

Fry responses worth the wait

OWA CITY --- It was a crisp, late December night in San Diego when we last saw him. Hayden Fry was talking about a last-second lowa football victory in the Holiday Bowl and about reports he was in the running to become head coach at Southern California. Since then, Fry had disappeared. During football's off-season, Fry makes fewer public appearances than President Reagan. But when he does address the media, at least Fry has something to say. The only good thing about spring football is the spring football media day. That was Wednesday. That was when Fry finally had to answer some terribly relevant questions that had been accumulating since the end of last season. Fry felt compelled to place personal calls to some of us from the coaches' convention in January, just to let us know he had removed his name from consideration for the USC coaching job. But besides that, he's been invisible.

Player changes, tough schedule on Fry's mind

By Mark Dukes Gazette sports editor A CITY — Determining the No. 1 quarterback and switching players to different positions are two high priority items for the low football coaching staff this spring. But Coach Hayden Fry said the big concern is preparing his team for a dangerous slate of a dozen games next fall.

"It's by far the toughest schedule we've had since I've been here," Fry said Wednesday at the annual spring media conference. "Twelve games and seven are on the road. If we are fortunate enough to play in another bowl, that'll be 13 and 8 on the road.

lowa drills focus on quarterback race Fry not convinced Harmon did wrong

By Mark Dukes

IOWA CITY - Iowa football coach Hayden Fry said Wednesday he had no knowledge of payments made by a New York agent to former Hawkeye running back Ronnie Harmon.

Fry and his coaching staff are scheduled to appear today before a three-member university board that began its investigation of the Harmon case March 14.

Fry, speaking at the annual spring football media day, said he knew of no player in his 25-year coaching career - 11 at Southern Methodist, 6 at North Texas State and 8 at Iov - who received improper payments.

Fry originally said he would have that could have known anything no comment about the payments to Harmon, because of university policy. But when pressed, he responded agent, admitted in early March he to some questions.

me and my coaches, but I don't know that it's all the truth," Fry said. "We probably do as good a job as anybody of educating our people about those things. I'd be the last coach to think anything was going on. I'm not convinced Ronnie did anything wrong.

"IN ALL MY COACHING career,

about this."

Norby Walters, New York-based gave Harmon more than \$54,000 "Obviously it was a real shock to while Harmon was playing at lowa. Harmon reportedly signed a contract with Walters in 1984 that was postdated to Jan. 2, 1986, the day after Iowa lost to UCLA in the Rose Bowl. Walters said the payments began during Harmon's junior season at Iowa.

Walters contends Harmon broke the contract Aug. 10, a few days before Harmon signed a \$1 millionnever knew of a player taking plus contract with the NFL Buffalo breach-of-contract suit against Har • Please turn to page 2C: Fry

SINCE THE Holiday Bowl, Fry has made himself scarce. Since then, Fry has been unavailable for comment on the following: • A report that a New York agent paid former running back Ronnie Harmon more than \$54,000 while Harmon still was playing at

• The reason he changed his position on Iowa's participation in the Kickoff Classic.

 The resignation of linebackers coach Barry Alvarez, who went to Notre Dame, and the hiring of former Hawkeye Bobby Elliott.

• Did his willingness to listen to USC have any effect on recruiting efforts?

Wednesday was one of the most

"We have six new preparations this year for six new coaches. It'll be the most challenging since we've been here."

Iowa opens next fall with three road games, the first at noon Aug. **30 against Tennessee in the Kickoff** Classic at East Rutherford, N.J. The Hawkeyes, 9-3 last season, also have non-conference games at Arizona? at owa State and at home against Kansas State.

owa must also play Ohio State and Michigan on the road during the Big Ten season. The four conference home games are against Michigan State, Purdue, Indiana and Minneso-

THE MOST INTENSE competition in the Hawkeye camp this



Hayden Fry

spring is for the starting quarterback job. Sophomores Tom Poholsky and Dan McGwire, and junior Chuck Hartlieb all are listed No. 1.

"All three guys are on the same line," Fry said. "They're getting the same amount of work because we want to be fair."

Fry said he hasn't set a deadline to name a starting quarterback and it is possible the Hawkeyes will enter fall drills in August with the position unsettled.

"McGwire is a very, very gifted athlete," Fry said. "He has the strongest arm of anybody we've had at Iowa. It's a matter of him getting enough repetitions in practice.

