



lowa keeps Big Ten lead in 10-10 battle

By Mark Dukes Gazette sports editor

IOWA CITY --- Its first tie in 12 just a bruise, a minor injury," he years left lowa with a harmless and said. "I might be out a day or two, Harmon-less feeling Saturday. The Hawkeyes retained sole possession of the Big Ten football lead lowa's all-time leading rusher in the Saturday with a 10-10 tie against

ready to play in Saturday's home game against Michigan State. "It's

but I'll be back by mid-week." Fry said Owen Gill, who became third quarter, will be the starting

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's Robert Smith keeps his eyes on the ball during Saturday's game with Wisconsin

offense. his career output to 2,214.

ior who ranked No. 2 nationally in 66,255 fans in Kinnick Stadium all-purpose running, suffered two watched Wisconsin take a 10-0 lead broken bones in his left leg midway after only eight minutes. through the fourth quarter. Harmon, Todd Gregiore's 25-yard field goal sidelined for the season, had 65 capped an 11-play, 68-yard drive yards on 23 carries and finished the with six minutes gone. Two plays campaign with 907.

mon's injury, quarterback Chuck and into the hands of Wisconsin Long was knocked unconscious and linebacker Craig Raddatz at the suffered a knee injury after scram- lowa 28. bling to make a first down. Marck Harrison, who gained 203

lot because we're in exactly the Ohio State last week, scored four same spot we started the day in," plays later on a one-yard dive. lowa Coach Hayden Fry said. The Meanwhile, Wisconsin's defense, Hawkeyes are 6-2-1 overall and 5-1- ranked second behind lowa in Big 1 in the Big Ten, a half-game ahead . Ten statistics, shut down the Hawkof Ohio State and Purdue. eyes' balanced offensive attack. The

our games to win the champion- passes in the first two periods and ship," Fry continued. "It sure could limited the Hawkeyes to just four have been worse - like losing. first downs and 45 total yards.

injuries. Ronnie broke the tibia and consin Coach Dave McClain exfibula bones in his leg. The doctors claimed. "I wasn't surprised, besaid the impact was straight on, the cause I thought our defense could type of thing that will mend and contain them. Nobody's happy with he'll be able to play again. But, of a tie, but we've gotta take it." course, that'll be next year.

Chuck's knee is so, to be safe, I'll just say it's bruised."

Long left the Iowa locker room on crutches, but vowed he would be . Please turn to page 7B: lowa

Wisconsin, but the bruising defen- running back against the Spartans. sive battle was expensive for the Gill had 64 yards rushing, pushing

Ronnie Harmon, the elusive jun- A CBS NATIONAL audience and

after the kickoff, Long's pass And on the play following Har- bounced off the fingertips of Gill

"I guess I can't say the tie hurt a yards in a 16-14 Badger win over

"We still have to-win the rest of Badgers intercepted three of Long's

"But I'm extra sad about the "Oh, our defense is good!" Wis-

Iowa's defense was equal to the "We don't know how serious task in the last three quarters, though, allowing Wisconsin no first downs for 11 straight possessions. "Wisconsin really frustrated us

How The AP Top 20 Fared

1. Washington (9-0) beat California, 44-14 2. Texas (6-0-1) beat Texas Tech, 13-10 3. Nebraska (8-1) beat Iowa State, 44-0 4. Brigham Young (9-0) beat Texas-El Paso, 42-9 5. South Carolina (8-0) beat North Carolina State, 35-28 6. Miami, Fla. (8-2) beat Louisville, 38-23 7. Oklahoma State (7-1) beat Kansas State, 34-6 8. Georgia (7-1) beat Memphis State, 13-3 9. Boston College (5-2) lost to Penn State, 37-30 10. Oklahoma (6-1-1) beat Missouri, 49-7 11. Auburn (6-3) lost to Florida, 24-3 12. West Virginia (7-2) lost to Virginia, 27-7 13. Florida (6-1-1) beat Auburn, 24-3 14. Florida State (6-1-1) beat Arizona State, 52-44 15. LSU (6-1-1) beat Mississippi, 32-29 16. Ohio State (7-2) beat Indiana, 50-7 17. Iowa (6-2-1) tied Wisconsin, 10-10 18. Southern Cal (7-1) beat Stanford, 20-11 19. SMU (5-2) beat Texas A&M, 28-20 20. Texas Christian (7-1) beat Houston, 21-14

Badgers' McClain rips refs

By Gus Schrader Gazette sports columnist

IOWA CITY - Wisconsin Coach Dave McClain, busy criticizing the officials and praising both the Hawkeyes and Badgers right after Saturday's 10-10 standoff, was hardly prepared for such a question.

