

outplay a Division I university that enjoys more resources, more muscle and - even after Saturday's game more fans.

Shelton didn't get a phone call from the president after the game ... or a repreive or even a congratulatory hand shake. No matter.

On the other hand, if the new presi-

The Bulldogs might be marching to the firing line, but they're going to the wall kicking, screaming and leaving finger nail marks in their wake.

"I can't really tell what this means," said Athletic Director Bob Karnes . "It's one of our super wins of all time - a remarkable achieve- um. ment. If you don't have football, you

Mike Flagg drags a pack of Spartan defenders with him into the end zone for a Hawkeye touchdown

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Bulldogs gain revenge by

By RICK BROWN Register Staff Writer

AMES, IA. - As sweet a victory as it was for underdog Drake, the defeat was equally bitter for Iowa State Saturday in Cyclone Stadi-

Drake stunned the Cyclones, 20-17, in a game that had deja vu written all over it.

Statistics

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First downs	10
Rushes-yards	46-99
Passing yards	51
Return yards	83
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Punts	8-37
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ders," said Shelton, with a tearful daughter Paige by his side. 'They can figure it out for themselves.".

Iowa State Coach Jim Criner was at the other end of the emotional rollercoaster after his team fell to 2-2 entering Saturday's Big Eight opener here against Kansas. He entered the interview room, made a statement and left without answering questions. "It was the worst football game I've been associated with as a coach," said a downtrodded Criner. "We beat ourselves constantly. We've got to get up off the mat and pull together or we're in for a long season. It's a game we should have and could have won. This is the low point of my career. We've got a long way to go to get out of the hole." No one will ever know how important Long's interception was. But it gave Drake an edge in momentum, and may have dulled the Cyclones' emotional edge. Criner had stressed mental toughness all week after a 57-3 loss to Iowa. To Iowa State's credit, they did come back and take the lead. But no one was talking moral victories in the wake of the loss. "Everything counts in the Big

Illinois upsets No. 5 Buckeyes as time expires

By RON MALY Register Staff Writer

CHAMPAIGN, ILL. - Illinois can't play its football games on live television this year, but it produced a new version Saturday of "All in the Family" that would have been a natural for

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By BUCK TURNBULL Register Staff Writer

IOWA CITY, IA. - Iowa's journey to the top of the football world almost ended with a resounding thud here Saturday.

Only a brilliant performance by veteran quarterback Chuck Long rescued the Hawkeyes from what would have been an embarrassing upset by Michigan State, just days after Iowa had been voted the No. 1 team in the coun-

Long passed for four touchdowns and then scored the clincher himself with just 27 seconds left to give Iowa a wild 35-31 victory before a roaring homecoming crowd of 66,044 in Kinnick Stadium.

The Hawks were forced to rally from a 24-13 deficit in the third quarter and again after trailing, 31-28, in the closing minutes. They drove to Michigan State's 2yard line with time rapidly running out. Long executed a perfect fake to a high-flying Ronnie Harmon, kept the ball himself and so fooled the Spartans that he pranced around right end all alone — with the ball raised high in a victory salute. It was absolutely perfect revenge for Long, whose last-minute attempt to run for two points failed against these same Spartans a year ago from almost the same spot on the field. The resulting 17-16 loss knocked Iowa out of the Big Ten lead and eventually out of the Rose Bowl. "They say history repeats itself," said the elated Long, "and this sure was a deja vu thing for me. "I said to myself, 'Coach Fry, run whatever you want, but don't that option play [that failed last year]. "And the play we ran sure worked.

can't do this."

Some teams - Vanderbilt and Utah State, to name the high-water marks on ISU's 2-2 record - couldn't do it, and they have football. In a manner of speaking.

"No, I haven't talked to him," Shelton said of Ferrari after the game, "but he has to be a little excited."

OR PERPLEXED. The place for victory tears, at any rate, was the chair next to Shelton, the one inhabited by Paige Shelton, a Drake junior.

"She's having a hell of a time keeping her composure," the father said, giving the daughter a hug and a wink. 'No class."

Did someone say Drake students care little about football?

For excitement there was the Drake locker room where linebacker Jeff Long was chalking one up for football over the grim reaper.

No, the players don't worry about the future of football, he allowed a few hours after running an Alex Espinoza pass into the end zone to give Drake a 7-0 lead on the third play of the game.

"Coach Shelton does a good job letting us worry about our studies and the games," he said. "He does the worrying about what's ha ppening with football ... No, they're not going to drop the program now that we beat Iowa State. We showed we were for real."

IT'LL BE interesting to see how many real people show up at Drake Stadium for the Texas-Arlington game next week. For Shelton, interesting isn't the proper word.

Texas-Arlington comes to town after the biggest victory in Shelton's

Last year, the Cyclones rallied from a 17-0 deficit to win, 21-17. That loss was a crushing blow to Drake Coach Chuck Shelton, who admitted Saturday that "for 365 days I've thought about that game.

The script was much the same one year later. Drake led in the second quarter, 13-0, but Iowa State stormed back for a 17-13 thirdquarter lead.

But that's where the story changes. The Bulldogs put together a brilliant 14-play, 51-yard march into the wind that consumed 61/2 minutes and put them up, 20-17, with 53 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

From there, Coach Chuck Shelton's defense held off three serious Cyclone challenges to win what may be a most important victory for the program.

It was Drake's second road triumph in its last 13 games, and ended an 11-game losing streak to the Cyclones. The last Bulldog victory

48-18 cruise

By DAN McCOOL

Register Correspondent

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came in 1957. But it was important for another reason.

A study made earlier this year suggested that the school drop football, and new president Dr. Michael Ferrari is to make a decision on that proposal in December. 'We knew if we won there'd be a program here next year," said Drake linebacker Jeff Long, who intercepted an Alex Espinoza pass on the third play of the game and returned it 36 yards for a touchdown.

"I don't think it's fair to the kids to have them go out there and think the program rests on their shoulthe tube.

Chris White, the stepson of Coach Mike White, kicked a pressure-packed 38-yard field goal as time expired to lift his team to a dramatic 31-28 victory over fifth-ranked Ohio State.

"If I missed that kick," said White, "I should have been shot. It was the biggest I've ever had."

And just how excited was the elder White?

"Well, the old man jumped into the pile of players celebrating on the field when the game ended," Chris said, "and I thought he was gonna die.

"But I also got a little more from him after the game than the other guys. He not only said, 'Nice going,' but also, 'I love you.' "

It was a huge victory in front of a crowd of 76,343 for Illinois, the team chosen by the Big Ten Skywriters to win the conference title, but the flop of the year in the non-conference season.