"Hartlieb was very much in the picture for number one last year when he injured a thumb and Please turn to page 2C: Iowa

anything before their time, that is Bills. Walters has since filed a before their eligibility is used up. 1 don't know anybody in our program

KGAN wins rights for Hawks on TV

From Gazette staff reports

ayden Fry, Tom Davis and the Iowa Hawkeyes are moving to KGAN-Channel 2 in Cedar Rapids.

The local CBS affiliate learned Wednesday it has won the rights to broadcast a minimum of 17 basketball games, 13 Tom Davis shows, 12 Hayden Fry shows, and replays of all 12 regularseason Iowa football games for the 1987-88 school year.

KGAN purchased the TV rights from Rasmussen Communications of Naples, Fla., which last month was hired by the University of Iowa to produce and market Hawkeye events. Rasmussen replaces the Iowa Television Network and KWWL-Channel 7, the ITN flagship station,

which had carried the lowa games and coaches' shows.

Terms of KGAN's contract with Rasmussen were not announced.

Mike Bock, general manager of KGAN, said he was "elated" his station won rights to the lowa events.

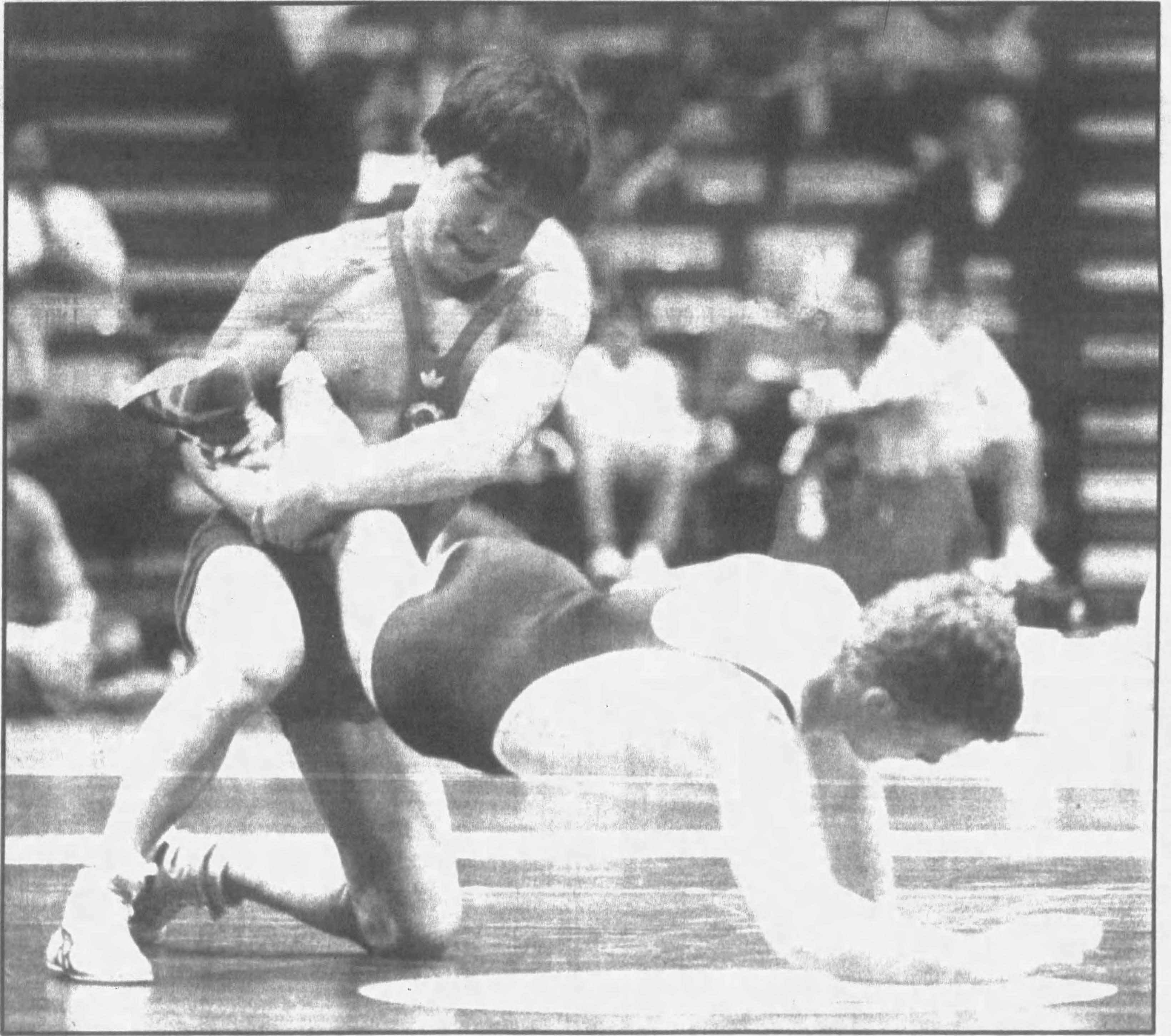
All 12 Iowa football games this season are tentatively scheduled to be replayed at 11 a.m. on Sundays, with games condensed to an hour's length, according to Mike Costanzo, a local sales manager for KGAN.