Was the tie like kissing his sister?

"I don't have a sister," McClain replied, "but it's not like kissing my wife, I'll tell you that!"

The Wisconsin players agreed with their coach that they got some very questionable calls, especially the unnecessary-roughness penalty that helped Iowa score its tying touchdown with 11:54 to play.

Iowa had third down and four yards to go on the Badger five-yard line. Ronnie Harmon, who a few minutes later was knocked out for the season

with fractured bones in his left leg, carried on a left-end run.

Wisconsin's defense forced the play wide, and defensive back Kenn Stills drove Harmon into the sideline at the four. The officials called Wisconsin linebacker Jim Melka for hitting Harmon when he was out of bounds.

It was only a two-yard penalty - half the distance to the goal --- but it moved the ball to the two, fourth down and one yard to go.

On the next play, Harmon dived over left guard, and the ensuing measurement gave Iowa a first down. Chuck Long sneaked for the touchdown. Tommy Nichol kicked the tying point.

"Jim (Melka) and Owen Gill (Harmon, actually) both were airborne, and the official said Jim hit him when he was three yards out of bounds," protested Stills.

"How could Jim prevent that when he was in the air?"

Melka was even more outraged.

"That was the call of the game, the way I saw it," he said. "The official claimed he (Harmon) was three yards out of bounds when I hit him. It's very difficult to tell in this stadium where the out-of-bounds line is, but I know he wasn't that far out.

"He (Harmon) was in the air, and if he was three yards out of bounds, I'll be astounded. Sure, I'll be willing to look at the films. Maybe I'm totally wrong, but I don't think we should have been penalized at a crucial spot like that."

McClain supported this, telling reporters: "I think we have a real problem - the officiating in this league. I think Lou Holtz (Minnesota coach) was the last one to speak out