The Illini used some razzle-dazzle, throwing reverses, shovel passes by

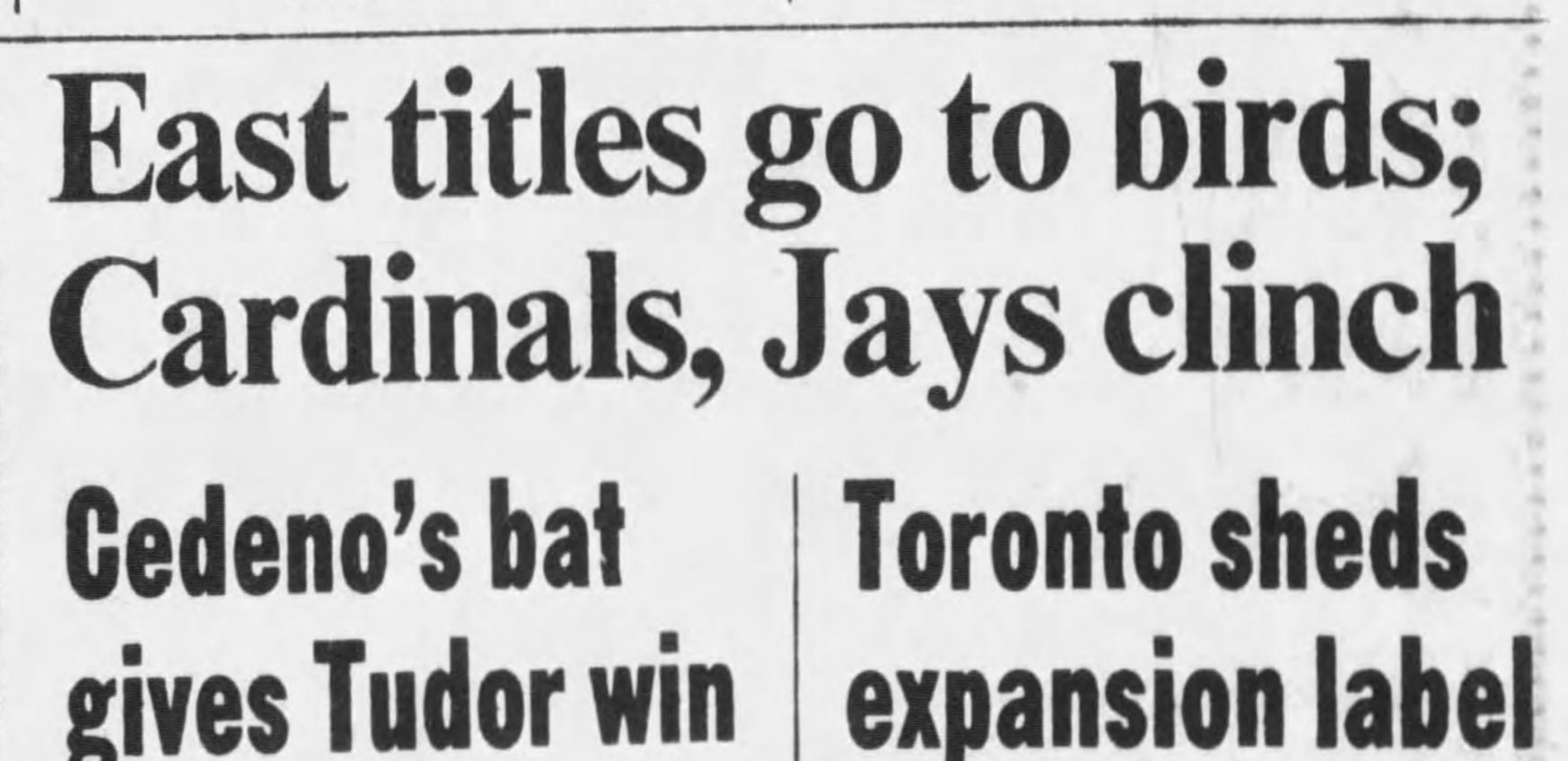
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ILLINOIS

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nine years as coach.

For Criner, Kansas will follow his worst loss.

Here in Ames this week there had been buzzing that the Drake game was one Criner had to win to keep his job as head coach. Given the way they run the show at Iowa State, it seemed unlikely.

Coaches don't get fired in the middle of the year at Iowa State, especially with two years left on their contracts and a .500 season record.

As a rule of thumb, they don 't get fired at the end of the year, which is commendable. Though losses are trouble, empty seats are death.

In Cyclone Stadium Saturday, 8,000 of those empty seats were unpaid for.

IF CRINER fears for his job, however, Max Urick, the Iowa State athletic director, said he shouldn't. Unequivocally.

Is he safe and secure?

"Sure he is," Urick said, em phatically. "He has two years left on his contract."

Criner wouldn't speak for himself on the matter because he didn't wait to be asked. He offered his remarkably candid assessment of the game and walked off.

"I don't want to say anything more than I just said," he said after leaving the interview room.

It's just as well. For Iowa State, the less said about this the better.

MACOMB, ILL. - Northern Iowa's defense scored three touchdowns and set up two others as the Panthers widened their lead in the Gateway Conference football standings with a 48-14 victory over Western Illinois Satur-

The Panthers, ranked 14th in Division I-AA, scored on two interceptions - including a school record 100-yard return by cornerback Moses Aimable in the fourth quarter - and a 63-yard return of a blocked field goal attempt. They set up other scores with a blocked quick kick and a fumble recovery. Northern Iowa also sacked Western **Illinois quarterback Paul Singer 11** times.

Carl Boyd, who rushed for more than 100 yards in each of Northern Iowa's last three games, was held to 53 yards Saturday. Camillo Valle led Western Illinois with 28 yards as the Panthers held the Leathernecks to minus-53 yards rushing.

Western Illinois recovered a fumble by Northern Iowa fullback Errol Peebles on the Panthers' second play of the game. Dave Emond attempted a 44-yard field goal, but Greg Morrison blocked the kick and Mark Farley recovered the loose ball and raced 63 yards for the opening score. Later in the opening quarter, Pan-

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John Tudor gets drenched with victory champagne

ST. LOUIS, MO. (AP) - Cesar Cedeno snapped a tie in the sixth inning with a sacrifice fly and hit a solo homer an inning later, helping St. Louis nail down the National League Eastern Division title with a 7-1 triumph Saturday over the Chicago Cubs.

Cedeno's fly ball to center and his sixth homer in a St. Louis uniform backed John Tudor in giving St. Louis its 101st victory of the season. The outcome left the Cardinals out of the range of the New York Mets, who started the day two games behind them with two games left to play.

Tudor, who pitched a four-hitter, three of them by Gary Matthews, struck out two and walked none en route to his 11th straight mound success and 20th triumph in his last 21 decisions.

The 31-year-old hurler, St. Louis' winningest left-hander since 1946, yielded Chicago's run in the fourth. He then drew sterling support from his fielders while beating the Cubs a third straight time.

Aided by a bad-hop single over the glove of Chicago rookie shortstop Shawon Dunston, the Cardinals broke on top in the second inning.

Jack Clark, who led off by walking

CARDINALS

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TORONTO, ONTARIO (AP) - The Toronto Blue Jays, a product of baseball expansion nine seasons ago, clinched their first American League Eastern Division championship Saturday as the home-run bats of Ernie Whitt, Lloyd Moseby and Willie Upshaw powered them past New York, 5-1, eliminating the second-place Yankees.

Toronto, which had seen its sevengame lead on Sept. 24 cut to two by the hard-charging Yankees, entered the three-game series needing just one victory to win the title.

And the Blue Jays showed character getting it, breaking a four-game losing streak by rebounding from a crushing 4-3 loss Friday night in which New York rallied for two runs with two outs in the ninth inning.

The Blue Jays will open the playoffs Tuesday night at home against the Western Division winner.

The best-of-seven playoffs will give Toronto a chance to bring the World Series to Canada for the first time. The Montreal Expos won the National League East in 1981 but lost to Los Angeles in the playoffs.

Doyle Alexander scattered five hits

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Long was perfect actor on lowa's winning play

HAWKEYES

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Now Michigan State can think about that for a yea r - like we did."

Iowa Coach Hayden Fry called it "a fantastic football game," and was quick to say his team never would have been able to beat back the aroused Spartans without a quarterback as poised and skillful as his Heisman Trophy candidate.

"I feel like I've been run over by a truck," said Fry. "I think the good Lord was smiling on us today.

"The Hawks learned a lesson in life. If you continue to hang together and keep the faith ... keep executing what you're supposed to do ... then you'll be Mil successful in life.

