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TRIVIA QUESTION: What lowa halfback was named an All-American first teamer in 1935, led his team in rushing for two years, but was never picked the Most Valuable Player by his teammates? Answer, page 10C.

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> After losing opener, Super Bowl champs face Atlanta in 2nd game of season

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## lowa bites Dogs, 58-0

### Biggest' game for Harmon

By Mark Dukes Gazette sports editor

IOWA CITY — Ronnie Harmon didn't intend to wake up at 4 a.m. Saturday, but he couldn't help it. "I tried to go back to sleep but I

couldn't," he said. "This was my first big game in a while, the biggest ever to tell you the truth. I had to prove to myself I could play again." Saturday was Harmon's first test.

since he suffered two broken bones in his left leg in a 10-10 tie with

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Wisconsin last November. After months of rehabilitation, then weeks of non-contact drills, he didn't know exactly what to expect.

The dazzling senior gave himself passing grades — 61 yards rushing, 78 yards receiving and two touchdowns — but he admitted it was far from perfect.

"I DON'T think I was scared of going in there and getting hit," Harmon said. "The leg felt good, but I felt slow. I ran more like a fullback instead of a tailback. A lot of people told me I looked tentative and I guess I was.

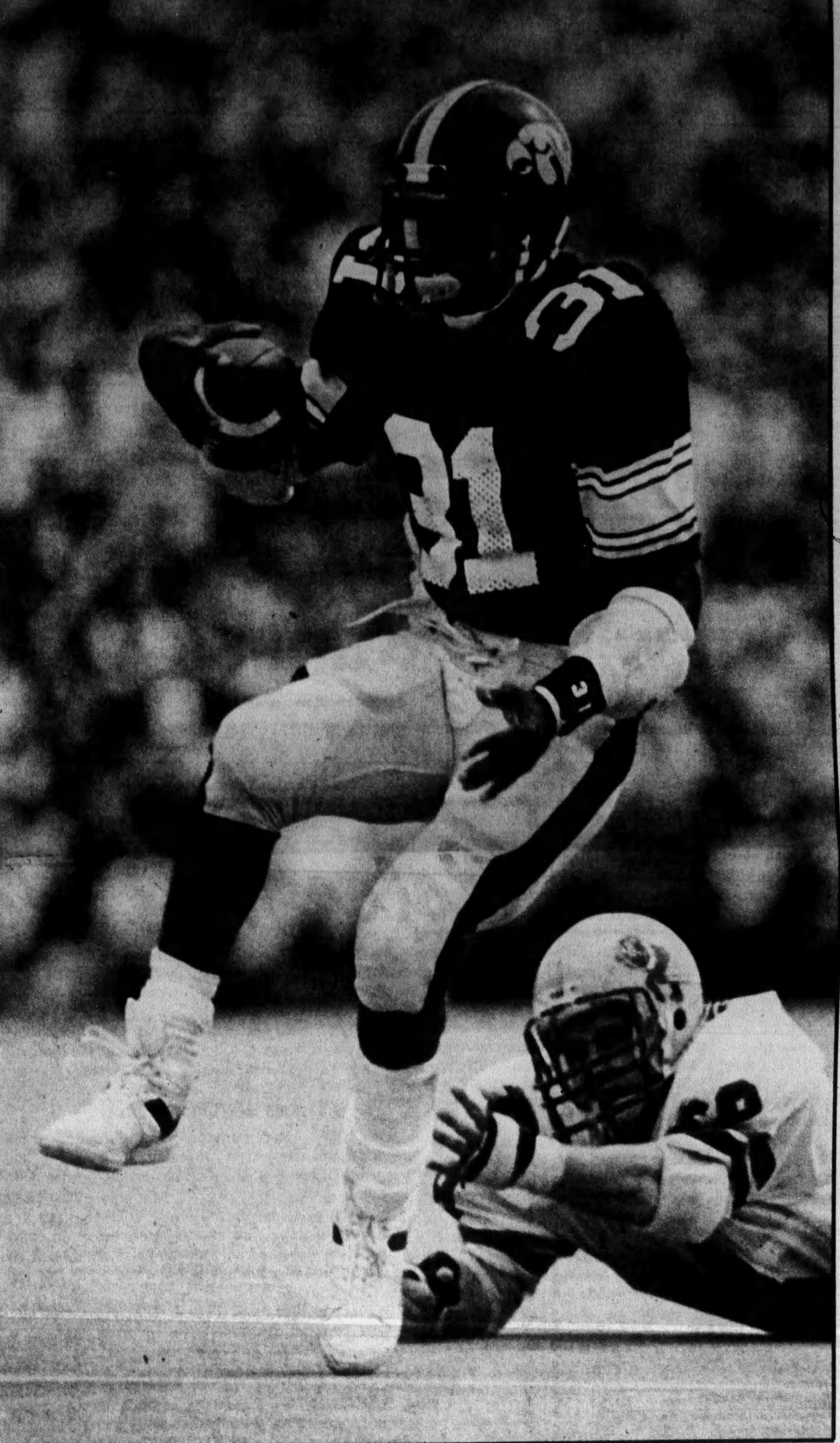
"I was running into people that I usually don't run into, and that's not right. I've got my agility back but I don't have the acceleration. I'm not as quick or as fast as I was but they tell me I'm in the build-up stage. As the season goes on, I should react much better."

