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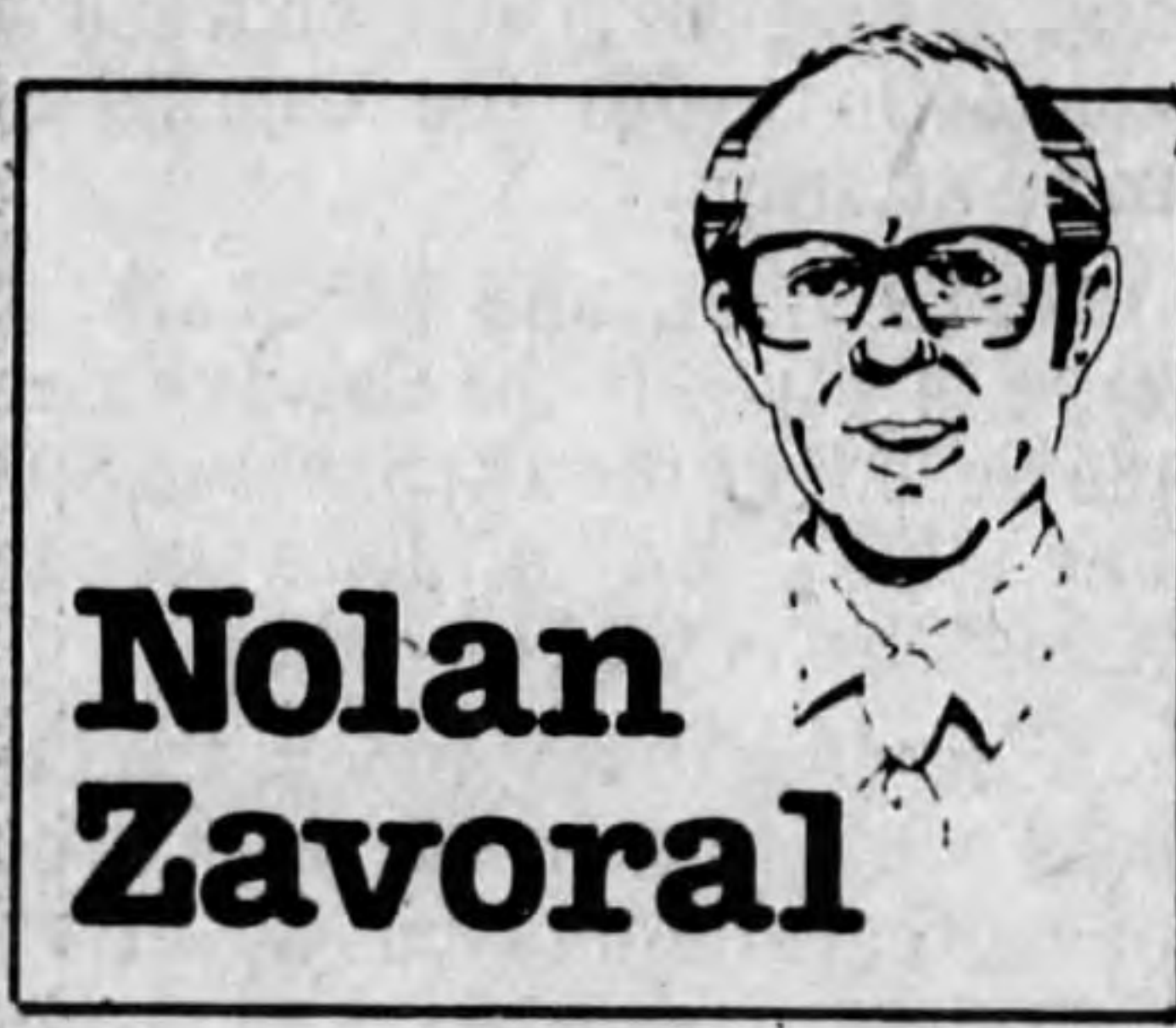
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THE WEATHER: Cloudy tonight. Near steady temperatures around 50. South wind 15 to 25 mph. Cloudy Friday with a 40 percent chance of rain. High in the middle 50s. Details on page 3A.

Still silent on Long-awaited decision

Stellar Freedom Bowl play adds to suspense

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Chuck Long stood head and shoulders above everyone else on the soggy matress of Anaheim Stadium here Wednesday night. Now he assumed the position in its literal sense before the media after leading Iowa to a 55-17 win over Texas in the Freedom Bowl.



Nolan Zavoral

Up on a folding chair, his yellow T-shirt half-in, half-out of his football trousers, Long held court. The Iowa quarterback anticipated

the first question in a cement crossroads under Anaheim Stadium.

"First thing I want to say is, about my decision, is I don't know yet," he began. "I'll just say it's a good game to end the year on."

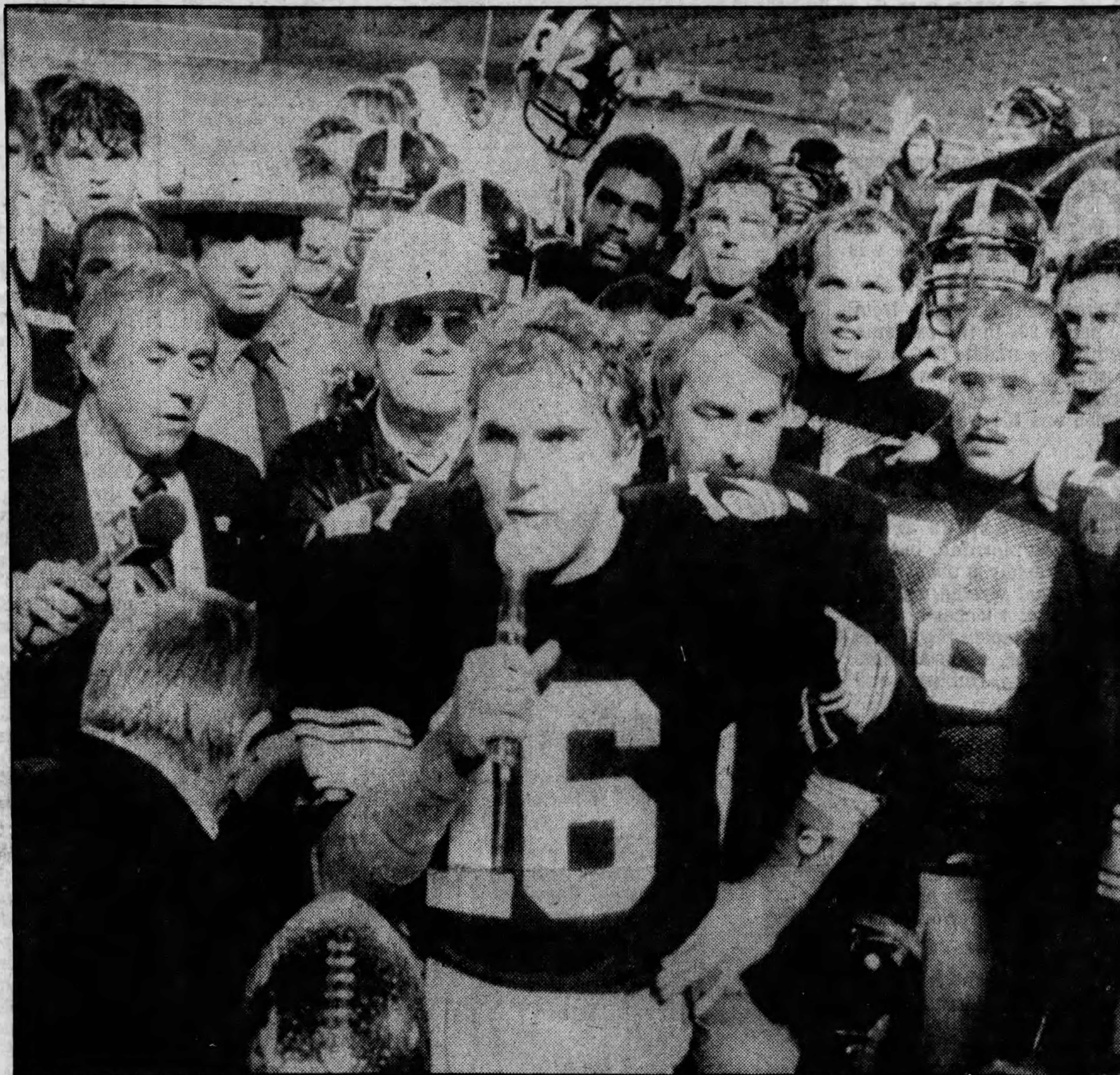
"What I'm going to do now is sit down in the next month — we don't have to be back at school until Jan. 20, or around there — and talk to some people, and then decide."