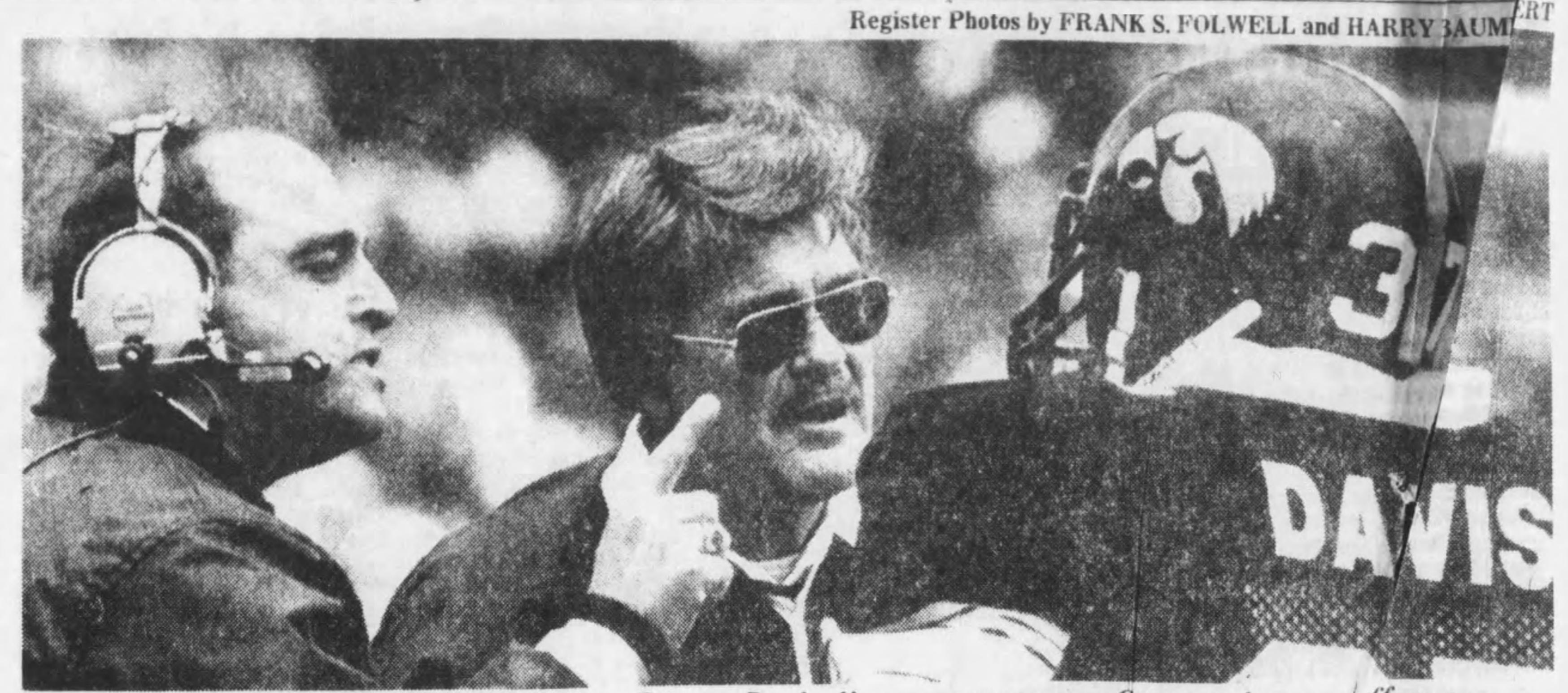
"This was like last year, but with a different ending. That might have been the greatest fake in the history of football. I think I could have scored on hat one, and I'm pretty slow."

Long's game was sensational, and it had to be against the likes of Michigan State's great tailback, Lorenzo White, and a surprisingly good sophomore quarterback, Bobby McAllister, who had given no indication in two games as a replacement for injured Dave Yarema that he could pass so effectively.

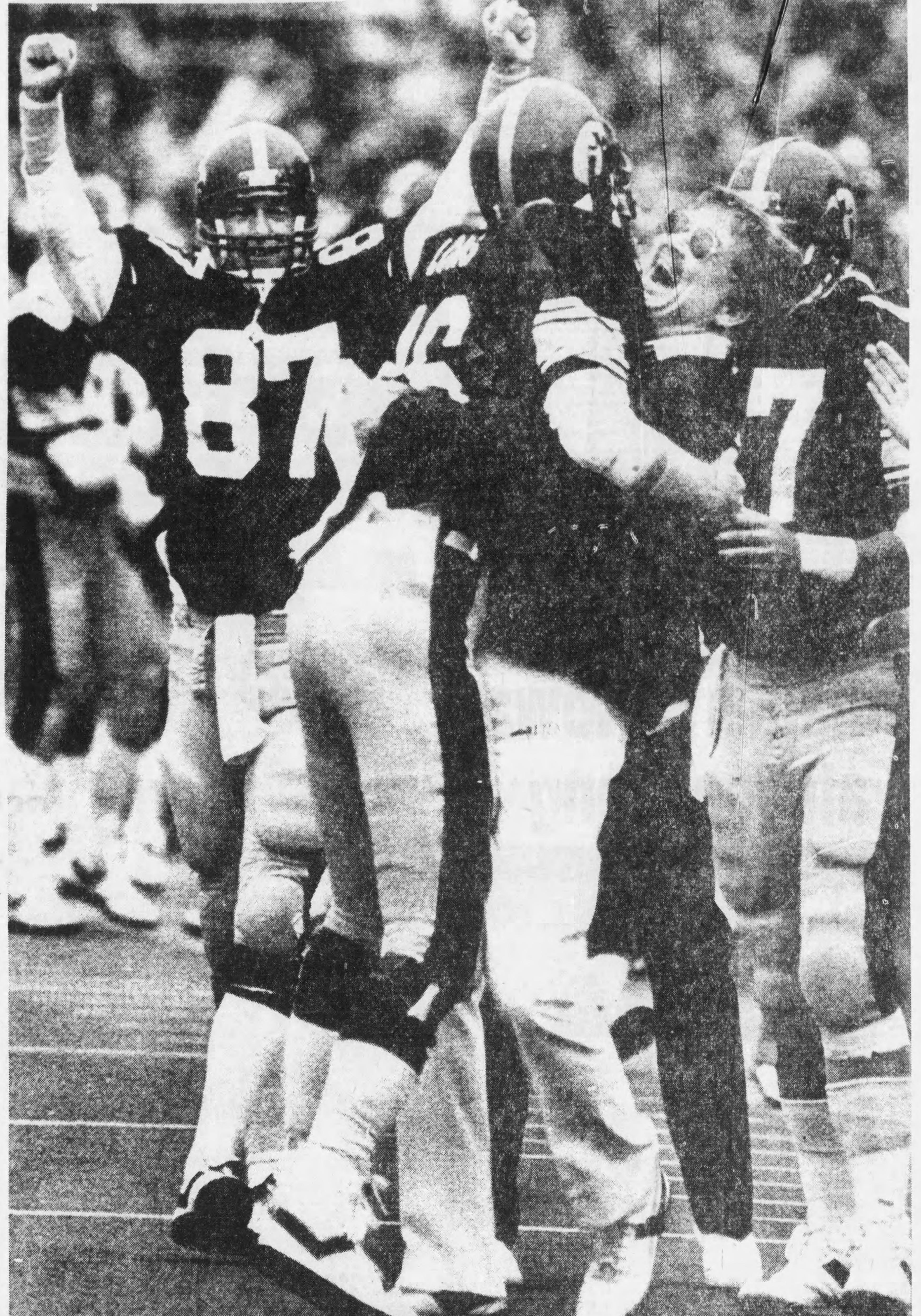
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Michigan State Coach George Perles. "We knew that coming in. He's a great football player."