Coach Hayden Fry elected to test Harmon immediately, calling his number on the first play. Harmon took a quick pitch from Chuck Long on a sweep to the right side, cut back slightly to his left and gained seven yards. He bounced up from the pile and walked back to the huddle without much expression.

Harmon's longest run was in the second quarter. On a fourth-and-two play, Harmon found daylight to the outside and rambled 15 yards to the Drake five. In the first quarter, Harmon had an 18-yard run nullifed because of a holding penalty.

"I COULDN'T evaluate Ronnie during the game," Fry said. "But I certainly wasn't impressed with our rush blocking in the first half. The 15 yards rushing (actually 14) we had in the first half has to be an alltime low. I got on our offensive people pretty good at halftime."

Fry got some answers to his • Please turn to page 4C: Harmon



Gazette photo by Joe Edens

lowa running back Ronnie Harmon (31) eludes the grasp of Drake noseguard Joe Adrian during Saturday's game at Kinnick Stadium in lowa City. Harmon scored twice and rushed for 61 yards.

## 37-point quarter ruins Drake effort

By Gus Schrader

Gazette sports columnist IOWA CITY — Worries about lowa's offense evaporated when the Hawkeyes exploded for 37 points in the third quarter.

Concern about Iowa's defense dissolved when the Hawks held Drake to a minus-36 yards rushing, a school record.

Result? Maybe a little more onersided that expected: A 58-0 rout of the underdog Bulldogs in Kinnick Stadium Saturday before 66,135 fans in weather that matched Iowa's third-period performance for nearperfection.

IT DIDN'T start out like that, however. Drake, which had split in two previous games, held the No. 5rated Hawkeyes scoreless in the first quarter and trailed only 7-0 until Chuck Long passed to Scott Helverson in the end zone with two seconds left in the first half.