So as half the state holds its breath, Long will catch his and decide where he will spend next year. He could be a Hawkeye again; or he could become an ex-Hawkeye, submitting himself to the pro draft (probably the NFL draft in April, and not the USFL draft Jan. 3).

The NCAA gave him and other players like him this choice at its meetings 11 months ago in Dallas. It has to do with playing so little his freshman year, in 1981. Teammate Jonathan Hayes, the Iowa tight end, who caught two of Long's six TD passes against Texas, is in a similar situation. (He was not immediately available for interviews after the game.)

John Robinson, the former USC coach now coaching the Los Angeles Rams of the NFL, watched Long throw two touchdown passes in the first half against Texas. Did Long have it for the pros?

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Chuck Long, the bowl game's most valuable player: 'I'll just say it's a good game to end the year on.'

'85 deficit projection climbs to new high

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration, which only four months ago was predicting the federal budget deficit would decline in 1985, is now bracing for the biggest deficit in the country's history.

Just two months into the 1985 fiscal year, the deficit is already running 23 percent above last year's pace, according to government figures released Wednesday.

The deficit in November totaled \$28.46 billion, nearly matching the \$28.79 billion in red ink run up in October.

If the pace of the first two months continued, the deficit for all of fiscal 1985 would top \$340 billion. While no one is predicting things will be that bad, the Reagan administration is now projecting the 1985 deficit will be around \$210 billion — compared to \$175.3 billion for the 1984 fiscal year that ended Sept. 30.

The revised 1985 projection is far above the previous record of \$195.4 billion set in fiscal 1983 and even farther above the \$186.87 billion 1985 deficit projected by the administration last August.

In those days, President Reagan was talking optimistically about a booming economy allowing the country to grow its way out of the deficit morass.

What has happened since then is a marked slowdown in economic growth. While the economy raced ahead at a rate of 8.6 percent in the first half of the year, a summer slump sent growth down to 1.6 percent from July through September.

Slower growth means lower corporate profits and fewer jobs being created. That in turn means lower tax revenues.

While growth showed signs of rebounding somewhat to a rate of 2.8 percent in the final three months of the year, Treasury Secretary Donald Regan said recently that even with a good rebound early next year, revenues are still likely to be \$14 billion below the administration's August estimate.

The deficit problem is compounded by the fact that the government must borrow \$1 for every \$5 it spends.

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Fans savor Hawkeyes' Freedom feast

ROBYN HAHN
Press-Citizen Reporter

A bar-stool spectator at Mumm's Saloon, 21 W. Benton St., savored Iowa's Freedom Bowl victory shortly after the game ended.

"We were the first victors in a new bowl," he said. "No one else can ever be the first winners of the Freedom Bowl — that title is ours for good."

And few television viewers con-

tacted at local bars or by telephone questioned the distinction of that honor.

"It irritates me that people would downplay the importance of this game," said Earle Murphy of 1692 Ridge Road, a Hawkeye fan and University of Iowa "Town Hawk" (a group of supporters that helps potential Hawkeyes feel at home in Iowa City). "This game is more important than the Peach Bowl or the Gator Bowl because it's great to

be the first team to play in a new bowl game."

Murphy, who watched the game at home with nine family members, emphasized the recruiting opportunities Iowa gained from the Freedom Bowl and predicted future success for the Anaheim contest.

Fans cited the warm climate and excellent playing facilities at Anaheim as indicators of the bowl's possible success, but agreed that because of its close-

ness to Christmas, the date was a bad choice.

"People are just too burned out and hassled the day after Christmas to be getting around much," said Wally Kopsa, a bartender at The Annex bar, who said he expected a small crowd to watch the game. At half-time, about 20 people were viewing the game quietly from the bar.

But customers and Hawkeye spirit were plentiful at Mumm's. Seating was filled to near capaci-

ty and enthusiasm ran high.

"Beautiful, beautiful," called out one fan as Chuck Long led Iowa to its 47th point in the third quarter. "We're wiping them all over the wet field."

Another fan replied, "It's incredible — we're playing like this was the Super Bowl."

As Long set school records in yards and touchdowns gained through passing, John Mummey,

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Reagan rails Soviets on Afghanistan occupation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, firing off a rhetorical blast two weeks in advance of renewed nuclear arms talks, says the Soviet Union will "pay a high price" for its occupation of Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, Sen. Gordon J. Humphrey, R-N.H., said Wednesday that most of the not-so-secret U.S. aid intended for Afghan guerrillas is not reaching them and vowed to find out why.

"It appears most of our aid is being lost in a leaky pipeline," Humphrey said.

In a statement issued the day before he departed for a California vacation, Reagan called Moscow's occupation of Afghanistan "a serious impediment to the improvement of our bilateral relations" and said the American people will continue their support for the "noble struggle" of anti-Soviet rebels there.

Noting the fifth anniversary of the Dec. 27, 1979, Soviet invasion, Reagan said the United States "cannot and will not remain silent on Afghanistan. We join our voice with other members of the world community in calling for a prompt, negotiated end to this brutal conflict."



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NO CHRISTMAS HERE Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., fights back tears as he is encircled by starving refugees who walked for one week to reach the refugee camp of Tuki-Baab in Eastern Sudan. Kennedy, shocked by what he saw, cut short his Christmas Day visit to the region.

Stores shoring up roadblocks for holiday season shoplifters

By TOM DAYKIN
Press-Citizen Reporter

High above the main floor at Iowa City's K mart store, hidden behind one-way mirrors and armed with binoculars, Becky Martel and her staff have a panoramic view of shoplifters.

"We have binoculars so we can positively identify them," said Martel, loss prevention manager. "We can apprehend them the minute they conceal merchandise. But we wait until they leave. So in essence, we give them a second

chance before they leave."

But there's another reason for waiting until shoplifters leave the store before they're detained, Martel said. When shoplifters are apprehended outside the store, they're more likely to be convicted.

The Christmas holiday season doesn't bring an upswing in shoplifting, according to local police, store security personnel and businessmen. But with more expensive merchandise on display, the temptation to shoplift increases. And some stores take extra precautions

during the holidays.

Martel said K mart uses several preventative measures against shoplifting, such as tying shoes together, placing alarm systems on major appliances, and placing more expensive merchandise in the more crowded sections of the store.

But Martel's chief weapons are 20 one-way mirrors placed around the store. Security personnel can look through the mirrors at shoppers, but shoppers cannot see

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Comet explodes 'like a very bright star'

By LEE SIEGEL
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES — Scientists today launched an artificial comet high above Earth, where it "exploded like a very bright star" and formed a 31,000-mile tail, then dissipated after 15 minutes in an experiment to study solar wind.

"The solar wind blew this thing away very rapidly," scientist Bob Cameron said in a radiotelephone interview from a National Aeronautics and Space Administration

jet that flew over the Pacific Ocean from Mountain View, Calif.