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Huskers belt Cyclones, 44-0

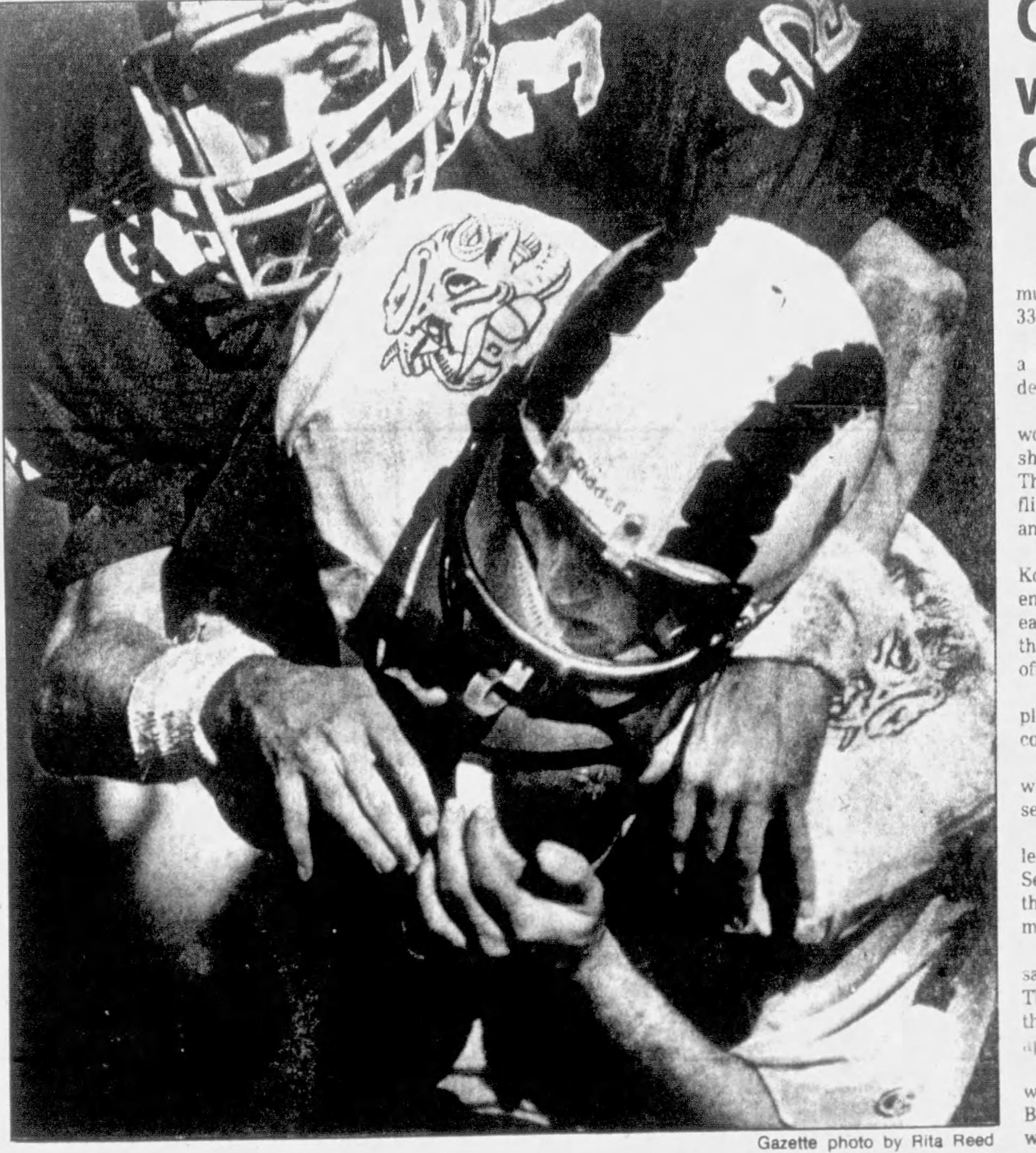
By John Millea, Gazette sportswriter

AMES — Jim Criner's post-game walk to the locker room told the story for Iowa State Saturday.

The Cyclone coach stared at the ground most of the way, and just before reaching the dressing room he blew out a sigh and ran a hand through his hair as if to mutter "What happened?" Nebraska. That's what happened. The third-ranked Cornhuskers limbered up with 10 first-half points, added a touchdown in the third period and then - helped along by four Iowa State turnovers - cut loose with 28 points in the final quarter, the result being a 44-0 lesson in Big Eight Conference football.

homa and 14-14 tie with Missouri in their last two games, the upsetminded Cyclones self-destructed Saturday before 52,919 fans, their largest crowd of the year and sixth biggest in home history.

Iowa State lost two fumbles, had four passes intercepted and finished with a meager offensive total of 53 yards and only five first downs. The Cyclones crossed midfield just once, and that effort ended with an errant 54-yard field goal try by Marc Bachrodt. "I'm very disappointed in our execution," said Criner, "and in the fact that we weren't even close to being as physical as they were. Their defense controlled the football game.



wallops Coe, 40-10

By Bob Hilton Gazette sportswriter Lois Clark's 52nd birthday was a much happier occasion than her 33rd wedding anniversary.

And Bob Thurness's third try for a victory over Cornell ended in deeper gloom than the previous two. Thurnie's troops inflicted the first wound in the 94th Coe-Cornell shootout Saturday at Marion's Thomas Park, but the Rams inflicted most of the rest to win an anticipated tossup, 40-10 With the victory, Cornell tied the Kohawks for the Midwest Conference South Division title at 6-1, and earned a return match with Beloit in the conference championship playoff next Saturday at Beloit. The Bucs won the North Division playoff berth, 14-12 over defending conference champion Lake Forest. Its eighth win in nine meetings with Coe lifted Cornell to 7-2 on the season. The Kohawks finished 6-3. Beloit dealt Cornell its lone league loss, 21-13 in Mount Vernon Sept. 30 — which happened to be the anniversary of Lois Clark's marriage to Cornell Coach Jerry. "I don't think there is much to say," a profoundly disappointed Thurness declared as he headed for the Coe bus Saturday. "It is very apparent that we got beat." Coach Clark declared the Rams' win "just a tremendous team effort. Both the defense and the offense did what they had to do."

"THAT WAS A tough dadgummed football game, to end up losing the way we did," said a glum Criner.

After a slim 12-10 loss to Okla-

THE SHUTOUT was the first time Iowa State has been blanked in 41 games; since Nov. 15, 1980, when these same Cornhuskers won a 35-0 decision here. The Cyclones have • Please turn to page 4B: ISU



Mark Rinehart's TD reception launches a 40-10 Cornell win over Coe.

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Happy or sad? Hawks not sure

By Mark Dukes Gazette sports editor

10WA CITY - The reactions were varied, reflecting the bittersweet taste of a tie.

When Iowa players filed into the interview room under the east stands of Kinnick Stadium Saturday afternoon, the effects of a 10-10 tie against Wisconsin were obvious.

"You don't know whether to be happy or down," said Kevin Spitzig, Iowa's tackle leader with 13. "We're no worse off than we were before, but not winning just hurts your pride a little.