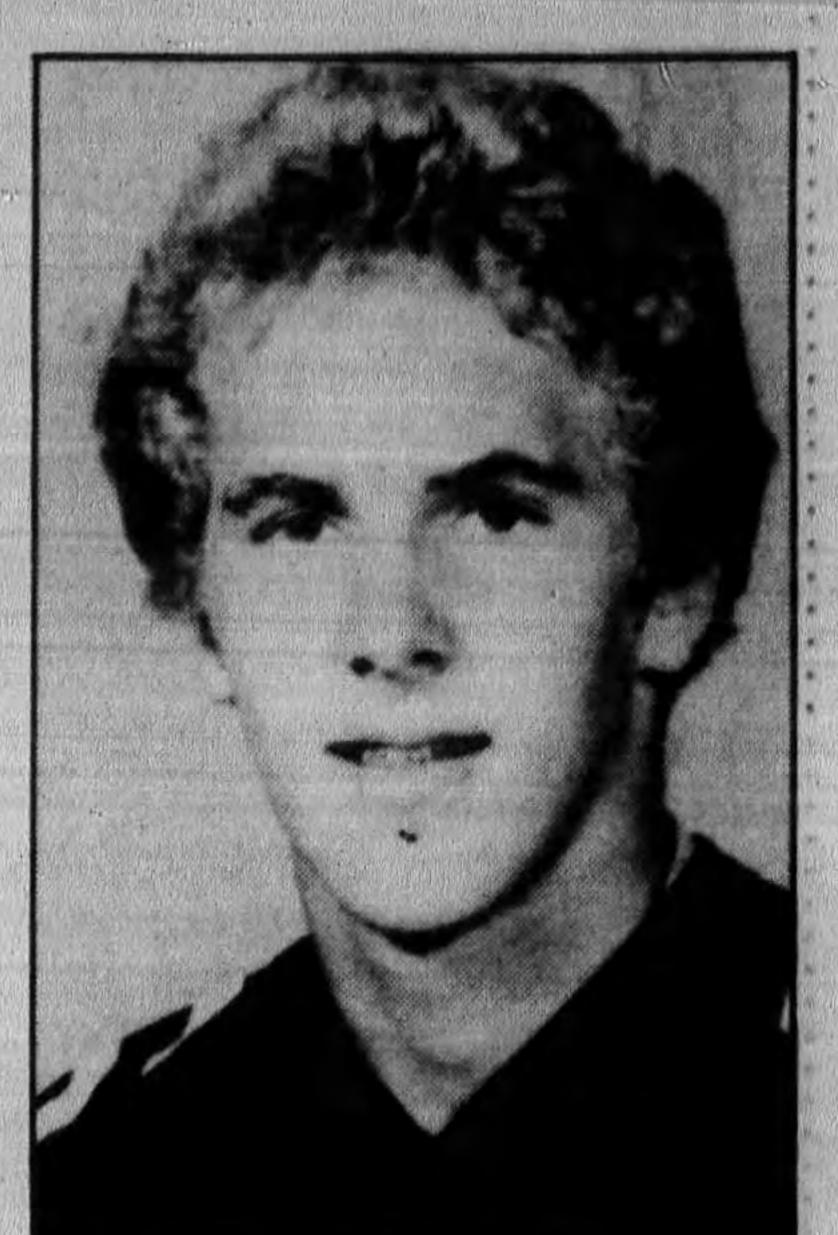
"I knew we would be slow out of the chute, because we haven't scrimmaged since last spring," said an ebullient Coach Hayden Fry. "But I didn't expect us to be that slow. However, you have to compliment Drake for that.

"I was impressed with our defense. I don't care who you play, if you come up with a goose egg on the scoreboard, you're playing some good defense. The momentum was set by our defense."

The questions and answers flew quickly after that.

Did Fry know his defense had set a school record by holding Drake to

a minus-36? "I didn't know that, but it's good news," he replied. "However, I'm sorry for Drake and Coach Chuck Shelton. He's a super human being.



Chuck Long

21 of 31 passes, 248 yards

We had bigger bodies and more experience, so I knew it was just a matter of time before we wore them

Has Fry ever coached a team before that scored 37 points in onequarter?

"No, but I coached a team that scored 31 points in a 10-minute stretch of the Freedom Bowl last season," the coach grinned, meaning Iowa's 55-17 win over Texas.

Hmm, Saturday Iowa got 37 points in a 9:38 segment of the third quarter.

Most of the graduation losses for Towa were on the defense, but the offense certainly introduced some new faces, too. Five players scored their first points for the Hawkeyes

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#### UNI sturis K-State; Will Dickey resign?

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) After watching his team lose to Northern Iowa, 10-6, Saturday, Kansas State Coach Jim Dickey was feeling insecure about his job - it was the second straight loss to teams the Wildcats were expected to beat.

Asked how safe he believed his job was after the loss to the Panthers, coupled with a seasonopening loss to Wichita State, Dickey responded: "Not very."