Another stadium record might



Barry Alvarez, Hayden Fry and linebacker George Davis discuss ways to stop Spartans' potent offense



Records Fall at Kinnick

Long completed 30 of 39 attempts for 380 yards, four touchdowns and two school records. The 30 completions broke an individual and team mark he and the Hawks set in their Freedom Bowl romp over Texas last December. The total also was a stadium record.

And then there was the elusive and dangerous White. What a runner he was on this day.

The 205-pound sophomore from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., galloped for 226 yards in 39 carries, setting still another stadium record for number of rushes. He constantly left dazed Hawkeye defenders clutching nothing but air.

What young McAllister did might have been the most amazing thing of all. Everyone knows how accurate Long is throwing the football, and White went into the game as the Big Ten's leading rusher.

17-point Underdog

McAllister was one reason Michigan State took the field as a 17-point underdog. The Spartans had struggled after Yarema dislocated his thumb in the season opener, and McAllister's contribution as his replacement amounted to 98 yards in three games.

Instead of wilting against the No.1 team in the nation, however, McAllister shocked the Hawks by hitting 18 of his 27 passes for 275 yards and one touchdown. Late in the frantic battle, an exhausted White went to the sidelines to nurse a sore leg, and his freshman fill-in, Craig Johnson, took over with no drop in efficiency. Johnson's 25-yard run on a delay handoff off tackle - the Spartans continually befuddled Iowa on that play - sent Michigan State back in front, 31-28, with 4 minutes 6 seconds left. "We got a gut check," said Fry. "But we did it, and we did it against the wind."

well have been the length of the game, which was televised to most sections of the country by CBS. With the passing and all the TV timeouts, it last about 3 hours 40 minutes.

The teams combined for more than 1,000 yards in total offense, something nobody would have predicted.

Iowa went into the game with the nation's best defense against rushin g, only to surrender 305 yards to the Spartans on the ground. Meanwhile, Harmon was limited to 84 in 20 carries, and Iowa totaled only 108 yards rushing.

Michigan State controlled the ball for long stretces, especially in the first half, and wound up with an eye-popping 580 yards in total offense - and remember, the Spartans were supposed to be weak on offense - to Iowa's 380.

Iowa struck f irst on a 60-yard bomb from Long to swift Robert Smith, who left Michigan State corner back Keith Fisher standing still while taking the pass in full stride.

Early in the second quarter the Hawks went ahead, 13-0, on Long's eighth straight completion without a miss — 17-yard scoring pitch to tight end Mike Flagg, who dragged several Spartan tacklers for five yards into the end zone.

"I just t ried to keep my head down and my legs pumping," said Flagg. It was apparent early on, however, that Michigan State would be a severe challenge for the Hawks in quest of their fourth straight victo-

Victory Drive

Starting from Iowa's 21-yard line after the kickoff, the cool Long passed his team steadily downfield - 13 yards to Scott Helverson, 20 to Bill Happel, then 12 more to Helverson.

After reaching a first down at Michigan State's 11, the Hawks sent Harmon darting through a hole at right tackle for 7 yards.

The clock was in its final minute by then, and Iowa had only one timeout remaining. Harmon got the call again, carrying around right end, but he was stopped at the 2.

Since Harmon just missed falling out of bounds to stop the clock, Iow expended that last precious timeout with 31 seconds to go.

It was strategy time on the sidelines. What play should be called, and what should be done if it failed.

"First, we called the fake handoff to Harmon," explained Fry. "But it was a very dangerous play to run, because if the end comes up and throws Chuck for a loss, we might have had trouble

ry. McAllister was throwing the ball much better than expected, White kept ripping off good gains. One Spartan drive ended with a missed field goal, but 31/2 minutes into the second period Chris Caude ll connectted on a kick from 32 yards.

On Michigan State's next possession, McAllister stunned the crowd with a short pass over the middle that freshman split end Andre Rison turned into a 50- yard scoring play. That made3 it 13-10.

owa's Rob Houghtlin had missed the conversion kick after the second touchdown, which meant . the Spartans had a chance to the the score on the last play of the fir st half, but Caudell sailed a 56yard field-goal try wide to the left. White's 23-yard touchdown burst gave them the lead early in the third period, and not long after that, one of Long's passes was intercepted by Phil Parker. It was the first of only two turnovers in the game (both Long interceptions).

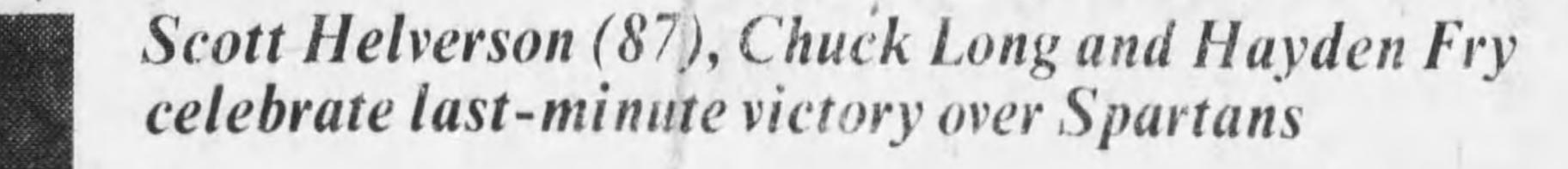
White's running then carried the Spartans 71 yards in seven plays. He went the final y ard and Michigan State was suddenly in commnd, 24-13.

Iowa, as a true No. 1 team should, responded almost immediately and scored less than a minute later. After a short kickoff, the Hawks faced a third -and-10 situation at their 37.

From there it was vintage Long, with a big boost from the elusive Harmon. Chuck passed 23 yards to Happel, teamed with Harmoln on a 37-yard screen pass, and the n flipped a three-yarder to Smith for the touchdown. Long's two-point conversion pass to Flagg made up for Houghtlin's earlier miss, lifting Iowa back withing three at 24-21. Later in this free-wheeling quarter (there were four touchdownds in less than 10 minutes), Long again passed the Hawks downfield and hit Flagg for the second time, this one from the 12.

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getting another play off.

Going for the Win

"I had decided if we didn't score, we'd send in the field-goal unit. But we would fake the field goal and go for a touchdown. I didn't want a tie in our first Big Ten game."

Long was a perfect actor on the fake to Harmon, who leaped into the air in an apparent try to vault over the Spartans into the end zone. But Long still had the ball and there was no one to stop his easy scoring jaunt.