"At the outset, it exploded. It looked like a very bright star — sort of a yellowish-blue flash that quickly went to purple," Cameron said. "It held that size and shape for about three to five minutes, then we began to see a pronounced tail, which grew very rapidly" to about 31,000 miles in length.

Despite the brilliant explosion seen elsewhere, fog prevented

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Still silent on decision

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"Oh, please, don't make me comment on that," Robinson said gently. "I got here after the half started, and to answer that I'd really have to study him. Besides, that's really his decision."

"But I'll say this. It's to his advantage to be in a passing system like Iowa's — rather than a veer offense or something."

"He's used to seeing the same sort of coverages he'll see in the pros," Robinson went on. "And don't kid yourself. They really are the same coverages, only the pros happen to play them better."

Long has twice postponed his decision. He sounded as uncertain, even confused, as he has from the beginning. At first he said that the game — in which he shattered four school records, two of them his own — would not weigh in his calculations. Then he as much as said it would.

Fry could not guess the ending of the year-long drama. He was asked if Long's performance might keep him at Iowa, going for the Heisman one last time. "I hope so," Fry said, his voice hammering the word "hope" like a spike.

Here was Chuck Long's night of nights:

- 29 of 39 passes . . .
- 461 yards . . .
- 6 touchdowns . . .
- 0 interceptions . . .

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owner of Mumm's, described Long as his daughter's "hero."

"Actually, I'm 36 years old and he's my hero, too," he said.

Speculation about the chances of Long playing another season at Iowa followed his record setting game.

"This game will probably hurt Long's chances of coming back next year," said Bill Suter, manager of Mumm's. "Why risk getting injured again here when he could get injured under contract?"

Kurt LeClare, manager of The Sports Column bar, 12 S. Dubuque St., estimated his customers

He had thrown 22 straight completions against Indiana earlier this season, an NCAA record. But in the next game, against Wisconsin, he sprained a knee — and sometimes bore only flitting resemblance to the passer supreme he had become. Yet he headed into the Texas game with a 66 percent completion rate, and the confidence of his mates.

"The leg's healed, you can tell by the way he's throwing," receiver Bill Hoppel had said before last Saturday's practice at Cal State-Irvine. "He's throwing just like before."

Fry repeated Wednesday that Long was not a picture-book passer — "but all he does is throw strikes. And he's really gotten better at reading coverages. You seldom see him throw to a wrong receiver."

Long said it was something he worked on every day, with offensive coordinator Bill Snyder. "Many hours I work on that," Long said. "If you know where the defense is going, that's half the battle right there. Ninety percent of the game, I'm convinced, is mental; 10 percent physical."

Long used his bean as well as his arm against Texas. He confused All-America safety Jerry Gray several times by looking toward the fullback or tailback running a pattern, and throwing to someone else.

"I always said he was a good, pro-type quarterback," Gray said.

How soon is the only question.

Nolan Zavoral is sports editor of the Press-Citizen.

Shoring up shoplifting roadblocks

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through the mirrors.

While not saying how many, Martel also said K mart employs security personnel who pretend to be shopping while they actually are watching for shoplifters.

But Martel said that unlike some stores, K mart doesn't use security cameras because "you have to sit in front of a monitor."

Also, she said, a monitor "doesn't give a good description. Most of the monitors are in black and white. And by the time you find the person, he might not have the merchandise."

David Rodman, manager of J.C. Penney Co. Inc. in the Old Capitol Center, said the local store's three-person security staff uses one-way mirrors and walks the floor to try to stop shoplifters. But Rodman said one of the store's best anti-shoplifting tools is its sales staff.

"If we are aware of where all the customers are," Rodman said, "the less chance a shoplifter has of taking anything."

Rodman said shoplifters tend to look at customers and employees "to see where everybody else is," instead of looking at merchandise.

Martel said another sign of a potential shoplifter is when a customer removes clothing from a hanger, folds it and places it next to a purse or handbag. But Martel said there's no such thing as a typical shoplifter.

"At one point it was thought that young people were more likely to be shoplifters than old people," Martel said. "But rather than watching one person, we watch areas of the store."

"We have found that there really is no person or no type of person more likely to be a shoplifter," Martel said.

Martel said few shoplifters are professionals. And most are "quite

able to pay for the items they've stolen," she said.

"For the most part, it's just an urge," Martel said. "They feel they're justified. They have talked themselves into it, but sometimes their reasoning is a little faulty. A mom might say, 'It's so-and-so's birthday and I wanted to get him something nice.'"

Sgt. Craig Lihs, commander of the Iowa City police department detective bureau, said "there's something about getting a hold of something and sneaking it out of some place. It's just like a high — like a drug. Or a sickness."

"Some older people do it because they're living on social security and don't have money," Lihs said. "And street people do it and take it to a bar and sell it for one-tenth of its price to get a beer. And there are the pros who take the big, expensive items."

"But most of the time you get them and they say, 'I don't know

why I did it,'" Lihs said. He added that most persons convicted of shoplifting rarely shoplift again.

Martel said K mart presses charges against all adult shoplifters and most juveniles unless they're below the age of 10. She said by the end of 1984, the Iowa City store will have apprehended about 200 shoplifters.

Rodman said Penney turns over all shoplifters to the police. "We believe the only way to beat this is through public knowledge," he said. "We inform the public of the consequences."

Meanwhile, Martel and her staff keep an eye on K mart shoppers — hoping they won't turn into Kmart shoplifters. She said "every once in a while" a person will put a concealed item back on a shelf before leaving the store.

"But usually once you've picked something up," Martel said, "it usually takes as much to take it back out of your pocket."

Comet explodes 'like very bright star'

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Iowa City area residents from seeing the comet.

The comet, which first appeared at 6:32 a.m. CST — 10 minutes after two canisters of barium were released from a West German satellite 60,000 miles over the Pacific — dissipated after 15 minutes, Cameron said. The satellite contains a measuring instrument made at the University of Iowa.

U.S. and British observation satellites and an Argentine plane flying out of Tahiti also spotted the

barium cloud, but three of five ground observatories were clouded over.

"It has been spotted. Everything went perfectly on schedule," said Gerhard Haerendel, a project coordinator and director of the Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics.

Haerendel said the tail was about six times the width of the comet's head.

"It's very exciting," he said in an interview at Kitt Peak National Observatory in Arizona. "The (U.S. and British) spacecraft got

very exciting measurements. They got all the signatures of the solar winds, of a decrease in the magnetic field, and all the complex signatures of these interactions. I think we have wonderful data."

The satellites "saw very clear, strong signatures" from the comet with their various detection instruments, physicist Richard McEntire said by phone from the project's science data center at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. "We're all excited about that."

Cameron said the comet was

dimmer than initially expected because only two of four barium canisters were released so the experiment can be repeated next summer. It was visible to the naked eye from the NASA plane for "a very, very few seconds," he said.

"It really dissipated much more rapidly than we expected," Cameron said. "It was a very strong solar wind and there was half as much barium as we anticipated."

Clouds obscured ground telescopes at Kitt Peak, Mauna Kea on Hawaii and Haleakala on Maui, but skies were adequately clear for telescopes at the north end of White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico and for a secondary observatory operated by Boston University near Boulder, Colo.

Convicted killer faces death in chair wired by father

ANGOLA, La. (AP) — The man who wired Louisiana's electric chair while imprisoned for aggravated battery says his son deserves to die in it if he raped and murdered a teen-ager, and the victim's father says he would like to pull the switch.

Robert Lee Willie, 26, is scheduled to die early Friday for the 1980 rape and murder of Faith Hathaway, 18, of Mandeville.

Willie, who has been found guilty of three unrelated murders but claims an accomplice was responsible for each, says he has no regrets about his life and expected he would become a terrorist if freed.