And the Manhattan Mercury reported in its eidtions today that

Dickey has been asked to resign. Athletic Director Larry Travis would neither confirm nor deny that the coach was being fired.

Dickey, in the final year of his contract, has compiled a 25-53-1 record at Kansas State and is under pressure to win six or seven games this year. But he said Saturday's loss was "damaging" to K-State's hopes for a winning season.

Dickey's situation was in contrast to that of Northern Iowa Coach Darrell Mudra, who has earned the • Please turn to page 5C: UNI

## ISU's defense saves day, 10-3

By Mike Hlas Gazette sportswriter

AMES — The excitement meter at Cyclone Stadium-Jack Trice Field wasn't jarred much Saturday afternoon, but neither was Iowa State's defense.

Since wins count for more than thrills, the Cyclones' 10-3 win over Utah State was a good, dull success.

Defeating a team of Utah State's reputation — if you could call it a reputation — by seven points hardly qualifies as a banner-waving, confetti-throwing event of epic proportions.

THE AGGIES were 1-10 last year. But ISU's 2-7-2 mark of 1984 left Cyclone coaches, players and fans with a hunger for an opening day win this year, no matter who the opponent or how small the victory margin.

Mission accomplished, thanks almost entirely to the Iowa State defense.

ISU linebacker Jeff Braswell said the Cyclones' team motto is "Whatever it takes to win," and what it

took Saturday was barring Utah State from the end zone.

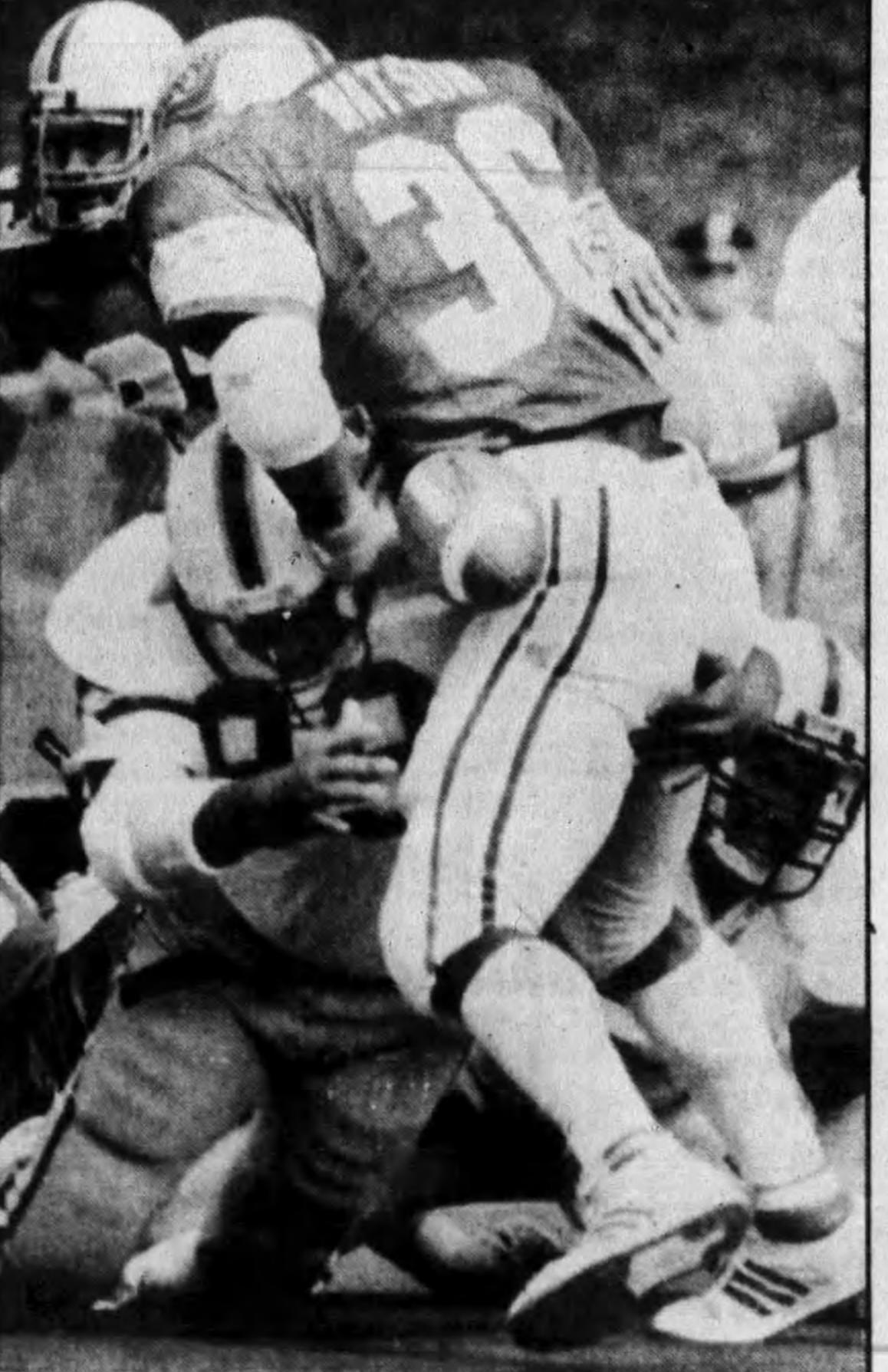
"I will say our defense had a lot to do with the tempo today," Braswell understated.