No day or time was announced for the Fry and Davis coaches' shows.

Rasmussen also produces and markets Big Ten sports events.



ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) --Dwight Gooden, the talented but troubled New York Mets pitcher, agreed Wednesday to undergo treatment for a "drug use problem" rather than be suspended by Commissioner Peter Ueberroth. The 1985 National League Cy Young award winner probably would have started on Tuesday when the World Series champions open the season against Pittsburgh. Mets General Manager Frank Cashen said Gooden voluntarily took a drug test earlier this week and it gave "some indication of past usage, but the extent is uncertain." Edwin Durso, baseball's secretary-treasurer and executive vice president, said Cashen called Ueberroth on Monday and told him "there was a clear indication of a drug problem." "The commissioner made it perfectly clear to the Mets that, consistent with past policy, he was prepared to take severe disciplinary action against Dwight Gooden if the player did not seek an appropriate remedy," Durso said. Ueberroth, reached in Chandler, Ariz., said, "this young man sought help and he's going to get help, the best that there is. We'll let the medical people decide when he's recovered or has a good chance of recovery so he can play baseball again."



productive Hayden Fry press conferences in eight years.

There have been some doozies, like when he threatened to resign if the concept of an indoor facility wasn't addressed. But that one paled in comparison.

Good, solid, pertinent questions were asked, a refreshing departure from the norm at these sessions. Good, solid answers were given. Fry came prepared for the inevitable queries. He had insight in some areas. He didn't avoid issues. He didn't blame media for everything, although he was on the verge when he recalled the USC stories.

FRY SEEMED prepared for everything except a question near the end. A reporter asked Fry that if Harmon received thousands of dollars from an agent while he was at wa, what about rumors that he could have thrown the 1986 Rose Bowl by fumbling four times in the first half?

Fry's face changed a shade or three, he grinned widely, he shook his head and said, "You gotta be outta your mind."

"Does that mean no comment?" the reporter said.

"I'm just gonna ignore your question," Fry said, chuckling. He didn't ignore many.

Fry previously said he had no interest in Iowa playing in the **Kickoff Classic. Among the reasons** were starting the season too early and risk of injury. But he said he changed his mind because this team needs all the practice it can get, plus the exposure won't hurt. He said he was sorry to see Alvarez go but that Elliott is a nice addition to the staff. He said he didn't know what effect the USC overtures had on recruiting and, like other recruiting classes, he won't know for a couple years. The Harmon matter is a difficult one for Fry, as it would be for most coaches. A football coach is not like a basketball or wrestling coach. He has responsibilities for his players, but in his case its 90 or more in comparison to 15 in basketball and 25 or 30 in wrestling. I wondered: Does Fry feel it's his responsibility to know what goes on off the field with each of his players, or is that asking too much?

Gazette photo by John McIvor

"OUR POLICY IS and has been consistent. He has one chance, if he seeks help. If he chooses not to seek help, there would be disciplinary action immediately.

"I'm stepping back from any penalty phase," Ueberroth said. "If there's a reoccurrence, there'll be no second chance." Ueberroth conditionally suspended 11 players, among them Keith Hernandez of the Mets, in March 1986 following testimony during drug trials in Pittsburgh. All 11 were allowed to keep playing if they donated part of their salary to drug

Sergey Zambalov of the Soviet Union takes control over Northern lowa's Mark Schwab in the 114.5-pound match in Wednesday night's USA-

"Well, it's like on the field," he said. "I know what everybody's supposed to be doing on a play, but there's still penalties now and then. Education doesn't mean some kids are going to learn."

Good point.