"Electric chair don't worry me, man. I have a lot of pride. I don't run from nothing," said Willie.

Willie's attorney, Ronald Tabak, said his client's only hope appeared to be Gov. Edwin Edwards, who earlier turned down a request for a reprieve and who has refused to meet with Tabak.

In a telephone interview from his New York office, Tabak said something might develop that the governor or the courts would con-

sider grounds for a reprieve. Asked what that might be, he replied, "Nothing I can comment on."

Meanwhile, Willie's father, John Kelton Willie Jr., said he could not understand the murder of Miss Hathaway, and said if son committed it he deserves to die.

"If a man did me wrong, I'd have no problem with killing him

like I'd kill that chicken out there," said Willie, who wired the electric chair before his release from the Louisiana State Penitentiary in October 1983. "But I could never do anything to a hurt a woman, a child or a young person."

Willie, 53, has lived with his 94-year-old father, Kelton Willie, near Covington.

Man sued over passionate pooch

DALLAS (AP) — A dog breeder who says her prize basset hound was impregnated in an unwanted "act of puppy reproduction" by a mongrel has filed a \$3,200 lawsuit against the owner of the offending animal.

Donna Stevick claims in her district court lawsuit against Dan Bratcher that she had to pay to get an abortion for her dog, Billy Bassett, and to have a door fixed after Bratcher's dog broke in.

The suit alleges Bratcher was negligent and violated city ordinances by letting his large dog, Lobo, run loose. A hearing is sche-

duled on the suit today, attorneys said.

The mongrel "broke through a screen door and committed an act of puppy reproduction," Stevick's attorney, Harry Zimmerman, said. "They have pictures."

Zimmerman said Billy Bassett had been mated with a pedigreed basset one day before the alleged attack. Stevick's veterinarian warned her the puppies could be too big for the basset to bear and recommended the abortion.

Gary Noble, a lawyer for Bratcher, said his client did not break the law.

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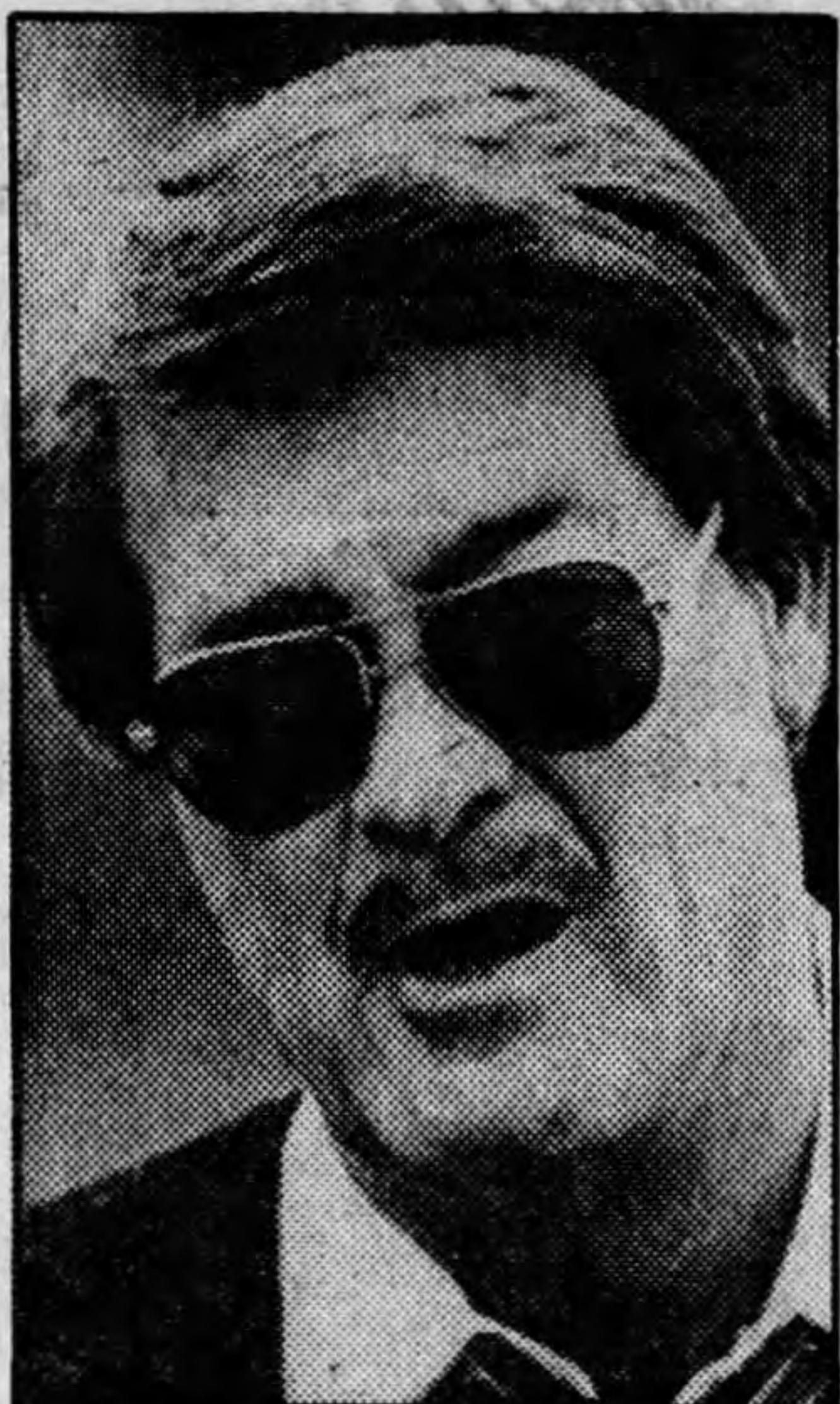
'It definitely was my best game, I felt hot. Texas is a good defensive ballclub, but they didn't have to face a passing team like us.'
 —Chuck Long

'Long was everything that we saw in the films. He was as perfect as I've ever seen a quarterback. We had some awfully young defensive backs out there and they had a tough night. I felt for them.'

—Texas coach Fred Akers

'This was a game we wanted to win very badly. The folks down in Texas don't beat Texas very often. I've never had a victory that meant more to me. Our guys certainly played inspired.'

—Hayden Fry, a Texas native



'It was a great team victory, one that the coaching staff, especially myself, wanted very badly. I was trying to keep it low key going into the game, but I've never had a victory mean more to me than this one.'

—Hayden Fry

'I've never seen a quarterback do what he did to our defense. He's probably the best quarterback I've ever seen and I've seen some good quarterbacks in my time.'