The Aggies managed just 162 net yards of offense, and got past the ISU 30-yard line just once. But it almost was one time too many.

Cyclone cornerback Milon Pitts fumbled away a punt return at the ISU 42 with 4:40 left in the game, which had been 10-3 since the third period. Three plays later, Pitts was whistled for pass interference, the third such call against the Cyclones.

SO, UTAH STATE had a first down at the ISU 17. But after two runs and a completed pass, the Aggies had no better than a 4th-and-11 at the 18. Quarterback Brad Ipsen, who was harassed all day, then threw to flanker Mickey Bell at the 2. It looked like it would be Bell's ball, but ISU right cornerback Terrence Anthony broke up the

The Cyclones ran out the final Please turn to page 5C: Cyclones



UPI photo

lowa State's offense sputtered Saturday, and one of the reasons was Al Watson's fumble at the 2yard line. Utah State's Kevin Young forced the bobble, and Aggie Ray Farris recovered.

#### Smith guides Cards to 1st

CHICAGO (AP) - Ozzie Smith had a perfect day at the plate Saturday, leading the St. Louis Cardinals into first place in the National League East.

But he was busy explaining a rarity — two errors in one game.

"At least I was aggressive on the second one," said Smith, who had two hits and two walks, stole two bases and doubled in the winning run in a 5-4 victory over the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field.

The Cardinals took over first place in the National League East by one-half game over New York, which lost to Montreal 5-1.

Smith, who had only 10 previous errors this season, bobbled a ball hit by Ron Cey in the third inning and let a shot by Cey go through his legs in the eighth. Neither error proved

"We were able to win," said Smith. "That's the bottom line."

Smith's fielding has always overshadowed his hitting and he feels that is unfortunate, although he has a .238 lifetime average. He is hitting .272 this season.

"I've had 50 RBIs in a season," said Smith. "That's not bad for a guy batting eighth. That's what counts, not the average." Smith doubled in the winning run in a two-

run sixth and now has 41 RBIs this season. "He's a better offensive player than people give him credit for," said Manager Whitey Herzog. "No, I haven't seen him make two

errors in a game." Herzog felt the turning point in the game was the middle relief pitching of winner Bill Campbell, 5-3.

"Campbell kept us in the game, he was the guy that turned it around," said Herzog. "We were lucky to get out of the first inning with them scoring only two runs. A base hit could have blown us out."

#### \$15,000 pays for 86-0 thrashing

BOZEMAN, Mont. - Eastern Oregon State College received a \$15,000 guarantee for playing defending 1-AA national champion Montana State Saturday.