"The difference was Long," said

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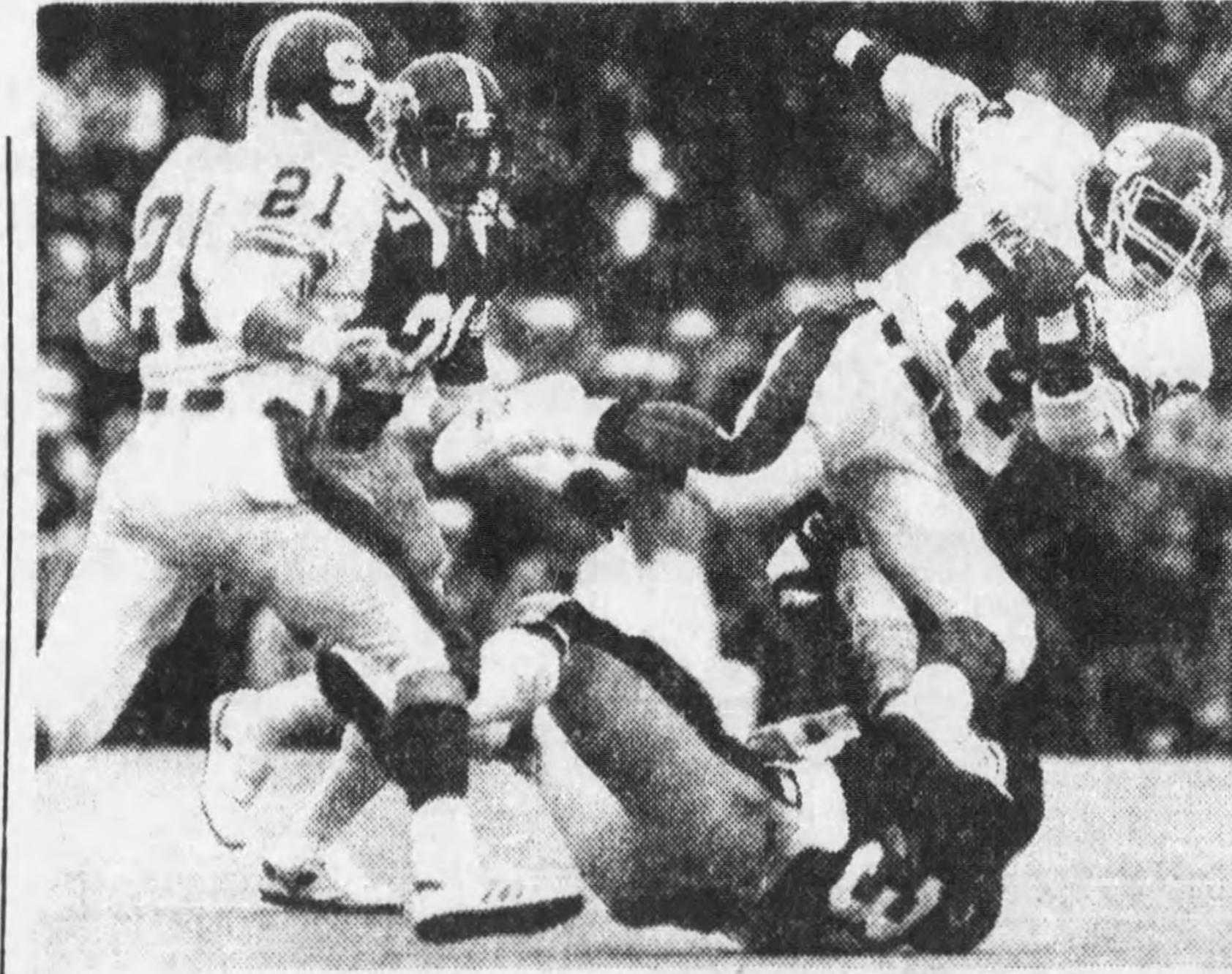
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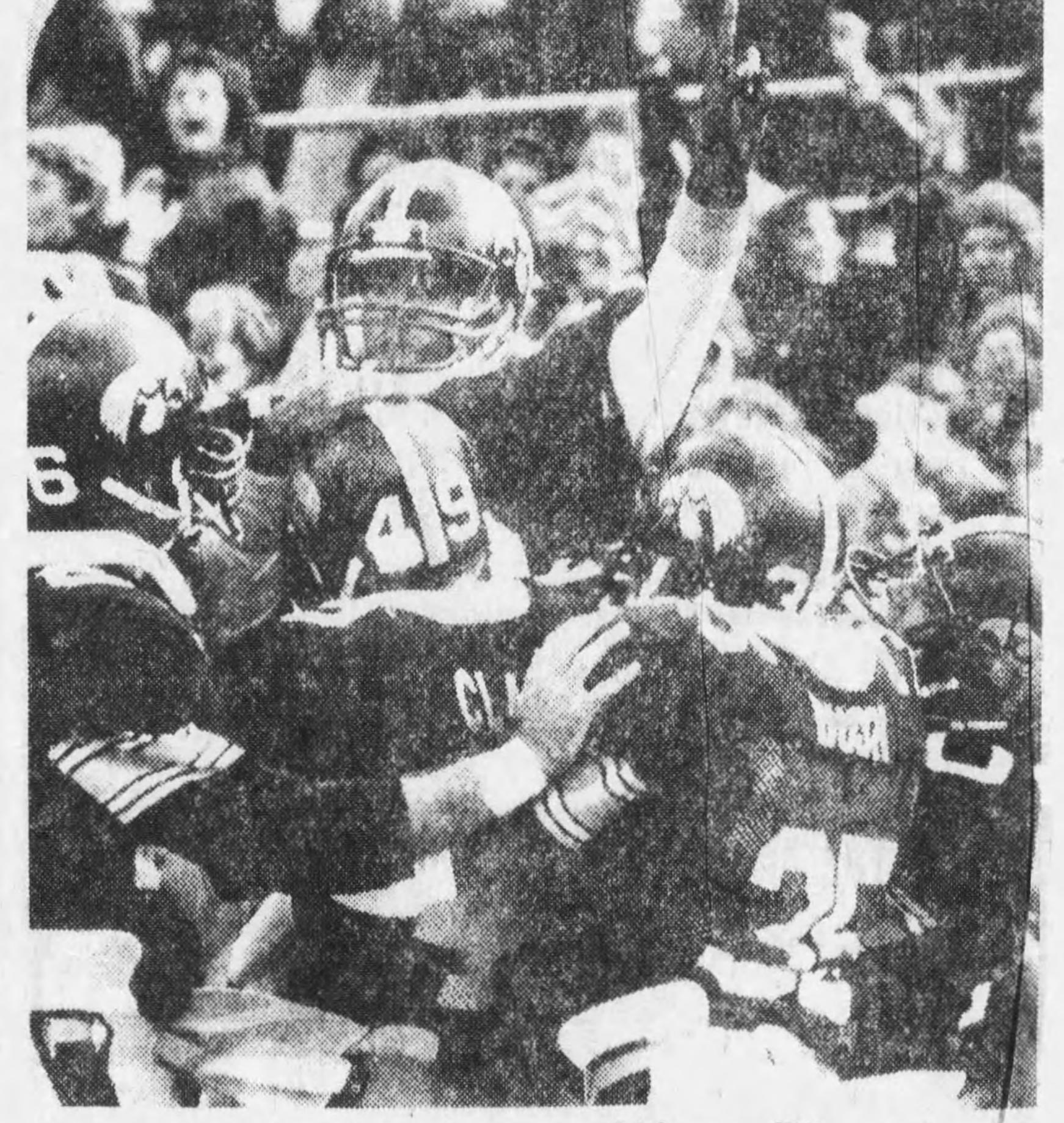
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Spartans' quarterback Bobby McAllister takes aim



Lorenzo White surges toward total of 226 yards



Robert Smith celebrates one of his two TD catches

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SPORTS EXTRA/OPINION AND FEATURES





IOWA CITY, IA. - There was a surprising development in the third quarter here Saturday. For the first time in four games this season, Iowa was engaged in a football struggle this deep in the action, and the Hawkeyes were in deep trouble.

That trouble didn't go away until 27 seconds were left in the game and Ronnie Harmon became an Oscar candidate with the most impressive acting role of his career, a non-rush on which he didn't carry the ball.

In what could have been a reprise of last year's finish, when Michigan State kept lowa out of the end-zone on a two-point try that also kept the Hawkeyes out of the Rose Bowl, the home team was once again on the two-yard line, badly needing to get into the end zone.

'The Mouth' writes with barbed pen

By JACK CRAIG © 1985 Boston Globe

BOSTON, MASS. - Those who write columns about televised sports periodically take the pledge against Howard Cosell. In time, his notoriety, his vanity, his pretentiousness become so repetitious he becomes boring.

