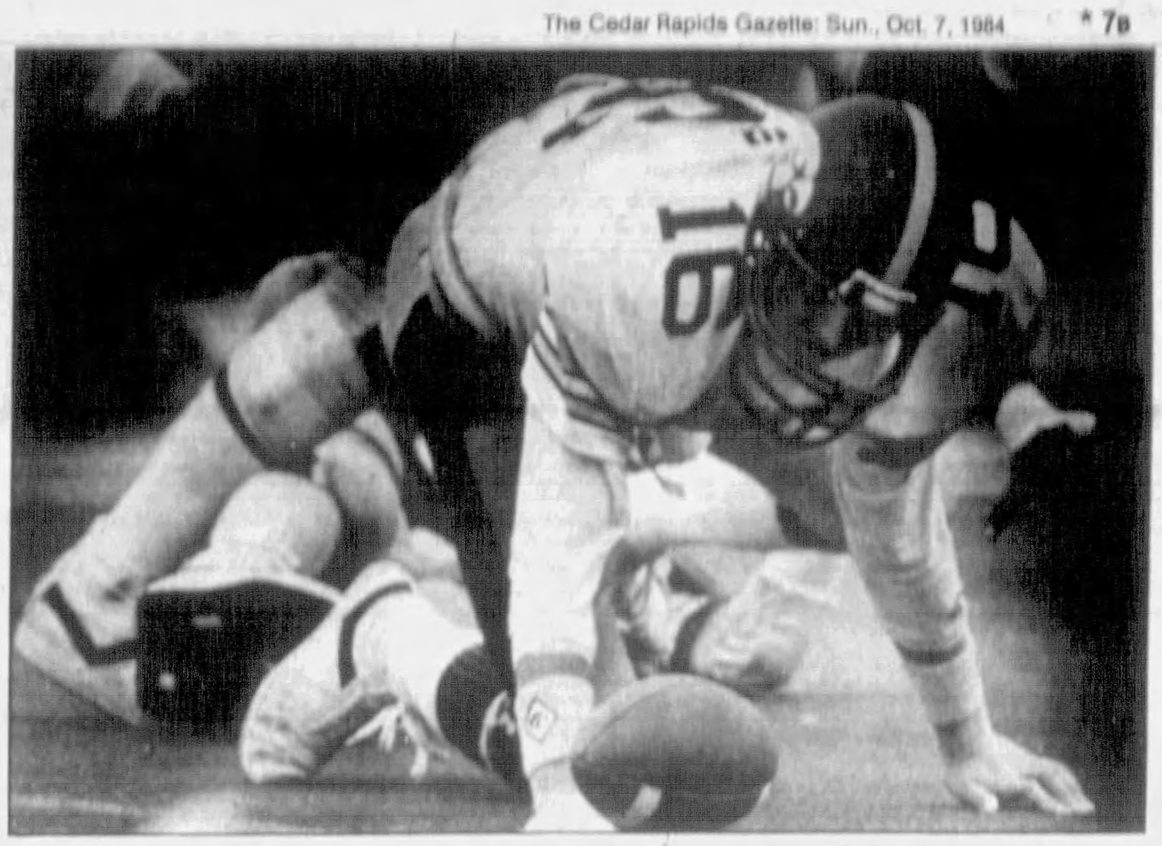
Iowa's Jon Vrieze trips up Northwestern quarterback Mike Greenfield, one of several similar plays made Saturday by a Hawkeye unit which set a school single-game total defense record.



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Iowa quarterback Chuck Long scrambles to recover a fumble Saturday

Iowa stops at Purdue next

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loss of the season — before a crowd of 36,598 — and slipped to 1-5 and 1-3.

Offensively, Iowa started fast, building a 21-3 halftime lead on the second straight three-touchdown performance by running back Ronnie Harmon. Harmon, the nation's No. 2 all-purpose runner, didn't get to dictate play after that. He had 58 yards on the ground in the second half.