One can only wonder if it was worth it. Montana State, scoring on its first 10 possessions, rolled to a 73-0 halftime lead and went on to win 86-0, tying a school record for points in a game and at least

matching one for punishing an opponent's

Quarterback Kelly Bradley played just 10 minutes but clicked on 13 of 17 passes for 180 yards and four touchdowns. Third string running back Corey Lamey racked up 171 yards and three touchdowns on just eight carries and fourth string fullback

Bob Byrne tacked on 80 yards.

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## Helverson makes the most with his receptions

Scotty likes No. 87 IOWA CITY - Scott Helverson, lowa's canny passgrabber, out-of-bounds expert and touchdown-maker, flashed a grin when asked if he has a favorite wide receiver in pro ball to pattern his play after.

"Yes, Dwight Clark (of the Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers)," replied the senior who came to Iowa as a walk-on.

"In fact, Dwight Clark wears No. 87. Yes, that's my number, but I wore No. 1

when I was a freshman. Then the coaches moved John Alt (now with the Kansas City Chiefs) from tight end to tackle, and I got his number, 87."

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Helverson was asked if he had considered going to Drake after finishing at Des Moines East High.

"Yes, I talked with Drake, but Coach Chuck Shelton advised me to go to a junior college first and then transfer. So I walked on at Iowa."

Helverson, who led Iowa Saturday with seven catches for 88 yards and two touchdowns, looked a little like another former pro superstar, Ray Berry of the Baltimore Colts, with the way he tippy-toed just inside the out-of-bounds line. He seemed to know exactly where the chalk was at all times.

However, the Catch of the Day may have come late in the bulging third quarter. He raced with Drake defender Mel Milne toward the left corner as sub quarterback Mark Vlasic rifled a pass.

The two men seemed to be dancing the pas de deux as they approached the goal line, Helverson going in reverse and Milne in high gear forward. Vlasic's delivery arrived at the right moment, with Helverson sucking the ball into his midsection just out of Milne's frantic grasp.

"I had the advantage," Helverson said modestly. "I was backing up and could see the ball, while Milne had his back turned."

Helverson also had high praise for Chuck Long, saying, "Chuck knows what his receivers are going to do - probably better than any quarterback in the country. And he's still learning. He seems to learn about the coverages more with every snap he takes."

The out-of-bounds line isn't the only line Helverson recognizes. In 1983 - before the coaches put him on scholarship - he caught only four passes, but two of them were for TDs. One of them will never be forgotten by Sam Wyche, present Cincinnati Bengals coach who then was directing Indiana, which lowa beat 49-3.

Last year Helverson hauled in 18 passes, and four of them went for TDs. Counting Saturday's produce, eight of his 29 Iowa catches have been for scores. Not a bad ratio.

#### Pass the hash

• Iowa's previous school record for rushing defense was set in 1957, when the Hawkeyes held Indiana to a minus 30 in a 47-7 victory. Iowa has had four other minus-rushing games . . . And the shutout was Iowa' first since a 26-0 victory over Michigan last season -Bo Schembechler's worst loss as a head coach. Iowa has won 34 shutouts in 97 seasons.

• Coach Hayden Fry said Richard Pryor, regular

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defensive end, "probably will be out until the lowa State game with an injury." Fry also revealed Joe Schuster, regarded as a starter at defensive tackle before having complications with a broken wrist, will be red-shirted this season because the wrist is not healing fast enough. He had a piece of hip bone grafted into the wrist. And Jeff Blake, soph linebacker from Cedar Rapids Kennedy, had arthroscopic surgery on a knee Friday. He will miss at least two or three

• Rob Houghtlin's amazing end-run-wups-punt play was the most remarkable Hawkeye kick I've seen since Lonnie Rogers, now track coach and a grid aide at Coe, booted one in 1963. Rogers got a high snap from center, ran back to retrieve the ball and somehow got a punt away just before three opponents

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Houghtlin bobbled a snap Saturday, scooped it up, ran a couple of steps to his right and got off a 23-yard

creamed him.