—Texas All-American Tony Degrate

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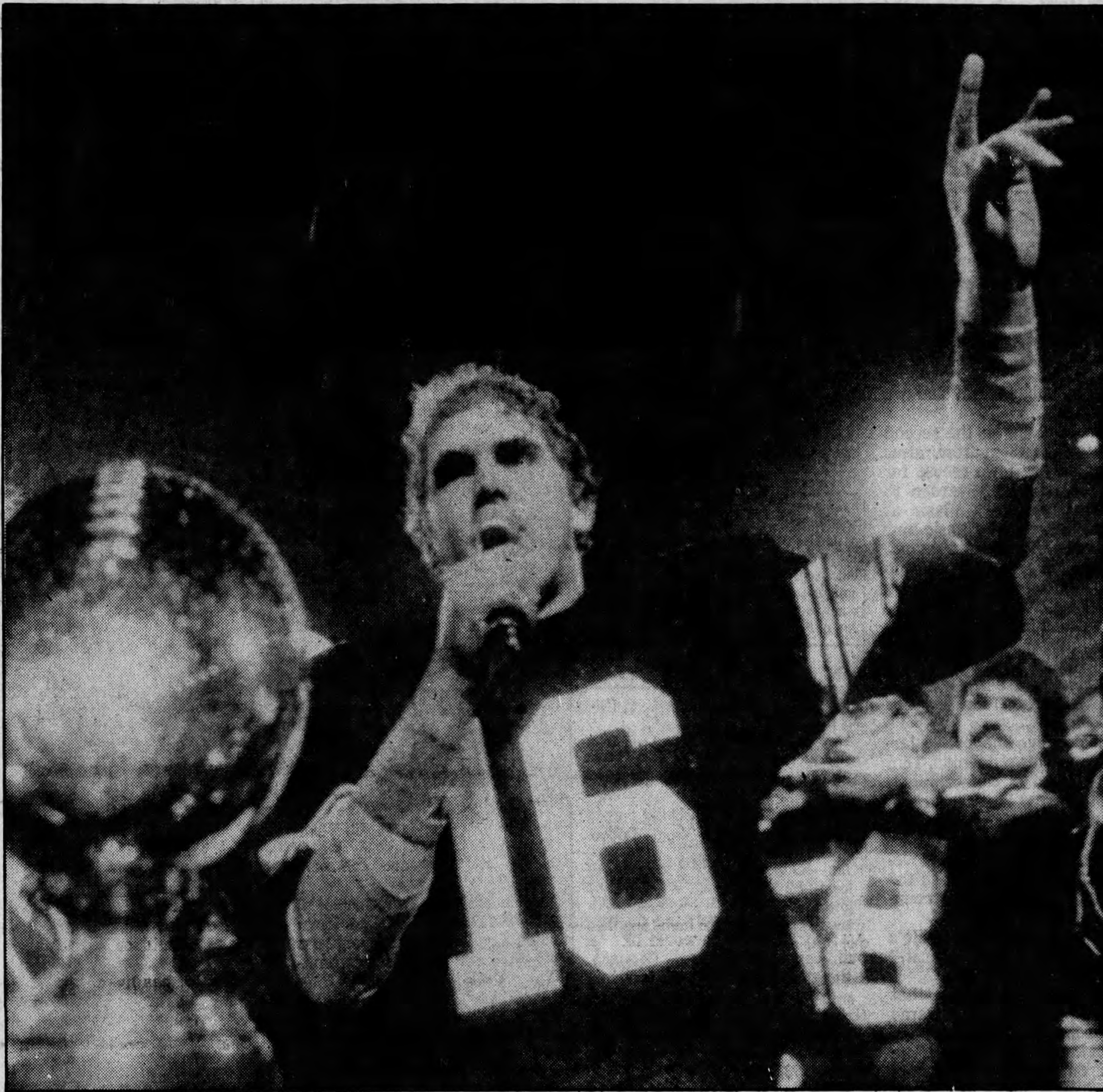
Iowa quarterback Chuck Long broke the following school records in the **Hawkeyes'** 55-17 win over Texas:

TOTAL OFFENSE — New mark 481 yards (461 passing, 20 running); old mark 398, by Long, against Northwestern in 1983.

PASSING YARDS — 461; old mark 420, against Northwestern, 1983.

COMPLETIONS — 29 (of 39); old mark Mike Cilek's 27 of 48, against Illinois, 1967.

TOUCHDOWN PASSES — 6; old mark Fred Riddle's 5, against Indiana, 1963.



Iowa QB leaves Texas in ruins, 55-17

By NOLAN ZAVORAL
 Press-Citizen Sports Editor

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The rain still fell in slanting sheets. **Iowa's** football players gathered on the sideline to hear a few words from the Freedom Bowl's most valuable player here Wednesday night.

Kelly O'Brien, an offensive guard standing at the rear of the pack, threw back his head and bayed into the wetness, "Chuck Long! Ewwwwww! The great Chuck Long!"

And here came Chuck Long to the microphone, to say a few words for the TV cameras and the drenched denizens of Anaheim Stadium. He thanked his coaches and offensive line, his parents and "everyone who watched and listened to the game on ESPN."

Wrong network, but let us not quibble. The great Chuck Long had done everything else right in **Iowa's** 55-17 barbecue of the Longhorns.

Such as throw six touchdown passes, two to tight end Jonathan Hayes and the rest to four different receivers (tight end Mike Flagg, split end Bill Happel and wingbacks Scott Helverson and Robert Smith).

Such as complete 29 of 39 passes for 461 yards, against a Texas man-for-man considered to be the strength of the team.

Such as break four school records, when it seemed there were none left for him to crack. Down went the marks for total offense, passing yards, completions and touchdown passes.

"Chuck Long," said Texas coach Fred Akers, "was everything."

The win let **Iowa** end its season at 8-4-1. More, it allowed Hawkeye coach Hayden Fry, not to mention the great Long, the satisfaction of beating Texas.

Fry, as head coach of Southern Methodist and later North Texas State, had only a 2-11 record against the Longhorns. This was revenge made in heaven. "I don't hesitate to call it the best win in my ca-

After passing for 461 yards and six touchdowns in quarterback Chuck Long to accept his Most Valuable Wednesday's Freedom Bowl, it was easy work for **Iowa** Player trophy.

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Can anyone explain this win?

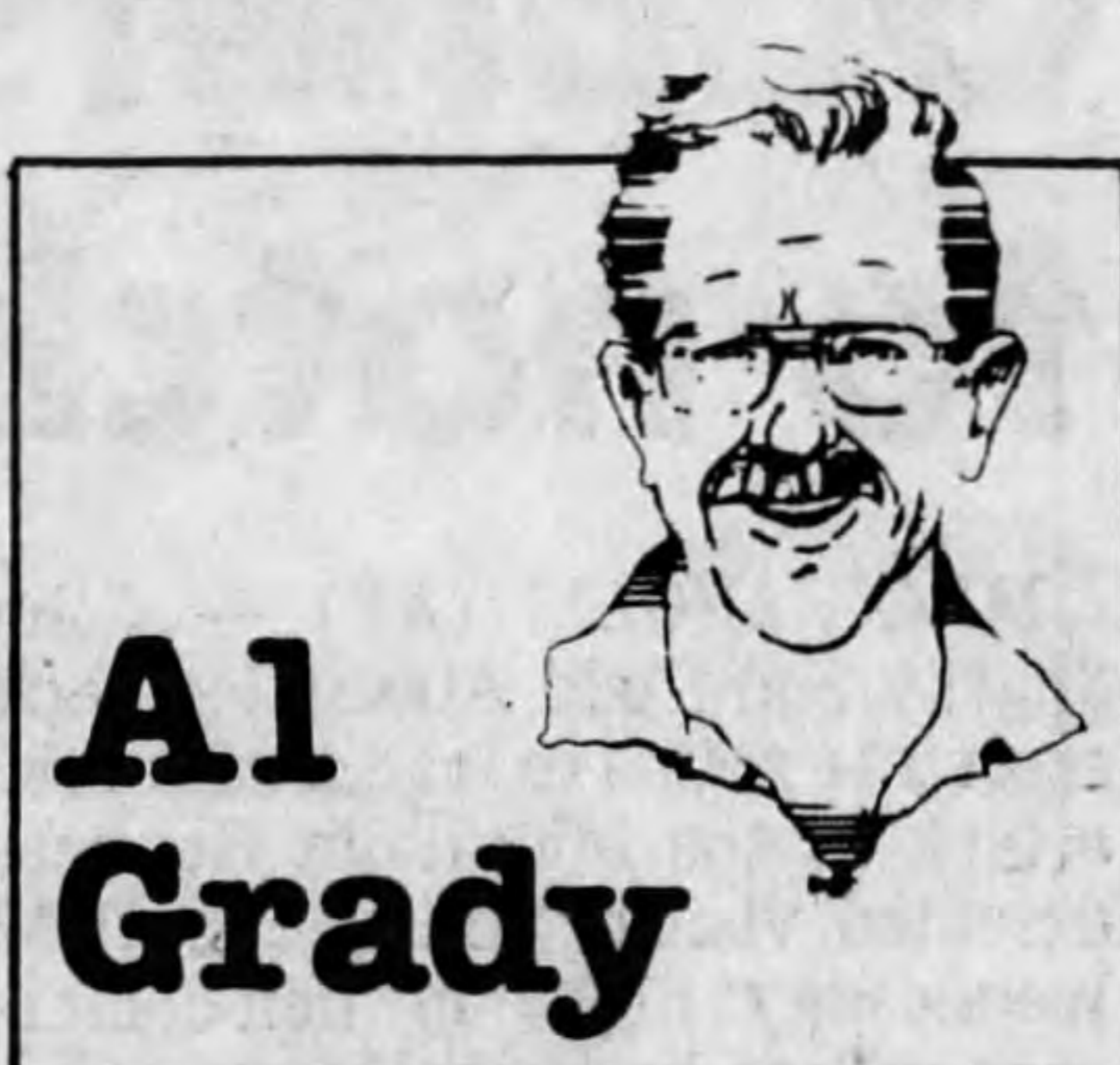
From my seat in front of the TV set thousands of miles from the action, here are a few of my observations of Hawkeye sports doings of the past couple of nights.