Credit the Wildcats' defense, which earned praise from Fry and the Iowa offense.

"I'm very happy for our football team to win the game, but I tell you I'm very proud of the progress (Northwestern Coach) Dennis Green has made with his football team," said Fry, who has never lost to the Wildcats in six meetings. He guided the Hawkeyes to their 11th consecutive win over Northwestern.

"That's without question the best defensive football team Northwestern has had for years and years. They're very strong and quick, they gave us a real bad time regardless of the score.

"On the other hand I thought our defense played like it did in the latter part of last season. I thought our defense did a super job of holding Northwestern down.

Fry added, "A win is a win, and I'm real happy. I'm looking forward to playing the (Purdue) Boilermakers."

Iowa got what is turning into an expected outstanding effort from Harmon, who boosted his season touchdown total to nine. He rushed for 121 yards in 24 tries and caught six passes for 64 yards.

Harmon scored on runs of 2, 9 and 17 yards while Northwestern prevented the game from getting totally out of hand.

"I'm happy we won, but I think I could have done better," said Harmon. "But Northwestern is improved all around. They have good athletes out there."

Just how tough were the Wildcats despite the lopsided score?

"They're plenty tough," said quarterback Chuck Long, who was sacked six times for minus-70 yards.

He completed 19 of 28 passes for 263 yards and one TD, but was under pressure wherever he went on the Superturf.

"Northwestern did the job on defense," said Long. "Denny Green is a smart coach and he knows how to hurt a team. I thought our offense was going backwards most of the day. It was nice to come back and get a score at the end."

Green, the fourth-year Wildcats' coach and former Iowa running back, still wasn't satisfied despite the fact his team played heads-up with Iowa after falling into a hole in the first half.

"First of all, I think we just got outplayed by a better football team," he said. "I think we played very well defensively but they had some big plays on special teams that hurt us. Offensively, we just weren't good enough. Everyone says they are the best defense in the league and after seeing it, I would have to agree . . . Offensively, we're just not playing well enough to win a Big Ten game."

The Hawkeyes' specialty teams began the fireworks. After Northwestern stopped an Iowa drive at the 44, Gary Kostrubala's punt was fumbled by the Wildcats' Brett Whitley, with Craig Clark recovering for Iowa on the Wildcats 5.

Two plays later, Harmon had his first touchdown of the day on a two-yard run with the game only three minutes old. Three minutes later, Long directed a five-play, 59-yard scoring march. He handed off to Harmon at the Northwestern 9, and the 196-pound whiz threaded his way to score, 14-0.

Long completed seven of his first eight passes, but was soon to be hounded for the rest of the afternoon by Northwestern linebacker Alex Moyer, who had three sacks and nine total tackles.

Iowa's only sustained march came with seven minutes remaining in the first half, when Long guided a 13-play, 70-yard drive capped by Harmon's outstanding scoring effort.

Harmon took the pitch from Long at the Wildcats' 17, outran two defenders at the 10, was hit at the five, almost lost his balance but somehow found room to cut into the end zone.

The Wildcats scored their only points two series later on a 49-yard field goal by John Duvic.

Iowa's Robert Smith almost broke a punt return two possessions later, but was tripped from behind after racing 70 yards.

The Wildcats forced Iowa deep in its own territory on two sacks by Moyer and a stop on Harmon. But Iowa's defense would not allow the Wildcats any ground past the 32.

The Hawkeyes got a 28-yard field goal from Tom Nichol with 2:10 left in the third quarter.

They got their final score with just 42 seconds left, after Northwestern's No. 2 quarterback, Mike Greenfield, had been sidelined by dizziness.

Long hit tight end Jonathan Hayes for a 27-yard first down at the Iowa 43, then handed off to Smith for a 15-yard reverse to the 'Cats'39.

Four plays later, Long rifled a 6-yard scoring strike to Scott Helverson in the back of the end zone.

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