• All seven officials Saturday were from the Big Ten. One of them was John Ask, Linn-Mar school administrator, who is serving his first year as a field

• Drake Coach Chuck Shelton is going to be holding an autopsy today on Iowa's 37-point third quarter. won't be surprised if he tells the Drake team it died of

self-inflicted wounds rather than lowa offensive lightning. Iowa had the ball six times in the that period and scored five touchdowns and a field goal. On the first, Robert Smith returned a punt three yards to the 50,

but Drake was penalized 15 yards for a personal foul.

On the second, Iowa's Ken Sims recovered a Drake fumble on the Drake 19. No. 3: Drake punted to Iowa's 37. No. 4: Drake punter Bob Grantham lost the center snap and was tackled for a loss of 15 on the Drake 11. No. 5: Dan Wirth recovered a Drake fumble on the Drake 16. No. 6: Drake punted to the Drake 46.

Yes, that's the football equivalent of suicide. lowa cashed in on all six.

• "We all know Ronnie Harmon is an All-American back with great talent as a ball-carrier and receiver," said Chuck Long, 'so he's going to be a big factor in our passing attack. I'm going to look for him a lot as a receiver coming out of the backfield."

Speaking of familiar names, Drake's second and third leading tacklers were Wade Harman with 11 total and Jeff Long with 10. Bernie Lyons had 12.

• While I'm sure Fry cautioned his quarterbacks to call running plays near the finish (the last 16 plays were on the ground), he admitted he had "a morale

problem" in limiting the offense. "That crazy Mark Vlasic audiblized once and called a bomb," Fry chuckled. "Fortunately, he overthrew Robert Smith (the ball carried 65 yards in the air)."

Incidentally, the No. 29 who carried on Iowa's last two plays is John Marchese, senior from Arlington Heights, Ill. . . . Fry said his staff still hasn't decided whether to red-shirt JC transfer Kevin Ringer, who didn't play Saturday.

• Did Saturday's 58-0 score shock you? Then consider Montana State's 86-0 win over Eastern Oregon Saturday. It was 73-0 at the half. The Montana State coach is Dave Arnold, 1967 grad of Drake.

#### IOWA

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in the gusher of eight touchdowns, one field goal and seven extra points.

Several very familiar names launched the scoring, however. Chuck Long, in the Hunt for the Heisman, completed 21 of 31 passes for 248 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions.

self after his broken-leg recovery, this game changed any of that." scored Iowa's first two TDs in the. It still was Drake's worst loss 15 carries.

The third candidate, Larry Station, a consensus All-American linebacker last season, led Iowa's each of his first three seasons.

only interception. A pass thrown by "a few weeks." Ed Cheatham, first of four Drake quarterbacks, bounced off Iowa linebacker George Davis and Station returned it 25 yards.

came to Iowa as a walk-on, also Saturday. Northern opened with a scored two touchdowns. He was an equal-opportunity receiver, catching and lost at Wisconsin Saturday, 38one TD pass from Long and one 17. from Mark Vlasic, the No. 1 replacement. Helverson led Iowa with Illinois next Saturday in Des seven catches for 88 yards.

The new scoring faces? Craig Clark, last year's special-teams standout, opened the scoring by catching Long's six-yard pass with 10:37 to go in the second period, just when some Iowa fans were beginning to wonder if they had tarried too long at the tailgate well before the game.

Other first-time TD scorers were: Kevin Harmon, Ronnie's younger brother who dived head-long for the final two yards; David Hudson, the Waxahachie, Texas, product who contributed a 10-yarder; and Rick Bayless, last season's late-bloomer who got the final marker on a oneyard plunge.

THE OTHER points were toed in soccer-style by Rob Houghtlin, the transfer from Miami (Ohio), who took over where Tommy Nichol left off. Nichol was - and still is -Iowa's all-time leading scorer before finishing his four-year career in

Houghtlin was successful on one of two field goal tries, and he hit seven of eight extra points. Had he made the other one, he would have tied a one-game school record.

"Rob did a fine job," said Fry. "I was impressed with his kicking. As he gained confidence, he started booming the kickoffs out of the end zone. Dave Kostrubala did a super job on the punts (41-yard average) as well. Kosto is just going to continue to improve."