Fry knows how to get around any question as well as anybody. But on this day, he didn't go sideways. For the most part, he headed straight up field and made some points.

USSR wrestling meet at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Schwab suffered a 6-2 loss, while the Soviets remained unbeaten in dual competition against American wrestlers.

Davis wins but Soviets rule meet

By J.R. Ogden Gazette sportswriter

IOWA CITY --- Barry Davis didn't want to see his streak come to an end Wednesday night at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

"I've never lost in Carver-Hawkeye, no reason to start now," said the former Cedar Rapids Prairie standout and three-time NCAA champion at Iowa after whipping the Soviet Union's Ruslan Karaev, 6-2, at 125.5 pounds at the USA-USSR Superpower Showdown international freestyle wrestling dual.

"I needed that match right about now, needed it badly," added Davis, the 1984 Olympic silver medalist who lost a 6-2 decision to Karaev at the Tbilisi Tournament. "A lot of guys thought I'd lay down for him, but the way (Dan) Gable coaches, you don't lay down for anybody."

DAVIS WAS ONE OF just three United States grapplers to give the partisan crowd of 5,138 something to cheer about as the Soviet Union dominated the Americans once again, 7-3.

'I don't think anybody gave a poor effort," said American head coach Jim Humphrey. "But I don't think we had the intensity we needed throughout the match. It's a matter of confidence for a lot of these guys.

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Barry Davis

"But I'm not discouraged at all by this match. This isn't do or die, this is get better. I'm really encouraged and real optimistic we can win in

lowa Coach Dan Gable, who will assist Humphrey at the '88 Olympics, compared this U.S. team to his 1986-87 Hawkeyes.

"We need to get a little bit tougher at each weight class." Gable noted. "Right now the Soviets, no matter if it's their first, second or third person, everyone is tough

Besides Davis, the United States' winners were Andre Metzger at 1495 and Bruce Baumgartner

at 286.

Davis trailed Karaev, 2-0, after the first of two three-minute periods. He came back in the second and scored three takedowns (worth one point) and a two-point throw at the end.

Metzger, a two-time NCAA champ at Oklahoma and a runner-up in the 1986 World Championships, used four takedowns and a twopoint tilt to dominate Adbulla Magomedov, 6-3.

BAUMGARTNER, THE 1984 Olympic champ and '86 World champion, brought the crowd to its feet by scoring the night's only fall, decking Aslan Khadartsev in 3 minutes, 18 seconds at

An assistant coach at Edinboro under former Hawkeye Mike DeAnna, Baumgartner built a 5-0 lead on a pair of two-point throws and a one-point control hold before flattening the two-time 220pound world champion with 2:42 left in the second period.

'I enjoy winning, so that's why I went out there hard," Baumgartner said "Every time we beat them, especially in my situation, it's tough on them It makes those guys worry a bit when I beat them

Ex NCAA champions Nate Carr of Iowa State

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Dwight Gooden

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Spectacular Coe debut for Lorber

Freshman Sharon Lorber delivered a 16-strikeout, three-hit performance in her Coe softball debut Wednesday as the Kohawks opened their season with a 6-0 shutout of Upper lowa on the Coe diamond. Coe took the nightcap, 10-1 in five innings, behind junior Kris Phearman's two-hitter.

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The twin-bill also opened Upper owa's season. It was scheduled at Fayette but shifted to Cedar Rapids because the Upper lowa diamond because the Duhawk diamond also was covered with ice and snow.

Seven Coe batters had one hit apiece in the opener. Freshman Kris Strain's two-run first-inning double was the big blow.

In the second game, sophomore Peggy Schmitt, the Kohawks' RBI leader and most valuable offensive player last season, had two singles and two RBI.

Coe hosts Wartburg this afternoon and Loras Friday. The Loras game was switched from Dubuque is snow-covered.

Senior Golf Classic OWA CITY (AP) — Gary Player, Sam Snead and Billy Casper are those participating in the first Iowa Senior Golf Classic,

set for June 1 at the Wakonda Club in Des Moines. The pro-am tournament offers \$30,000 in prize money and organizers will pay appearance money to the members of the Professional Golf Association senior tour.

Big name players

slated for 1 st lowa

The tournament, with a 72-player amateur field, could lead to a regular stop on the PGA senior tour, promoter Gunter Harz said. "We have applied for a regular tour event for 1988," said Harz, president of Harz Marketing and Promotions. "We are on the waiting list for some other event to cancel."