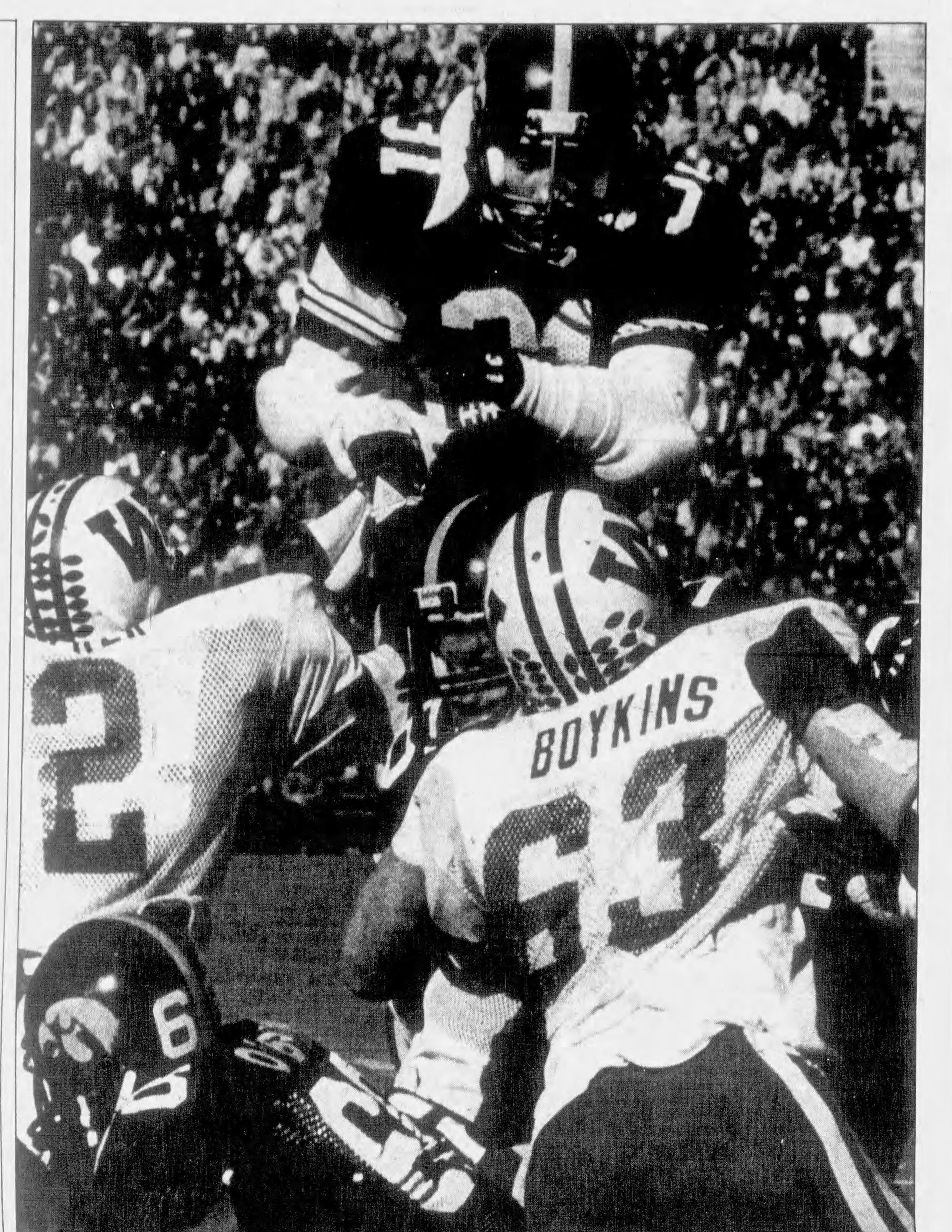
"We put a lot of emphasis on this game in practice. But on the first couple series we got a little too emotional, trying to make the big play when it wasn't there. We should have been more relaxed."

Spitzig's sidekick, Larry Station, said there were a lot of mixed feelings among his teammates in the lockerroom.

"SOME ARE UP and some are down," said Station, who contributed 11 tackles. "I was a little down, but I'm feeling better after talking to you guys and getting it off my chest. After all, we're still No. 1 in the Big Ten and able to control our destiny."