The outcome of Wednesday night's football game may have been the most surprising, the most shocking, the most unbelievable, in almost 100 years of Hawkeye football history. By outcome, I mean final margin. Can anyone else tell me a game which **Iowa** entered favored by one point and came out a winner by 38?

And to be honest with you, I thought **Iowa** by one was a little generous.

Sometimes you just sit back and say, "I guess I don't know anything about this game at all."

Here was an **Iowa** offense that was just about impotent at both Minnesota and Hawaii coming up with 55 points, **Iowa's** greatest total of the season and the most points scored against



always-strong Texas since 1904.

Can anyone explain that? Can Hayden Fry explain it? Can Chuck Long explain it? Did anyone have any idea at all that **Iowa** was going to bust out with such a wild offensive display?

How come **Iowa** didn't do that at Minnesota? How come **Iowa** didn't do that at Hawaii? Was it all a matter of health? All of a sudden Chuck Long, who seemed to have trouble finding receivers

and getting rid of the football the last couple of games looked like Roger Staubach. It was incredible.

It also was a big blow for the Big Ten, which began its six bowl games with an 0-2 record last weekend.

Before the game, because of the defensive prowess of both teams, and because both seemed to have more players hurt on offense than defense, I feared something like a 9-7 final score that would put the audience and the network viewers to sleep. But 73 points? No way!

The way **Iowa** had looked in its last couple of games and based on Texas' defense, I feared a throwback to Hayden's recent Rose and Gator Bowl games, when the Hawks failed to score a touchdown. Instead, the Hawks went wild! Longhorn fans must have been, — and be — positively in a state of shock.

Because he's from Texas, and

COLLEGE BOWL LINEUP

Bowl	Date	Teams & Score/Records
California	Dec. 15	UNLV 30, Toledo 13
Independence	Dec. 15	Air Force 23, Va. Tech 7
Holiday	Dec. 21	BYU 24, Michigan 17
Citrus	Dec. 22	Georgia 17, Florida St. 17
Sun Bowl	Dec. 22	Maryland 28, Tennessee 27
Cherry Bowl	Dec. 22	Army 10, Michigan St. 6
Freedom	Dec. 26	Iowa 55, Texas 17
Liberty	Thursday, Dec. 27	Arkansas (7-3-1) vs. Auburn (8-4)
Gator	Friday, Dec. 28	S. Carolina (10-1) vs. Okla. St. (9-2)
Aloha	Saturday, Dec. 29	SMU (9-2) vs. Notre Dame (7-4)
Hall of Fame Bowl	Saturday, Dec. 29	Wisconsin (7-3-1) vs. Kentucky (8-3)
Peach	Monday, Dec. 31	Purdue (7-4) vs. Virginia (7-2-2)
Bluebonnet Bowl	Monday, Dec. 31	TCU (8-3) vs. W. Virginia (7-4)
Cotton	Tuesday, Jan. 1	Houston (7-4) vs. Boston Col. (9-2)
Fiesta	Tuesday, Jan. 1	UCLA (8-3) vs. Miami, Fla. (8-4)
Rose	Tuesday, Jan. 1	Ohio State (9-2) vs. USC (8-3)
Sugar	Tuesday, Jan. 1	LSU (8-2-1) vs. Nebraska (9-2)
Orange	Tuesday, Jan. 1	Oklahoma (9-1-1) vs. Wash. (10-1)

because he suffered some indignities there, this must rank with Hayden Fry's very sweetest wins.

Because he had a game he

probably will never surpass, maybe Chuck Long will decide this is the time to hang it up at **Iowa**.

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Akers had the game figured at halftime

By JOHN NADEL
 AP Sportswriter

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Texas coach Fred Akers proved to be a prophet at halftime of the inaugural Freedom Bowl football game. But not in the way he would have preferred.

"I told the team at the half that whichever team got the big plays in the third quarter was going to take it," Akers said after **Iowa** rolled to a 55-17 triumph over Texas. "They got the big plays in the third quarter. Had we made the big plays in the third quarter, we would have won the ball game."

To say **Iowa** got the big plays in the third quarter was a huge understatement. All The **Hawkeyes** did was gain 301 yards in the period and score 31 points.

That turned a 24-17 **Iowa** lead into a 55-17 advantage. Neither team scored after that, but it really didn't matter.

Iowa quarterback Chuck Long,

obviously not bothered by the driving rain at Anaheim Stadium, threw four of his six touchdown passes in the third quarter.

"We couldn't get enough heat on Long," Akers said. "We had to blitz too often to get the pressure. So we had to keep playing man-to-man (defense). Long was everything that we saw in the films. He was as perfect as I've ever seen a quarterback."

Akers was asked if the inclement weather had an impact.

"If it did, it just did as far as one team was concerned," he said. "It sure didn't affect Iowa."

"The ball-handling wasn't that big a problem. The footing was. It wasn't too good and it was frustrating for our defensive backs."

Long completed 29 of his 39 passes for 461 yards and the six touchdowns.

"He's easily the best I faced this year," said All-America defensive back Jerry Gray of the Longhorns. "He got the ball off when he had to

and found the receivers when he had to."

Sophomore defensive back Tony Griffin wasn't so sure.

"I wouldn't say he was the best quarterback we faced this year," Griffin said. "The guy from Arkansas (Brad Taylor), the guy from TCU (Tony Sciaraffa), the guy from Baylor (Cody Carlson), I'd rate them all the same. He (Long) just had a good game today and we didn't."

"The playing conditions were the same for both teams. Our receivers weren't catching everything like their receivers. I don't know what to say. It was all self-explanatory."

Texas quarterback Todd Dodge (right) feels the pains of the Longhorn's 55-17 loss to **Iowa**.

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Stringer, UI women on display in Philly

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Press-Citizen Sportswriter

The Hawkeye Showcase, under the direction of Iowa women's basketball coach C. Vivian Stringer, is making its East Coast debut in the eight-team LaSalle University tournament.

Iowa opened play in the tourney this afternoon against South Carolina State. But since the tournament is held in Philadelphia, just minutes from Cheyney State where Stringer coached before joining the Hawks, there's more at stake than

the tourney's championship.

"It will really be like a showcase," said Stringer, who guided Cheyney State to a 251-51 record in her 11-year stay. "First, people who followed my teams before will want to see how the program at Iowa has progressed. Second, they'll want to know if they'll see the same traits of my teams in the past."

While Stringer, a native of Edenborn, Pa., is excited to play in Philly, the timing is not particularly opportune if she's trying to impress the folks back home. Iowa

(3-2) has been away from practice for eight days due to the holidays and final semester examinations.