Other professionals set for the event are Gene Littler, John Brodie, Chi Chi Rodriguez, Gay Brewer, Roberto DeVicenzo, Dale Douglas, Bob Goalby, Peter Thomson, Jim Ferree and Iowan Jack Fleck.

Comedian Bob Hope has agreed to appear at a pre-tournament gala May 31 in Des Moines, Harz said.

The title sponsor of the event is the Mid-American Long Distance

"I like to be associated with winners," said former lowa Gov. Robert Ray, chairman of the event. "I see this as a real winner for the state of Iowa," Ray said.

Iowa football coach Hayden Fry is co-chairman of the tournament. Harz said he does not think the tournament will conflict with an exhibition match the same day in Rock Island, Ill., featuring PGA players Bob Tway, Greg Norman and Payne Stewart.

Dubuque sweeps Mustangs

Mount Mercy.

Terry Lambert knocked in two starter Casey Bryant and picked up runs in the ninth inning of the first the victory for the Spartans. game and ripped a two-run home Junior Pat Weber surrendered eight hits and struck out seven for run in the nightcap to lead Dubuque to a double-header sweep of Mount Mercy, 7-5 and 8-3, in college baseball Wednesday at Daniels Park.

Dubuque is 5-2-1, Mount Mercy 2was never headed.

6-1. Curt Miles' two-run homer in the fifth inning of the opener gave Mount Mercy a 3-2 lead. The loss. Mustangs added two runs in the sixth on singles by Kevin Barnes and Mike Hlubek.

Dubuque's Mike Meyer slammed a three-run homer to tie the game in the Spartan seventh.

Steve Bercier hurled three innings of one-hit ball in relief of

Doerring commits to Eagles

The Kirkwood men's basketball team received a big lift Wednesday night when 6-foot-9 Lee Doerring verbally committed to join the Eagles, Coach Gregg Bosch said.

Doerring, from Postville, is the first prep to commit to Kirkwood

this season. He averaged 17 points, 10 rebounds and five blocked shots and garnered all-Upper Iowa Conference honors for the 17-4 Pirates. Kirkwood was 26-7 last season and finished second in the Region XI (Iowa) tournament.

In the nightcap, shortened to five

innings by darkness, Dubuque

scored three runs in the first and

Jay Schiesl and Bercier combined

to limit Mount Mercy to four hits.

Scott Shulista was tagged with the

Mount Mercy's Hlubek and Eric

Stenberg suffered slight concus-

sions when they collided in short

right field during the fourth inning

of the nightcap. They were taken to

Mercy Hospital where they were

treated and released.

Boddicker beats Yankees night in an exhibition baseball

MIAMI, Fla. --- Norway, Iowa, native Mike Boddicker scattered four hits over eight innings and Baltimore, scored three fourth-inning runs as the Orioles downed the New York Yankees, 3-1, Wednesday

game. Boddicker, 2-3, struck out one and walked one. He was touched for a fifth-inning home run by Mike Pagliarulo, his sixth of the spring.

IOWA: Key position changes

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missed three-fourths of the season. But he's very gifted, too, and he has the ability to be number one. You

NCAA NEWS — Fry predicts the NCAA Convention June 29-30 in Dallas will be a noteworthy one. "It's gonna be the biggest fight you've ever seen," he said. "It boggles my mind all the things the presidents are talking about." Items on the convention agenda relating to football include eliminating spring practice, reducing recruiting visits from five to three and eliminating one or two varsity assistants. "We'd probably be hurt as much as any university in the country," Fry said. "It's foolish to take away the hand that feeds you. It's un-American. This could be the most meaningful meeting ever." NOTES — Fry said he expects 6defensive lineman Paul Glonek and 6-4 fullback Nick Bell to be academically eligible to play next fall. He said running back Tony Stewart, who like Glonek and Bell failed to meet entrance requirements last fall, is in New Jersey and is scheduled to take an ACT or SAT test again this spring . . . Rick Bayless and Kevin Harmon are listed co-No. 1 at running back . . The Kickoff Classic likely will be televised nationally by ABC . . Incoming freshman Jeff Skillett will be given a chance to handle kickoffs.

know about Tom Poholsky, who "started some for us last year."

Fry announced numerous personnel changes, the most notable affecting junior offensive lineman Bob Kratch. He started at right -guard last season, achieving firstteam All-Big Ten, but has been moved to first-team left tackle. That spot was vacated by all-Big Ten choice Dave Croston.