Strong safety Mike Stoops said the final three quarters was one of the best stretchs of defensive play in which he had been involved in at Iowa

"At first we weren't making the right calls and we weren't making adjustments," Stoops said. "We didn't want to play not to lose like Ohio State has been the last three weeks. "I think Wisconsin outplayed us the first quarter and we outplayed them the last three. But it wasn't good enough defense to win, just good enough to tie. A tie always leaves you with a funny feeling." After lowa forged a tie with 11:54 remaining, Stoops narrowly made a game-breaking play. Tom Nichol's low kickoff had pinned Wisconsin on its 7-yard line On the Badgers' first play, quarterback Mike Howard was chased out of the pocket and fired a sideline pass to Michael Jones. Stoops darted in front of Jones but the ball slipped through his hands at the Wisconsin 15.



"I lost the ball in the sun a little but I had both hands on it," Stoops said. "I was thinking about the out-of-bounds line, too."

No matter, as Keith Hunter leaped in front of Jones on the next play and intercepted Howard's pass at the Wisconsin 49.

"THEY HAD been setting it up all game so I figured they might go to a post-and-go," Hunter said. "I think Wisconsin has the best receivers I've gone up against all year.

"Our defense definitely rose to the occasion, and it had to. We had to play that way to tie. I don't feel like we lost, but you want to win. I guess I'm glad we at least tied to stay on top of the Big Ten."

Tight end Jonathan Hayes, who has caught 10 passes in the last two games (four against Wisconsin), said the offense sputtered in the first half because of some basic errors.

"It was fundamental things that sometimes you forget about late in the season," he said. "I don't think we were flat. We were having mixups in calls, we weren't staying with blocks long enough, things like that.

"I don't feel we were ever playing for a tie. We never wanted a tie, but we didn't want to lose, either."

IOWA COACH Hayden Fry called it "by far the most physical game of the season," and many of the players concurred. Among the casualties was Ronnie Harmon, knocked out for the year with a broken leg.

"Ronnie's a great player and he's a big loss," Hunter said. "But we have three games left and we've gotta keep going."

Spitzig went a step further, saying, "It's too early to think about the Rose Bowl. In fact, we're not going to worry about any bowl until

the last quarter and the last second of the Minnesota game."