Some critics stop writing about Cosell for personal reasons, too. A colleague, whom Cosell publicly abused during the Summer Olympics, promised he would wreak revenge by never typing that name again, the ultimate retaliation against the Ultimate Ego.

A few months ago, however, the writer, explaining that he simply could not let Cosell's outrages pass unnoticed, laid out in print some inaccuracies reported in one of Cosell's "SportsBeat" segments.

I also, more than once, have been publicly denounced by Cosell and have been, supposedly good naturedly, slapped a touch too hard (one columnist sued Cosell for a similar incident) and even have had Cosell spill a drink on me, an incident a witness claims was not an accident. For all of the above reasons, I've cut down

my Cosell writings; yet it is irresistible not to respond to excerpts in TV Guide from his upcoming new book, "I Never Played the Game." The thrust of the book is suggested by the title, which is an allusion to ex-athletes turned broadcasters. The prose is not so subtle. Cosell swings a sledgehammer against other announcers, especially longtime colleagues at ABC. Cosell makes such sharp criticism about his former Monday night announcing partners, Frank Gifford and Don Meredith, that he goes beyond professional judgment to personal attacks. Cosell is correct when he writes that Gifford is an apologist for the National Football League. But when he says that Gifford's on-air mistakes are so numerous that he cannot stand to watch and then declares Gifford is unsuited

for broadcasting and survives largely through charm, he is indulging in overkill.

"It's a pity," is the only reaction Gifford would provide.

Many fans who chuckled over Meredith's remarks during his 11 years on "Monday Night Football" would agree with Cosell that Meredith did not prepare enough for his telecasts.

Why would Cosell write such a book, spearing most sharply his partners who thought they were confidantes?

Funny lines substituted for a lack of knowledge. But when Cosell writes that Meredith had a "Texas cruel" nature and would "nudge me and smirk every time Frank made a mistake," it is Cosell who is being cruel. Good gossip, terrible ethics.

In the latest excerpt in TV Guide, Cosell writes that after he told O.J. Simpson, who succeeded him on Monday nights last year, that their friendship was over because of Simpson's alleged criticism of him, Simpson began to cry so profusely on the phone that Cosell finally agreed to stay in touch. The phone conversation did take place, Simpson said from New York on Tuesday, but it did not end in deep anger, and there were absolutely no tears. "I called Howard today to challenge him on it, and he talked around it. He wanted to go to lunch with me," Simpson said. Cosell also recalls an alleged incident 15 years ago, soon after Simpson had won the Heisman Trophy. He attributes a direct quote by Simpson that, in effect, put down then NFL



prime-time performer is to know nothing about television."

never could match.

Cosell makes another sweeping putdown of colleagues Lampley and Gifford and adds baseball partner Al Michaels to the hit list by saying none of the trio could measure up to Brent Musburger of CBS.

whose anchor work on college football Cosell

Cosell offers this on John Madden of CBS:

"He allows himself to become an overblown

parody of himself.... He's in danger of becom-

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... He is not remotely qualified to restore the

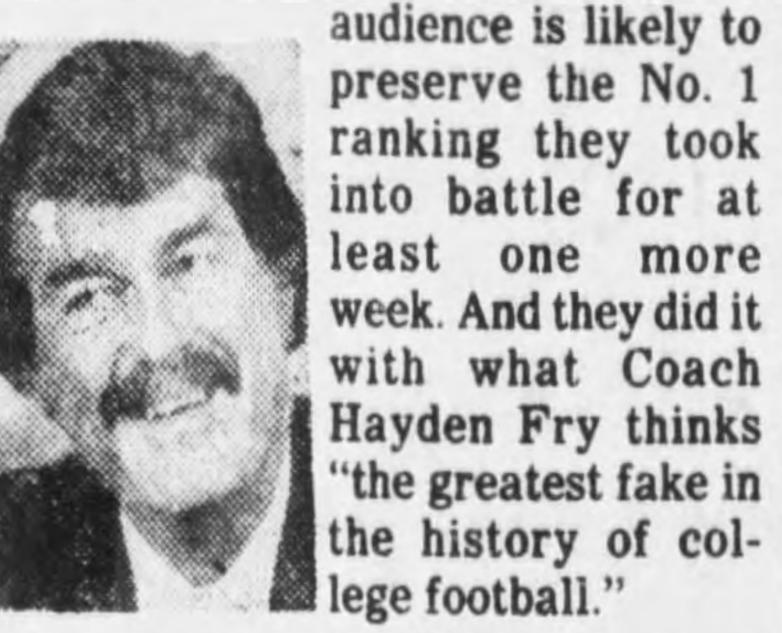
luster of 'Monday Night Football.' To call him a

"But Musburger on Monday Night Football? Come on," he says. "He's not a broadbased performer who can reach such a huge, diverse audience."

Clearly, Cosell thinks he is that "broadbased" fellow and dares to cite the ratings as proof. Seldom have numbers been asked to lie so blaantly.

He writes that Monday night football audiences declined in 1984, his first year away from the series. He attributes the fall-off to his absence. But there was a decline during the preceding two seasons when he was on board and also on Sunday afternoon games from 1982-84. For that matter, Monday night ratings are up 18 percent this year in Cosell's second season away from the telecast. Why would Cosell write such a book, spearing most sharply his partners who thought they were confidantes? An executive also ridiculed in the pages explains it with a single word money. The wilder the book, the more books will be sold.

That they did it for a 35-31 victory is history, and a pleasant chapter in same. That they did it for a television



preserve the No. 1 ranking they took into battle for at least one more week. And they did it with what Coach Hayden Fry thinks "the greatest fake in the history of college football."

OK, so Fry proba-

HAYDEN

bly hasn't seen all FRY the other fakes in college football history. This one was a dilly. Our Man who had rushed for 84 net yards in 20 times he did carry the ball, came hurtling toward the middle of the bunched lines and dove into the air with the ease and grace of a Greg Louganis. Pow! Not only was he met soundly but met often by the charged up Spartans.

"We call it 'fake dive right' and I didn't see Chuck score. I was on the ground and I felt like one of those quarterbacks who get it after they throw a pass. I got crunched, but it was fun. It's one of those plays I've seen on TV, and I wanted to do the same," said Harmon. Fact is, it really wasn't necessary for Harmon to even have eyes. The screams of 66,044 fans brought the news that Chuck Long had, indeed, run for one of his rare touchdowns. Too bad Harmon couldn't have seen Long holding the ball on high for the last two or three yards before crossing the goal.

and how Cosell could precisely recall a quote and the circumstances from so long ago. Namath is now Simpson's Monday night partner. Thanks a lot, Howard.

Simpson, not the cutting, put-down type, won-

dered why Cosell would dredge up that quote

superstar Joe Namath.

Cosell says this of Jim Lampley, who succeeded him as host of the Monday night halftime playback segment: "The halftime highlights were a joke. I had turned them into one of the most popular moments on television. My replacement ... could not match my delivery. OK, he had a tough act to follow. There were times when I felt sorry for him, but, hell, the kid's no dope. He had to know he would suffer by comparison."

"The kid" is network sports' answer to Ted Koppel - an articulate, tough interviewer

Another more kindly soul at ABC says Cosell is saying in print what he has always said in private and truly believes.

Either way, Gifford's statement applies: It is a pity.

QUOTES FROM THE CLOSET COACH Dear Honorable Closet Coach: My colleague and I have a few questions for you to answer. Question 1) Who are the top 10 active softball coaches in the state of Iowa with the most career coaching victories? 2) Which is the smallest high school in the

state of Iowa that has both a boys' basketball program as well as a wrestling program?

3) This one's a toughy ... Which is the smallest high school in the nation that has both a boys' basketball program as well as a wrestling program?