Other moves:

 Senior Dave Alexander, from No. 2 right tackle to No. 1 right guard.

 Junior Keaton Smiley, from No. right cornerback to No. 1 strong safety.

• Senior Steve Thomas, No. 2 nose guard to No. 1 left defensive tackle.

 Sophomore Tork Hook, backup cornerback to starting free safety. Sophomore Jim Poynton, from backup guard to No. 2 center.

 Sophomore Mike Ertz, from reserve defensive end to backup center.

 Fifth-year senior Jay Hess, former quarterback and wide receiver, to No. 2 free safety.

Four potential starters have not participated in spring drills because of injury. They are defensive tackle Myron Keppy (leg), linebacker Dan Wirth (knee), defensive back Kerry Burt (back) and fullback Richard Bass (ankle).

Burt's injury appears to be the most serious, as Fry said the Waterloo senior has been in a body

Iowa Depth OFFENSE

SE - Jim Mauro/Deven Harberts, Peter Marciano; LT Bob Kratch, Jeff Croston; LG - Greg Divis, Bob Schmitt; (Bill Anderson, Jim Poynton; RG — Dave Alexander, Poynton; RT --- Herb Wester, Mike Miller; TE -- Mike Flagg Mary Cook; WB - Quinn Early, Travis Watkins; QB - Tom Poholsky/Chuck Hartlieb/Dan McGwire; RB - Rick Bay less/Kevin Harmon, Kevin Ringer; FB - David Hudson Grant Goodman; PK - Rob Houghtlin, George Murphy DEFENSE

Fry said the tournament would not detract from the Amana VIP golf tournament in Iowa City.

FRY: Harmon hasn't commented

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mon, Iowa Most Valuable Player in 1984.

larmon's current agent, Martin Rausch, does not dispute the fact payments were made, but he has filed a counter-grievance that asks Walters not be allowed to represent NFL players.

Harmon has refused comment. Fry indicated he has knowledge that the business of agents' dealings with players is being widely investigated and could result in a larger story.

"The whole smear of agents and wheeling and dealing . . . by the time the smoke clears, I think it'll be unbelievable," Fry said. "By the time the whole thing's over, it'll give you some good copy.

"Nationwide, this thing's being investigated. I can't think of an organization that isn't looking into it. The good (agents) will survive. The bad ones that need to be punished will be."

Fry said he didn't think Kevin Harmon, a running back who has one season remaining at Iowa, will be affected by stories about his brother Ronnie. Fry said Ronnie talked to Kevin, of course, but **Connie** was more likely to confide in another brother, Derrick, a running back with the San Francisco 49ers.

"Ronnie's the most unique kid we've had around here," Fry said. "He liked to stay by himself. He

Infractions Committee of the Ha mon case, according to university faculty representative Bonnie Slatton.

finance at the university, said the school's special committee is charged with determining if the payments were made to Harmon and whether any university official knew about them.

Vernon, a professor at the College of Law; Julia Davis, chairwoman of the Iowa Board in Control of Athletics, and Leotis Davis, a control board

ISU taking orders for NCAA mat meet

AMES — Ticket orders are being accepted for the 1988 NCAA Wrestling Meet to be held at Iowa State's Hilton Coliseum.

Orders will be accepted through Oct. 30. Tickets will be disbursed on a lottery system with 5,000 ducats allotted to the general public. The lottery will be held Nov. 2 and purchasers are expected to be

notified by early December.

Cost of tickets is \$60 for six sessions and there is a limit of four tickets per order. There is no limit on the number of orders a person might wish to place.

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cast for "a couple months and he has a couple months to go." Bass is the only one among the four who could participate in the April 18 spring game.

LE - Joe Mott, Richard Pryor/Jeff Beard; LT - Steve Thomas, Tim Anderson; NG --- Dave Haight, Jeff Koeppe RT --- Joe Schuster, Matt Ruhland; RE --- Mike Burke, Sea Ridley; LB - Brad Quast, Jim Reilly; LB - J.J. Puk, Tyrone Taylor/Melvin Foster: LC --- Anthony Wright, Kent Thomp son; \$5 - Keaton Smiley, Mark Stoops; F\$ - Tork Hook, Jay Hess/Dwight Sistrunk; RC -- Merton Hanks, James Pipkins P - Mark Adams, Ross Blount.



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