There were no complaints that poured it on. Indeed, the Hawkeyes used at least 65 players, including four quarterbacks, and

scored only once in the final period. Sub quarterbacks Chuck Hartlieb and Jay Hess seemed to be calling pass plays, but they never threw the ball and instead ran with it themselves.

INDEED, MUCH of Drake's woe came from self-inflicted wounds. In Iowa's spate of five touchdowns and a field goal in the third period, five times the Hawkeyes started inside Drake territory thanks to fumbles penalties or short punts.

"Hayden Fry and I spent a little extra time talking after the game," said Drake's Shelton. "I told him his team was the best executing team ve ever seen for an opening game. thought Iowa executed every phase of the game very well.

"Hayden and I have gotten along very well, and have had good Ronnie Harmon, something of a respect for each other for a long reborn All-America candidate him- time, and nothing that happened in

big third period on runs of two and since a 63-0 avalanche by North six yards. The Bulldogs' tough Texas State in the final game of the defense limited him to 31 yards on 1976 season. The North Texas State 10 carries in the first half, but when coach then? Hayden Fry. Drake's it was over he had averaged better defensive coordinator and assistant than four yards, netting 61 yards on head coach in that game? Chuck Shelton.

IOWA SEEMED to have one serious injury, and it came at a defense with seven solo tackles. position already shallow in depth. Four of them were sacks for 18 Bruce Gear, starting defensive end, yards. Station led Iowa's tacklers in was helped out after trying for a sideline tackle on Drake's first offensive play. Fry said he suffered STATION ALSO got the game's a knee injury and would be lost for

The Hawkeyes, who had to scramble for non-conference games this season when contests with Kansas and Miami were scratched, will play Helverson, senior wingback who Northern Illinois at Kinnick next 17-0 victory over Western Michigan

> Drake, now 1-2, hosts Southern Moines.



Gazette photo by John McIvor

Drake quarterback Ed Cheatham attempts a pass in heavy traffic Saturday at Kinnick Stadium, while lowa's Jeff Drost (76) and friends put up a roadblock.

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questions about the lowa defense and kicking game. He had said high tight," Houghtlin said, "but I settled priority was placed on those two areas in preseason practices.

The defense allowed Drake just 158 total yards, including a school record minus 36 rushing. "We needed a game like this to

get back into the swing of things," said George Davis, starting linebacker from Des Moines. "We needed this kind of game for the statistics, and for momentum heading into the Big Ten."

Davis caused Iowa's only interception, tipping a pass from Drake quarterback Ed Cheatham into the hands of Larry Station. "We didn't have one single inter-

ception by the linebackers all last harder on causing 'em this season," Davis said.

Station returned his third career interception 25 yards.

"I tried to go all the way with it," Station said. "I used to play a little running back in high school and I had a brief flashback."

Rob Houghtlin handled Iowa's placekicking, making 7 of 8 extra point tries and a 46-yard field goal (he missed a 42-yarder in the first half). Houghtlin was playing his first college game since 1983, when he played for Miami of Ohio.

"It's been two years since

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kicked in a game and I was a little down after I made the 46-yarder. There were probably some lingering doubts about me before that." He added that he thought he made the extra point that officials called wide to the left.

While Station took pride in Iowa's defensive effort, he said there are plenty of areas that need attention.

"We played well on defense, but we're going to have to play much better against teams in the Big Ten to win," he said. "It wasn't tough at all getting up for Drake. Our goal is to win the national championship, so we have to beat the nonconference teams, too."

IOWA ITEMS — Fry expressed year, so we've been working a lot concern about depth at the linebacker and defensive end positions. Iowa will be without both starting defensive ends Saturday against Northern Illinois. Richard Pryor missed the Drake game because of injury and will be out until the clash with Iowa State, Fry said, and Bruce Gear suffered a knee injury on the first play Saturday. Iowa employed five defensive ends in the first half against Drake: Gear, Doug Burrell, Robert Grafton, Joe Mott and George Millett . . . Iowa used 65 players, 59 of them before the fourth quarter . . . The shutout was only Fry's fourth as Iowa coach.

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