IOWA'S RONNIE HARMON vaults over the line of scrimmage during

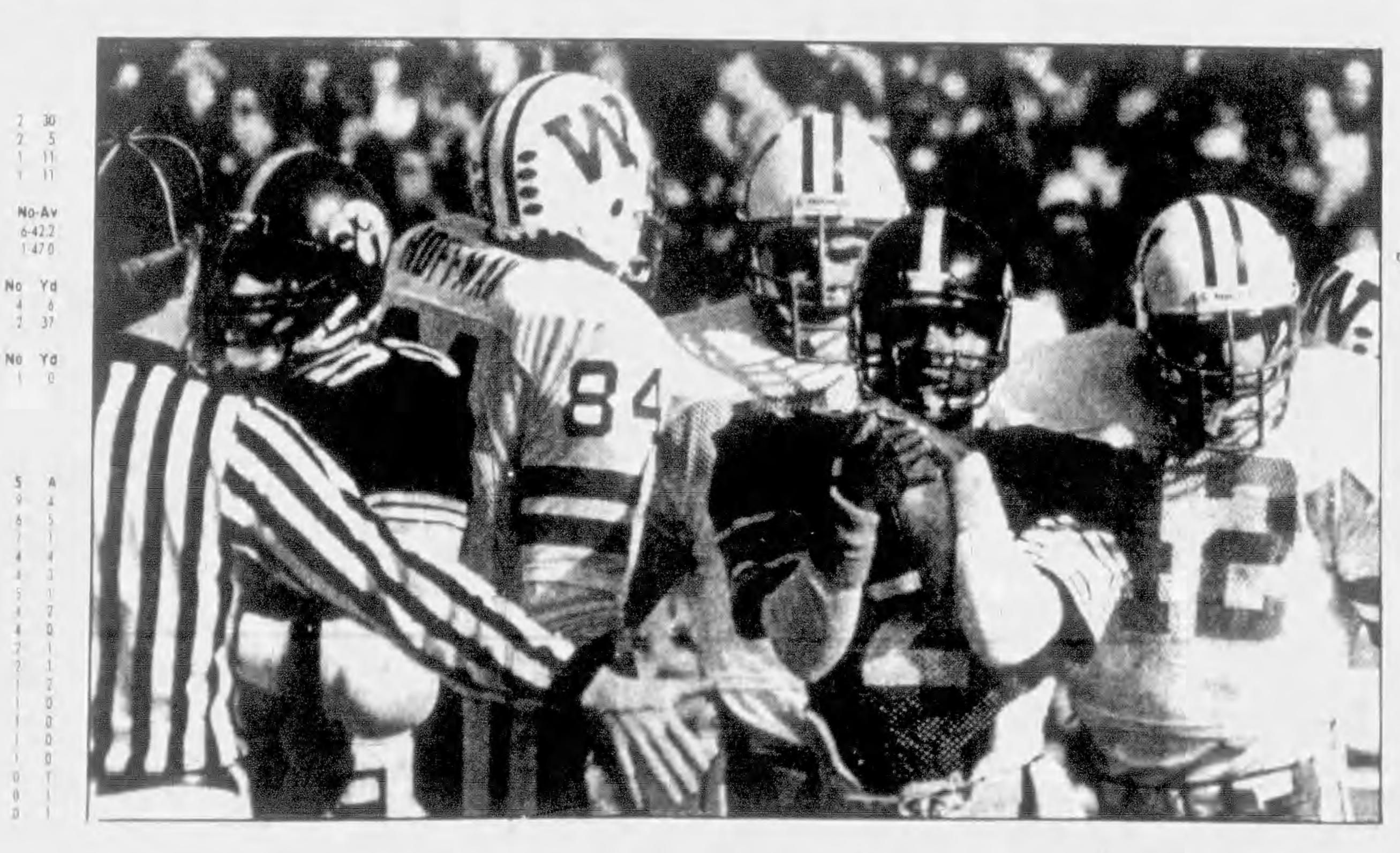




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ABOVE LEFT, Ronnie Harmon receives medical attention after breaking his leg. Leaving the scene are Chuck Long (16) and Hayden Fry.

ABOVE, HARMON hides the pain as he's taken from the field on a stretcher

LEFT, ROBERT Smith cradles the ball after making a lair catch.

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By Gus Schrader Gazette sports columnist

Replacement time?

IOWA CITY - Although many observers figured lowa will have to championship picture and see who face Michigan State next Saturday the top competitors have left: without Ronnie Harmon and Chuck game that he was counting on Hawaii (non-conference Dec. 1). playing.

knee," Long said. "It's a minor injury. I may be out for a day or two, Northwestern, Michigan at home. but I'll be back practicing by midweek."

was hobbling out of Iowa's locker and Southern California. They meet room door - on crutches - when next Saturday in Los Angeles Colihe said that.

bruises that seem "minor" immedi- Pasadena's Rose Bowl) and hosts ately after the game become stiff Notre Dame Nov. 24. and sore later.

Harmon, of course, was having



Pass the hash

• OK, let's look at the Big Ten Iowa (5-1-1 and 6-2-1) - Michi-Long, the latter insisted after the gan State at home, at Minnesota, at Purdue (5-2 and 6-3) --- at "It's just a bruise on my left Wisconsin, Indiana at home. Ohio State (5-2 and 7-2) - at And if you suspect we're also thinking of the Rose Bowl (we are), Uh, we'd better tell you that Long the Pac-10 favorites are Washington seum. Washington finishes at Wash-We might add that many knee ington State. USC plays at UCLA (in 0 0 0

 We've got to say lowa was very From page 1B both bones of his lower left leg set lucky, or very plucky - probably over at University Hospital about both — to escape with a 10-10 tie. about it. There was no way — we that time. Iowa fans can only hope What chance did you give the this terrific back — already being Hawkeyes in this situation? They called by some the best ball-carrier had barely recovered a fumble in Iowa history - will be ready to (Wisconsin insisted otherwise) on play in his senior season next fall. their own two-yard line, score 10-10, So what kind of offensive back- 8:36 to play, headed into the 20-mile If that's not dire enough, add If Long, the nation's No. 2 passer this: On the second play, Harmor before Saturday, can't play, the suffers a broken leg. It's third down quarterback job undoubtedly will go and seven to go on the lowa five. to Mark Vlasic, 6-3, 198-pound soph Long rolls to pass, runs for a from Monaca, Pa., who observed his precious first down on the 14 but is knocked out and suffers a knee He was red-shirted as a freshman injury. Vlasic comes in for two plays, then Long returns for four handoffs before he has to leave



Owen Gill is stopped en route to becoming lowa's all-time rushing leader with 2,214 yards.

McClain

field will lowa have against the wind.

Spartans? 21st birthday Oct. 25.

in 1982. He didn't get to play last year until the finale against Minnesota, when he completed one of four again because of his knee. passes for five yards. This season he played briefly, completing 6 of 11 roughing-the-punter penalty -for 123 yards. That includes the one somehow gathered themselves,

Gill and friends

With Harmon definitely out, and ran as never before. Coach Hayden Fry has some op-Rick Bayless, Kevin Harmon or after he (Ronnie) got hurt." Marshall Cotton.

or Fred Bush at fullback.