We would appreciate your effort in answering these questions, and to help you out with questions 2 and 3, your answer may be Plainfield, Ia.

-- G.J., M.Y., Plainfield

Wellpinit offers boys' and girls' basketball, baseball, gymnastics, softball, track, wrestling and combines with another school for football.

Dear Coach:

A friend of mine told me that Drake once played in a game called the Salad Bowl. Sure. Then she said they also played in the Raisin Bowl. Does she have a screw loose or is that the truth? It sounds almost strange enough to be true.

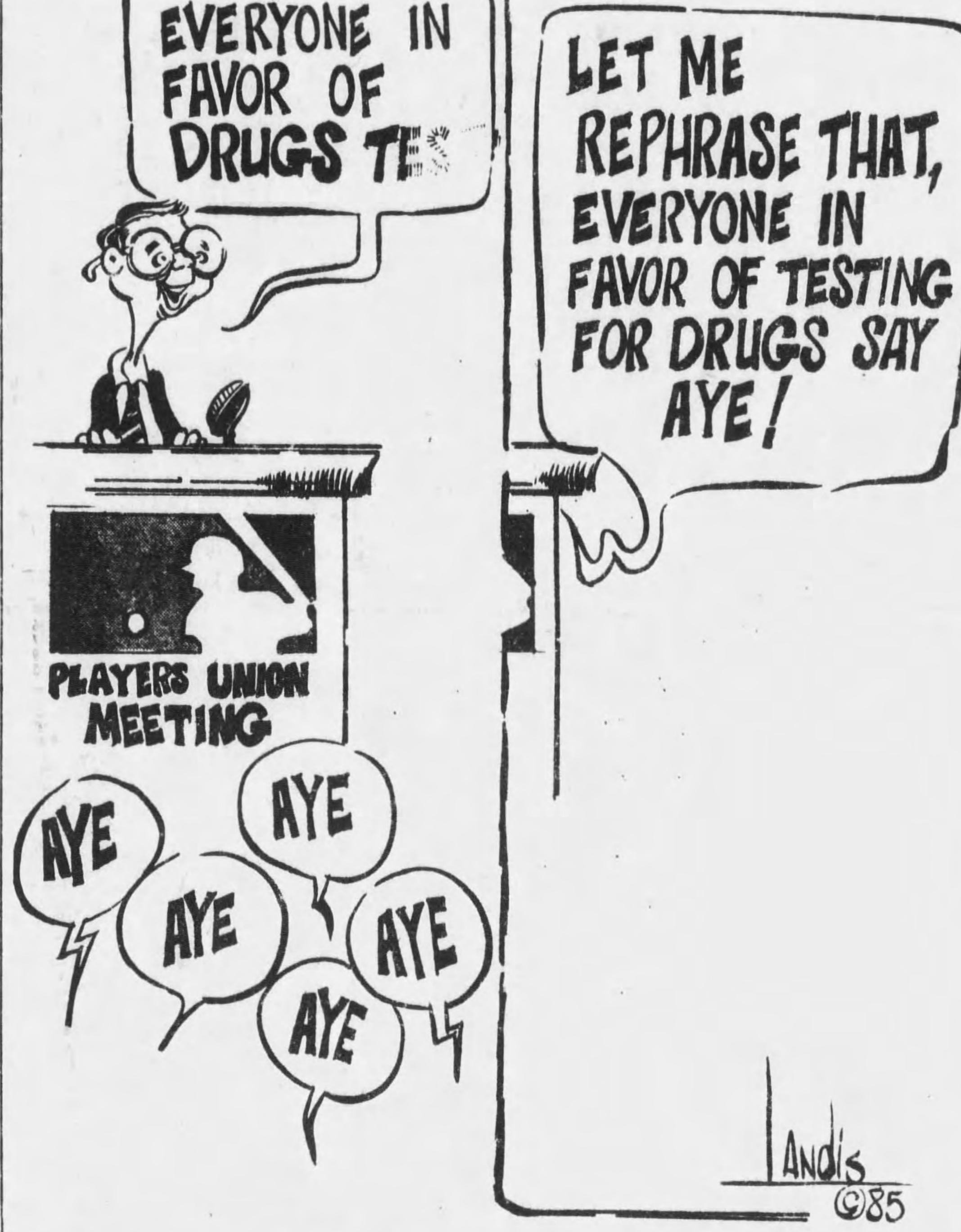
What other bowls are there that no longer exist? The Fruit Cup Bowl? The Sushi Bowl? The Jell-O Bowl?

And while we're on the subject, what's the current roster of bowl games?

- J.R., Des Moines

The Coach replies:

So you're one of those people. The kind that wouldn't know the truth if it walked right up and smacked them upside the head. Don't be such a cynic. Your friend is telling the truth. Drake indeed played in the Raisin and Salad bowls. And won both games too. The first was the Raisin Bowl in Fresno, Calif., Jan. 1, 1946. The Bulldogs beat Fresno State, 13-12. On Jan. I, 1949 Drake beat Arizona, 14-13, in the Salad Bowl. One-year bowls were: Alamo, Aviation, Bacardi, Bluegrass, Camellia, Fort Worth Classic, Great Lakes, Los Angeles Christmas Festival, Mercy, Presidential Cup and Shrine. The Delta, Dixie, Garden State, Gotham, Grape, Harbor, Oil, Pasadena (Junior Rose), Raisin, Salad, and the San Diego East-West Christmas Classic lasted a little longer. The latest list: Rose, Orange, Cotton, Sugar, Bluebonnet, Sun, Gator, Florida Citrus (formerly Tangerine), Liberty, Peach, Fiesta, Hall of Fame, Independence, Holiday, California, Aloha and Freedom.



"When I noticed that, I about had a heart attack," said Fry.

IT WAS A game to promote heart attacks for the Spartans came here as a 17-point underdog and showed that it's never over until it's over. The game story will relate a lot more about the furious action than this one climactic play, but that one play will be remembered.

Once the Hawkeyes got into scoring position, Fry had the field goal team on instant call, ready to rush out if his gutsy call failed. But, he revealed, if it did go out, there would have been a play and a try for a touchdown instead of an attempt for three points and the tie. First, though, he talked with Long.

"Are you fast enough to get around the corner?" he asked. "Sure," said Long. "But we don't have any more timeouts and the clock will keep running."

It wouldn't, Fry pointed out, if Long ran out of bounds providing there wasn't a path to go forward. Wasn't it delightful for Hawkeyes fans that the threat of Ronnie's dive suckered open enough room wide so that Carver-Hawkeye Arena could have made it around that end?

AFTER THREE EASY victories, the Hawkeyes were ready for a test. They got it from a touch, well-coached Michigan State team that has a dangerous new freshman quarterback with a quick arm, Bobby McAllister, and a cunning defense that kept throwing new schemes.

The Coach replies:

Well at least the first part's easy. Iowa's top 10 softball coaches are Ed Coughenour of Kingsley-Pierson; Bill Hennessy of Roland-Story; Cedar Rapids Jefferson's Larry Niemeyer; Gary Page of Urbandale; Dick Rasmussen, Ankeny; Les Hueser of Hubbard; Ottumwa's Frank Huston; Jerry Newton of Charles City; Henry Christowski of Indianola; and Ken Sutten of West Marshall.

Now as far as Plainfield being the smallest in the state to offer boys wrestling and basketball, well, you're out of luck (see, the school's not as small as you think.) - that honor goes to Morning Sun. According to last year's enrollment figures, Morning Sun was state's 473rd largest school.

Sorry, but Plainfield isn't even in second (or second-to-last) place. The school checked in 400th for total enrollment, leaving Nishna Valley of Hastings, Schaller and Terrilas schools larger than Morning Sun, but smaller than Plainfield, that offer the sports.