"I look at it as a second season," said Stringer. "This will be an excellent vehicle for tuning us up."

"Whatever happens I'm sure they'll say, 'She'll get it together. You'll hear from this team soon.'"

Besides Stringer, several other Hawkeyes will be on familiar turf. Iowa's 5-foot-7 point guard Tracy Washington received all-city and all-state honors last year at University High School in Philadelphia.

"I think playing at home will personally give me more confidence," said the freshman who is averaging just one turnover per game in five starts this season.

Lisa Long, Iowa's top rebounder (9.0 per game) and No. 2 scorer (14.0 point average), is from nearby Newark, N.J. Also from Newark is Lynn Kennedy, who ranks fourth among Hawkeyes in scoring and rebounding at 6.8 and 5.6, respectively.

Then there are the Hawks' assistant coaches. Marianna Freeman played under Stringer at Cheyney State, while Jennifer Bednarek

was voted an All-American guard at Penn State in 1978 and '79.

Stringer said "LaSalle wasn't doing us any favors" when it matched Iowa against South Carolina State. But that was following the Ragin' Cajuns' 22-6 record last season. This year South Carolina State is 1-4 after graduating several key players.

"This is the best thing in the world that could happen to us," said Stringer. "Hopefully we'll be able to smooth the rough edges. Pre-season games are extremely important in preparation for Big Ten competition."

A victory today would send Iowa to the semifinals against the winner of the Cheyney State-Southwest Louisiana contest. Only one player coached by Stringer is still playing for Cheyney State. Other teams in the tournament include host LaSalle, No. 17 Western Kentucky, Duquesne and St. Joseph's.

Remaining on the East Coast, Iowa will meet No. 11 Penn State Jan. 2 in University Park, Pa. The Hawkeyes will continue their travels when they open Big Ten action Jan. 4 at Purdue and Jan. 6 at Illinois.

Akers: 'Chuck Long was everything'

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reer," said Fry, who has 130 wins to compare it to.

Long pointed out that his parents and grandparents hailed from Oklahoma, and that he was born in Norman, Okla.

"All my life I've heard about the University of Texas," Long said. "This win meant a lot to me. I'm sure it made my grandparents happy."

Texas, finishing 7-4-1, was a former No. 1 team, which made the win all the more sweeter, Fry said.

The coach also said he had figured on a tight game, decided by special teams, or breaks, or both. What he got was a runaway, the second highest number of points scored on Texas since the 68 posted by the University of Chicago in 1904.

"People might say that Texas wasn't good," Long said. "But they were. We were just better. Tell you what: When we're healthy, we're hard to stop."

The Hawkeyes — who also got a one-yard touchdown run from full-back Fred Bush, and field goals of 27 and 35 yards from Tom Nichol — led by only a touchdown at half, 24-17. Then they outscored Texas in the third quarter, 31-0, with Long throwing four TD passes.

It was not only a coup for Long, the quarterback, but for the Iowa coaches who had constructed the game plan. In the first half, they got Long to throw toward the middle of the field; indeed, Happel made three receptions on one crossing pattern alone.

In the second half, the coaches had Long hitting receivers skimming down the sidelines. Texas, back on its heels, never did adjust. Look who caught a 33-yard scoring pass over his left shoulder, on the fly down the left side. Bill Happel.

Jerry Gray, the Longhorns' consensus All-America at safety, could only say, "Down the middle, then over to the sidelines — it was throw, throw, throw all the time. We should have concentrated

more on stopping them, and we just didn't."

Fry pulled Long on the second play of the fourth quarter, after Long had set the Iowa record for TD passes with a 31-yarder to Smith. In came Mark Vlasic at quarterback. Out went Vlasic four plays later with a broken thumb. Back came Long, for there was no one else really to put there, Fry said.

Long seemed in no hurry or fury to score again, and Fry said, "(Texas coach) Fred Akers is a great man and a great coach, and I apologized (to him) for the score being too high."

Iowa's offensive line, particularly O'Brien and his relief man, Tom Humphrey, had a banner night, keeping the great Long unsacked. For O'Brien and Humphrey, this meant holding back — not to be taken literally — one Tony Degrate, officially acclaimed as the best college lineman in the country.

"He's strong. He's quick. He's the best I've played against," O'Brien said of his rival.

The reporter ventured that O'Brien had played his best game of the season.

"I don't know if it's my best," he said. "I do know it's my happiest."

NOTES: A crowd of 24,093 witnessed the game played on the grass field. Some 27,000 tickets were sold in all for the inaugural bowl, meeting NCAA certification standards for next season. . . .

The lack of bodies in the stadium that seats some 70,000 did not bother players like Iowa's Helverson. "It was just easier to hear audibles," he said.

Paul Hufford, Iowa's defensive tackle, left the game in the first quarter with what appeared to be an injured left knee. He did not return. It was not the knee he injured so badly in high school wrestling, Fry said. . . .

Running back Owen Gill, Iowa's all-time leading rusher playing on two bad ankles, finished with 61 yards in 17 carries.