Yet the Hawkeyes — helped by a incomplete pass he threw Saturday. maybe played better than they knew how to salvage a tie. Behind some solid blocks, Gill moved to tailback

"Owen was playing his best," tions. He can keep Owen Gill, the said Hunter, "because he and Ronbiggest ground gainer in lowa nie are very close friends, and history, at fullback and start one of know he wanted do everything he several subs at running back - could to pull that one out for Ronnie

Or he can give Gill back the • Although lowa gave up its first running back spot — as he did for TD by rushing in six games (since the final few offensive plays Satur- Ohio State), the defense held Wisday — and start either Tim Sennott consin without a first down during the last 11 minutes of the second Either way, it's not the end of the period, all through the third quarter world, even if many lowa fans and until the Badgers got three in a suspect they can see it from there. row in the final two minutes. That's

had the ball on their one-yard line, all our players tell me.

"Then on that play out of bounds, there was no roughing. He (Melka) was in the air and couldn't stop in mid-air. I saw that play myself. That's all I'm saying about that." The Badger coach referred to Robert Smith's fumbled punt that the officials ruled as a recovery by lowa's Ken Sims on lowa's two-yard line with 8:36 to go. Wisconsin's players claimed they had taken the ball away from Sims before the play was ruled over.

"Iowa is a good team," McClain said. "We knew that coming here. It was a physical football game. Does anyone know what happened to Harmon?"

Told that both bones in the lowa star's left leg were broken, he shook his head and muttered, "I hate to see that, an injury like that."

The coach said he did not disagree with the roughing-thepunter call that gave lowa a first down at mid-field during the Hawkeyes' final possession. Wisconsin's Richard Johnson dove for the ball, barely missed it and barrelled into lowa punter Gary Kostrubala.

"That was a gamble on our part, and it was the correct call," McClain said. "We had a 10-man rush on. We just had to gamble there on blocking the punt. We wanted to get the ball down close and go for a field goal to win it." Several times McClain praised lowa's play, especially on defense, but he said he wasn't surprised that Wisconsin's defense could hold owa so well. "In the second half lowa gave us a little different defense than they'd shown before this year. We just couldn't move the ball, but give lowa credit. The quickness of their linebackers is very impressive, and they have some real good people ----17th in the nation on defense. Guys like Station and Strobel, and Hooks and that big Little guy.

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Almost every football team has 39 straight minutes! injuries - even to key players like Harmon and Long. Auburn lost a brilliant runner, Bo Jackson, for blitzes in the second half, and we several games until he returned couldn't pick them all up," said Saturday, and still was rated 11th Wisconsin QB Mike Howard. "On nationally. Michigan lost QB Jim our last series, I called a streak Harbaugh before the lowa game. pattern for Al Toon, but lowa held Minnesota lost its star frosh QB, him up and I had to throw even Rickie Foggie, a week ago. Navy though he had two guys on him." lost terrific Napoleon McCallum . . . Craig Raddatz, who led Wisseveral weeks ago and almost upset consin with 12 tackles and made the Notre Dame Saturday without him. first interception, was asked if

mon and Long?" a reporter asked to a bowl. "We've got to win two linebacker Larry Station.

and play our best."

"Hopefully we'll suck it up and than Hayes, who led lowa's receivers with four catches.

cornerback Keith Hunter, who got fourth quarter against Iowa State. Iowa's only interception Saturday. The Gates of Mercy certainly must "We'll just keep on doing our job." be getting rusty! .

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• Quick-outs: "Iowa used more "What will you do without Har- Wisconsin (5-3-1 overall) can still go more and hope somebody likes us," "We don't have any choice," he replied . . . If lowa's players replied Station, who made 11 tac- need any more motivation against kles Saturday. "We'll just go out Michigan State and Minnesota, they should realize now it's the Rose Bowl or nothing for them on New play better," added tight end Jona- Year's Day. If they lose again, the Hawks will have to settle for an earlier, lesser bowl . . . So Ne-"We can't stop hitting now," said braska scored 28 points in the

"Field position hurt us, and the wind pretty well dictated how we called the game. That wind was a very big factor. I don't think some people recognize how big a factor."

Is Iowa the best Wisconsin has faced?