But for parents who like tiny schools but want their kids to be active in sports, the place to go is Wellpinit, Wash., with 44 students.

Do you have a sports-related question? Send it to the Closet Coach, Des Moines Sunday Register, P.O. Box 957, Des Moines, IA 50304.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hawkeye-Cyclone aftermath

I don't know which football team is the strongest in the NCAA, but I do know which team is ranked No. 1. Thanks to Hayden Fry and the rest of the coaches, the University of Iowa football team is back. I don't think the strongest team in America could go through the Big Ten undefeated this year, so I do not expect Iowa to remain No. 1 throughout the season. But for one week, and possibly longer, I can say that Iowa is No. 1. And for the rest of my life, I no longer have to say that the last time we were ranked No. 1 was the beginning of my freshman year in 1961. - David Childs, 4856 Robin Drive, Omaha. Neb., 68157.

league as Chuck. He holds many Iowa and Big Ten records. He has a very good chance to become one of the NCAA's best ever. He doesn't even get as much national recognition as quarterbacks who throw on every down, or play every minute, no matter the opponent. Listen to ISU Coach Jim Criner. He said he would vote for Long for the Heisman Trophy [if he were a reporter and could vote]....

Over the past few years, Chuck Long and the Hawkeyes have proven they are among the NCAA's best, and indeed deserve every bit of recognition and respect they are receiving, and more. - Brett Jackson, 1009 W. Wate St., Wilton, Ia., 52778.

fair-weather fans seem to vanish.

Example: Johnny Orr packs the place now that [the basketball team is] winning, but a few years back, they were lucky to draw 5,000 while they were trying to build the program they now have.

Saturday was a disgrace, the way the fans ran for exits at halftime. The team deserves a better breed of fans than they now have....

Fans help build a program when they support the team in the rough time as well as in the glory years. So GO CYCLONES. Your fans will be back, as long as you win. - Jim Corigliano, 2611 S.E. 7th St., Des Moines, Ia., 50315.

letes for dealing with a delicate issue in an unashamed and sensitive manner. - Jeff Wells, 1610 Carroll St., Boone, Ia., 50036.

Overlooked intrastate match

With all the hoopla over the Iowa-Iowa State football game and the rivalries involved, I am really disappointed in your total disregard of another contest that took place on the same day, that being the [women's] volleyball match between Iowa and Iowa State ... an excellent match of some very outstanding athletes. Iowa State won by taking three of the last four matches. ... It must be somewhat disappointing to the volleyball players and fans that they are not even deserving of something more than a simple score under the "Volleyball" heading. I feel that you are doing a real injustice to the players and the sport to give such biased coverage. You owe some very fine athletes and both schools an apology. - David Hanson, 1600 River Road, Iowa Falls, Ia., 50126.

And, oh yes, there was Lorenzo White, a sophomore running back who proved that a good man is not only hard to find but very hard to bring down. When George Perles was recruiting him, he told White's mother the Spartans had steak on the training table frequently.

"Lorenzo doesn't eat steak," said his mother, a dietician. Perles hastened to explain that her son could also feast on other things, such as fish, cottage cheese and, apparently, Hawkeyes.

White was just one of many athletes on both sides who had some magnificent moments. The Iowa defenders weren't proud of the way they had played - "We've just got to get back to the drawing board," said linebacker George Davis - but this season may show that stopping the Spartans isn't exactly a picnic.

Fry had had several heart-to-hearts with his players, asking them to think of themselves as No. 2, rather than No. 1. because No. 2s allegedly try harder. "If there's any way to love 'em more than I did, I do," he said, long after the game ended. So hold up two fingers, instead of one. While you may think that's the peace signal, it's what a pyschology major feels will work.

... Now that things are good at Iowa, two things are taking away from the joy and pleasure of Iowa's high ranking: The obscene chants from Iowa fans (inexcusable) and running up scores, as Iowa is doing again this year. Last year's loss to Minnesota is a direct result of 1983's pasting of the Gophers by a 61-10 count. Minnesota players attested to that. C'mon, Iowa, you have all the elements of greatness. The ugly things pulling the Iowa image down are cheap and take away so much ... - John R. Trimble, PO Box 55 221, Tucson, Ariz.

Coach Fry has been widely criticized for scheduling such "weaker" opponents as Drake and Northern Illinois for his team early this year. After viewing the past three Iowa-ISU games, however, I think it is clear where the weaker part of the Hawkeye schedule lies. Perhaps Fry should consider dropping the Cyclones in favor of Loras or Upper Iowa in an effort to beef up the competition. - David W. Ostlund, 1614 Lakewood Drive, Columbia, Mo., 65202.

[Jan Ellsworth's letter Sept. 22] about the Iowa Hawkeye football team, and Chuck Long in particular, [is] not justified.

The reason you hear so much about Chuck Long is that he is an excellent quarterback from a nationally top-ranked team. He is the only quarterback in the Midwest worth talking about. Few teams possess someone in the same

Reading and rereading the accounts of the Hawk major victory was very pleasing. Later accounts show a "Minor" victory might have emerged because of the debacle. Now a legislator, an alum of the Scarlet and Gold, can pressure the Regents to have the game rescheduled now that the Cyclones are at full strength. -Gene Nugent, 34 Regal Lane, Iowa City, Ia., 52240.

I have followed Iowa State football for 60 years and haver seen a lot of teams. With few exceptions, most of those would have been rated from fair to poor. [Coach Jim] Criner's teams would certainly be at the bottom. A successful coach has to be able to recruit as well as coach, and surround himself with assistants that can also coach well and recruit. Criner has failed in all categories.

Iowa State has never brought in a successful coach from a major conference. Criner should make his exit either voluntarily or otherwise and in time to get a replacement before the recruiting period is over.... - R.V. Diggins, 408 W. State, Marshalltown, Ia., 50158.

Has Criner contacted a good resume service yet? - David Adland, 12 N. 5th Ave., Marshalltown, Ia., 50158.

ISU fans blasted

The ISU fans are the greatest, but only when the team is winning. When times are tough, the

At the Iowa-Iowa State game, some ISU fans really did embarrass themselves, me and the university when they started chanting: "Break Chuck's arm! Break Ronnie's leg!" Come on, ISU fans - do we really want someone to get hurt just because they are killing ISU's butts?

... Please don't embarrass Iowa State anymore. If you can't come to watch and cheer good football, PLEASE STAY HOME. - Jack W. Webber, 103 N. Crawford, Carroll, Ia., 51401.

A young man's death

Thank you ... Lake City High School Athletic Director Bob Core for his compassionate story about the death of a high school athlete in an auto accident and the subsequent emotions of his teammates. In a season where football players have died in Hampton and Pochontas and a head coach in Newton, the story was especially relevant and poignant.

As a high school teacher, coach and football official, I found it refreshing to discover the values of the football team were in the proper perspective.

As a parent who has experienced the death of a child, I agree that the incident after the first football game was indeed a healthy and necessary step toward acceptance.

We need stories like this to remind us that victories, ratings and trophies can be very insignificant priorities. My compliments to Mr. Core, his coaching staff, and high school ath-

Farewell to Coach Gilson

Having played for Coach [Frank] Gilson on the 1973 playoff team at Southeast Polk, I can honestly say he was more than just a good coach. Coach Gilson was recognized mostly for his winning teams.

I know he was well respected by his coaching peers and by the communities he represented on the football field. But most of all, he was respected by the young men he coached. I think I can speak for the hundreds of young men across the state who had the good fortune to play for him by saying he taught discipline, respect and honesty, all things that make good student-athletes into good citizens. ... - Randy Dawson, 6250 N.E. University Ave., Des Moines, Ia., 50317

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