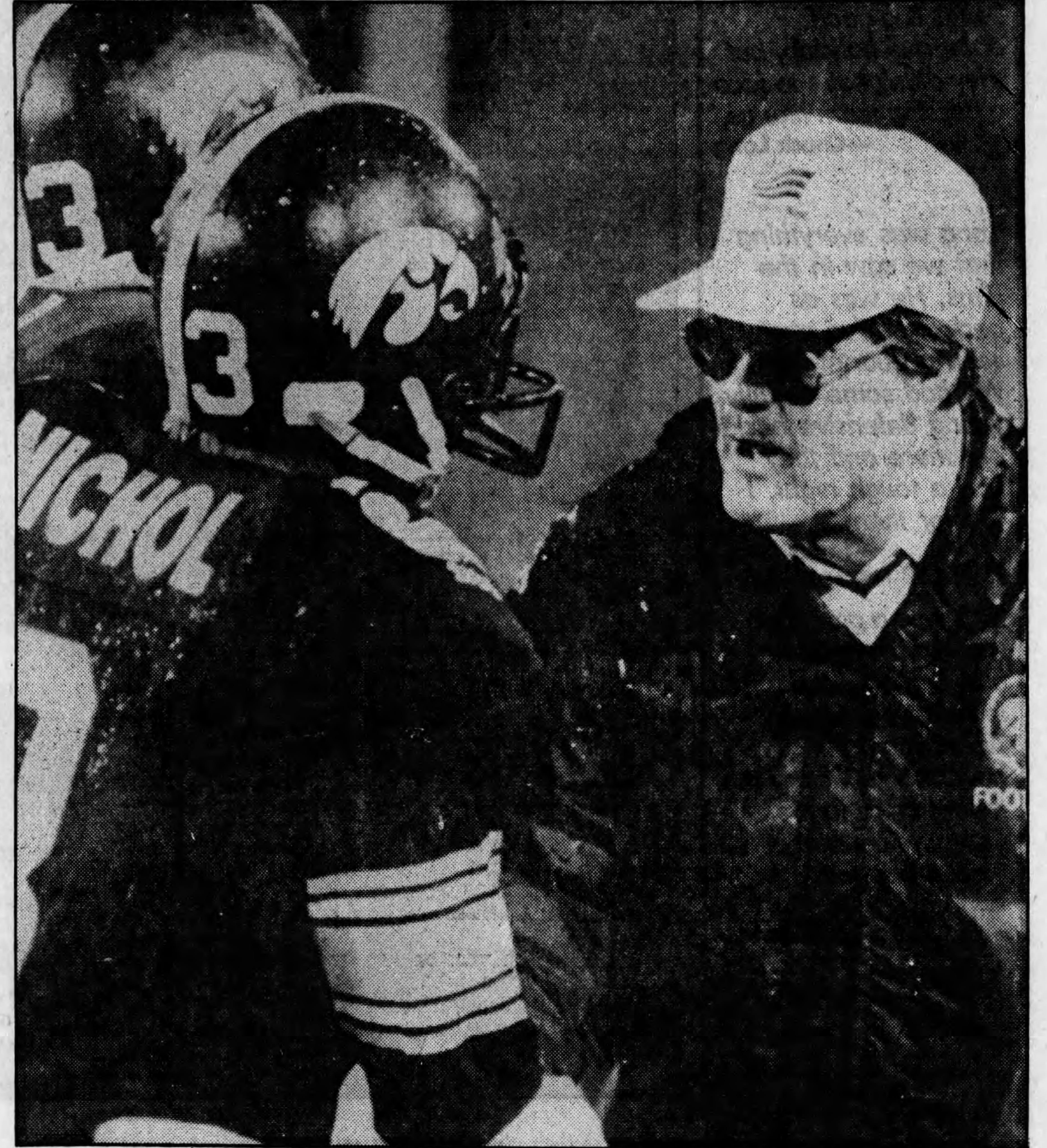
Iowa	55
Texas	17

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First downs	15	28
Rushing (Att.-Yds)	35-115	41-91
Passing	17-34-2	30-40-0
Yards Passing	185	469
Punts-Avg.	5-43	4-42
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	5-2
Penalties-Yards	6-50	4-27
Time of Possession	26:28	33:32

Texas	0	17	0	0	17
Iowa	14	10	31	0	55

Iowa—Hayes 6 pass from Long (Nichol kick)
Iowa—Flagg 11 pass from Long (Nichol kick)
Tex—Bryant 11 pass from Dodge (Ward kick)
Iowa—Bush 1 run (Nichol kick)
Tex—Harris 1 pass from Dodge (Ward kick)
Tex—FG Ward 46
Iowa—FG Nichol 27
Iowa—FG Nichol 35
Iowa—Happel 33 pass from Long (Nichol kick)
Iowa—Smith 49 pass from Long (Nichol kick)
Iowa—Helverson 4 pass from Long (Nichol kick)
Iowa—Hayes 15 pass from Long (Nichol kick)
A—24,093

Individual Leaders
Rushing — Texas: Orr 12-67, J. Johnson 8-56, Moerschell 2-9, Brown 2-6, Dodge 11-(minus 23). Iowa: Gill 17-61, Long 7-20, Cotton 5-8, Polite 2-7, Bush 3-5, Boyless 1-2, K. Harmon 4-(minus 2), Vlasic 2-(minus 10).
Passing — Texas: Dodge 16-32-2-180, Akers 1-2-0-5. Iowa: Long 29-39-0-461, Vlasic 1-1-0-8.
Receiving — Texas: Harris 6-37, Moerschell 4-40, Bryant 3-50, Duhon 1-47. Iowa: Happel 8-104, Flagg 5-71, Smith 4-115, Helverson 4-66, Hayes 3-70, Boyless 2-18, Love Jordan 2-15, Early 1-7, Polite 1-2.
Tackles — Texas: James 7 solo-3 assists, Gray 7-1, Allert 7-1, Broggs 6-2, Edwards 3-3, Degrate 3-2. Iowa: Stoops 6 solo-1 assist, Station 4-3, Little 5-0, Hooks 5-0, Peterson 1-4, Creer 4-0, Drost 4-0.



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A LOT TO KICK ABOUT Hawkeye coach Hayden Fry congratulates Iowa place kicker Tom Nichol after a field goal Wednesday night in the Freedom Bowl game. Nichol scored 13 points with two field goals and seven extra points.

Gophers trip Marquette to notch 7th victory

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — John Shasky and Todd Alexander each scored 14 points to lead a balanced attack as the Minnesota Gophers defeated visiting Marquette 70-62 Wednesday night in non-conference college basketball.

All five Gopher starters hit double figures as Minnesota improved its record to 7-3. Tommy Davis had 12 points, Mitch Lee had 11 and Kevin Smith had 10 as the Gophers snapped a two-game losing slump.

Marquette dropped to 5-2. The Gophers took the lead midway through the first half and the Warriors never got closer than four points in the second half.

BIG TEN BASKETBALL

Tom Copa, a sophomore from Coon Rapids, Minn., and Kerry Trotter led the Warriors with 19 points each.

The Gophers had a four-point lead with six minutes to go when

Marquette coach Rick Majerus received a technical for arguing a foul called on Copa and the Gophers converted four free throws and a field goal to take a 10-point lead.

With Shasky scoring 12 points and Lee adding nine, the Gophers took a 34-28 halftime lead. The lead changed hands seven times before Lee scored five straight points to put the Gophers ahead for good at 18-14.

Can anyone explain Iowa's 55-17 victory?

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Maybe not. Maybe he still wants the Rose Bowl again. It would be great to have him back for another season, but Iowa's program won't fall apart because of the loss of any one player.

It is difficult to measure what the triumph — and by such a staggering margin — meant to Iowa's program. Be assured it will help, even though the game will not get much national mention. It will help Hayden's recruiting, in Texas and everywhere else.

And it will put Hayden and half a million other Hawkeyes in a better mood from now until September.

As for Tuesday night/Wednesday morning's very tough-to-swallow 70-68 overtime basketball loss to Maryland in the Rainbow Classic, I thought there was good news and bad news.

It was good news that, facing their toughest opponent of the season, the Hawks played toe-to-toe with favored Maryland and should have won the ball game. It gives added hope for the Big Ten season just ahead.

And "almost" winning was made all the more laudatory by the fact that the Hawks fell 14 points behind the Terrapins with about five minutes to go in the first half and might have suffered an embarrassing blowout.

Anyway you look at it, the game was lost at the free throw line, and

that's depressing, if not disgusting, because free throwing is so basic, and because it seems to me about 80 percent of Iowa's losses in the last five years have been directly attributable to free throws that were not made. Andre Banks missed the front end of a one-and-one with 29 seconds to go in regulation time and Iowa up by two. Make 'em both and chances are it's all over in favor of the Hawks. But Andre, not surprisingly, threw up a brick that crunched off the rim and gave Maryland the chance to tie the game and send it into overtime, which it did.

For the game, Iowa made one more basket than Maryland, but couldn't keep up with the Terrapins' uncanny 20-for-22 free throw shooting, probably well above their season average. Not only did Iowa miss seven of 21 free throws, but four of the misses were the front end of bonuses, meaning Iowa squandered the possibility of 11 points from the free throw line. Make a few of those and the win could have been easy, and I can see the same sort of tearful hindsight in the Big Ten for the Hawks over and over and over again.

Disappointing was the fact that Iowa's freshmen, seemingly improving a great deal recently against weak opposition, were hardly a factor in the game. Jeff Moe, Al Lorenzen, Michael Reaves and Bill Jones had four points

among them on 2-for-14 shooting, and I didn't notice any of them distinguish himself in any department.

Iowa's second loss again was directly attributable to poor outside shooting, four guards going 3-for-15 from the field. I am tempted to say that when Moe scores only two points (going 1-for-3 against Maryland), Iowa can not win. But it should have beaten Maryland despite that.

Greg Stokes' play against a tough inside defense was terrific, and so was the fact that Iowa was able to get him the ball much better than a year ago. Michael Payne, I thought, had one of his better games, particularly in the second half when he began to hit some long range shots that Iowa needs so badly.

And the play of Gerry Wright, particularly his scoring, was startling. Wright had been playing and scoring so little of late that it looked like he was going to average about three points per game the rest of the way. To have him come up with 19, including several slams, was a big lift to the team.

So there were good things and bad in the Maryland game, which was largely a positive experience. Let's see what happens this afternoon.

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