"Iowa is darn good," he said, deftly ducking, "but lowa and Ohio State? Well, there are a lot of good teams. This is a tough conference. We'll be back."

lowa gets 1st tie in 12 years From page 1B

with their defense in the first half," good position again. The Hawkeyes elected to have Kostrubala punt said Fry, whose last tie was in 1974 stopped Wisconsin on three downs instead of letting Nichol try a 54at North Texas State. "But the and called timeout with 21 seconds yard field goal into the wind, and second-half comeback was about as left in the quarter to force Scott Kostrubala responded with a 30fine a one as I've been associated Cepicky to punt into the wind. He yarder to the Badger seven. with. The way the defense played kicked 31 yards, giving lowa possesand the offense scoring 10 points sion at its 43. was exceptional, considering how Wisconsin shut us down early." Iowa's rock-solid defense limited of the fourth quarter, found J.C. the Badgers to three first downs and Love Jordan for a 17-yard gain to 51 total yards in the second half. the Badgers' 11. Wisconsin's de-The Hawkeyes were sparked by the fense stiffened, though, and exlinebacking play of Kevin Spitzig tended Iowa to fourth-and-one at the and Larry Station, who totaled 13 two. and 11 tackles, respectively. After a timeout, Harmon went "There in the second half, they airborne and gained first down by and 11 tackles, respectively. gave us a little different defense inches. Long sneaked the final yard than they've shown before this and Nichol added the extra point, year," said McClain, whose Badgers giving Iowa a 10-10 tie with 11:54 are 3-3-1 in the league and 5-3-1 remaining. overall. "I was impressed with the quickness of their linebackers espe-scoring down the stretch, although cially." Tom Nichol kicked a 26-yard field Iowa's Robert Smith fumbled a to cap Iowa's first possession of the Cepicky punt midway through the second half. Long was 3-of-3 for 33 fourth period, but teammate Ken yards in the march and Gill replaced Sims fought off several Badgers to Eddie Phillips as the Hawkeyes' alltime top rusher with a three-yard run at the 9:39 mark of the third period. Iowa, benefitting from a 20-mileper-hour south wind in the third quarter, had another scoring chance near the end of the period. Long hit Jonathan Hayes with an 18-yard pass to the Wisconsin 35-yard line. But after moving a yard in the next three plays, Nichol's 51-yard field goal attempt sailed wide to the left. pass left lowa with a fourth-and-The defense put the offense in seven at the Wisconsin 37. Fry

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Long hit Hayes for 18 yards to start the drive and, on the third play

Wisconsin made two of its three

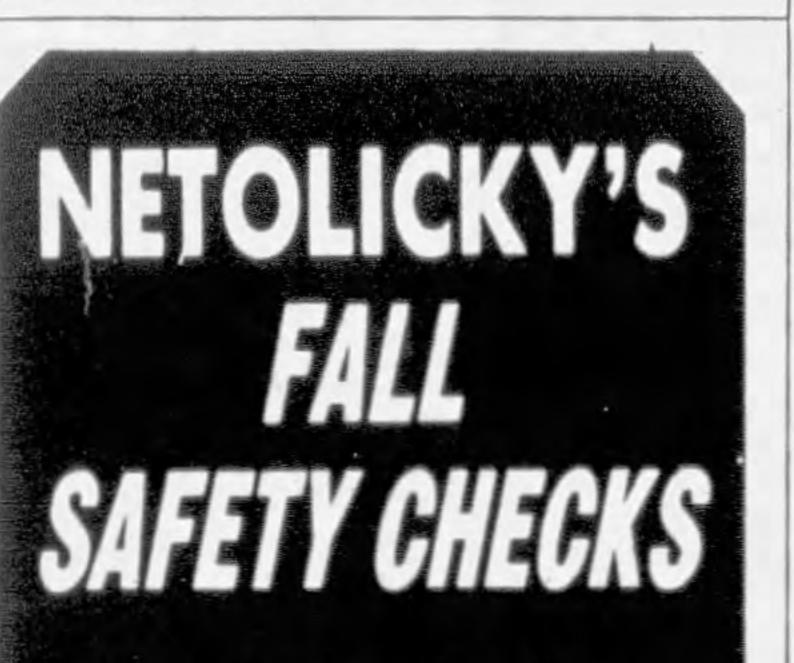
Neither team came close to there were some anxious moments. recover at the lowa two.

Despite the poor field position, Iowa retained possession of the ball for the next $6\frac{1}{2}$ minutes — with sophomore Mark Vlasic at quarterback. The Hawkeyes were helped when Richard Johnson was called for roughing punter Gary Kostrubala with 2:14 remaining. That moved lowa to the Wisconsin 40.

Two short runs and an incomplete

second-half first downs in the last two minutes, but the Badgers moved only to their 49.

lowa's last tie was against Michigan State (6-6) in 1972.



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