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Gazette photo by Paul Jensen

Members of the lowa defensive unit jog along the sideline at Giants Stadium Saturday. The Hawkeyes held a brief workout in preparation for today's 12:15 p.m. Kickoff Classic confrontation with Tennessee.

It's time to play football

Iowa, Tennessee open the college grid season today

> By Mike Hlas Gazette sportswriter

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. Here we go.

The 1987 college football season begins today, and Iowa is in the forefront. Hayden Fry's ninth Hawkeye squad tangles with the Tennessee Volunteers in the fifth annual Kickoff Classic.

Kickoff time at Giants Stadium is 12:15 p.m., Iowa time. The game will be televised nationally by ABC (KCRG-Channel 9, locally).

As is usually the case, the Kickoff Classic has assembled a good paper matchup. Iowa and Tennessee are ranked 16th and 17th, respectively, by Associated Press. Both closed last season with victories in bowl games. Both have been to bowls in each of the last six seasons.

"It's gonna be a great challenge," Fry said.

It could be a game within a game for the Hawks. Presumably, Fry wants to get the quarterback position settled before the Big Ten Conference season begins four games from now. He has three viable candidates in Dan McGwire, Tom Poholsky and Chuck Hartlieb. McGwire will start today, but Fry insists all three will play.

Most eyes will be on McGwire, however. Though the sophomore has thrown just 12 passes in varsity competition, he is the one with the

Kickoff Classic Information

WHO: lowa vs. Tennessee

WHAT: Kickoff Classic WHERE: Giants Stadium, East Ruther-

WHEN: Today

KICKOFF TIME: 12:15 p.m., lowa time TELEVISION: ABC nationally (KCRG. Channel 9, in Cedar Rapids); Keith Jackson and Bob Griese announcing: pregame show at 11:30 a.m.

RADIO: WMT, KHAK (Cedar Rapids); WHO (Des Moines); KSTT (Davenport); KGRN (Grinnell; network includes KCRG-AM in Cedar Rapids). WEATHER FORECAST: Mostly sunny with temperatures in the mid-70s

press clippings. He is the brother of the major-league slugging sensation, Mark McGwire of the Oakland Athletics. He is the one Fry said has "the strongest arm of any quarterback we've had at Iowa."

TENNESSEE KNOWS its No. 1 quarterback. He is junior Jeff Francis, a proven commodity from Mount Prospect, Ill.

Francis completed 64.4 percent of his 233 pass attempts for 1,946 yards and nine touchdowns last year. He ranked seventh in the NCAA in passing efficiency. He twice threw for more than 300 yards in a game.

"Jeff has the potential to be one of the top quarterbacks in the country," said Tennessee Coach Johnny Majors, who guided Iowa

• Please turn to 4C: Kickoff

Buckeyes won't ask NCAA to lift Carter's suspension

Carter's chances of returning to meet with Jennings to finalize the Ohio State for his senior year decision, and left the door open to appeared dim Saturday, though the change. All-American wide receiver.

week to regain their final year of don't see my position changing.

Ohio State Athletic Director Rick decision has been made." to the NCAA for Carter's reinstate- said if the players were not success-

further comment Saturday after- since they had lost their eligibility noon, but he made his position for wrongdoing. known the previous day.

because we couldn't win but be- tion he wants to return to the team. cause we didn't feel good about it. I'm not heartless. If there was some appeal or not. The ball's in his court fered from Austin's because Austin way to logically justify (an appeal), I . . . but I would say there are a lot has cooperated with Pitt officials would. But I couldn't see clear to do of obstacles," Bozik said Friday.

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Cris Bay said, though, that he would

door was not completely shut on the "I will continue to talk with the president, and if he wants to Carter and former Pitt running overrule me, that's his prerogative," back Charles Gladman were with- Bay said. "But barring any new facts drawn from Friday's NFL supple- in regard to the case, and not mental by the league to give them a including the appeal procedure, I

college eligibility from the NCAA. "As far as I'm concerned, the

Bay said Friday he would not appeal NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle ment, but said he would meet ful in getting back to school, they Monday with university President would be available in a supplemen-Edward Jennings and football coach tal draft next Friday. College coach-Earle Bruce to discuss the case. es and athletic directors had urged Bay could not be reached for the league not to draft the players

"We chose not to appeal, not said Gladman has given no indica-

"We don't know if he wants to Gladman's former Pitt teammate, Gladman has not.



Cris Carter

defensive back Teryl Austin, had his eligibility conditionally restored by Pitt Athletic Director Ed Bozik the NCAA even though he admitted taking money from agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom.

> Bozik said Gladman's case difand admitted his wrongdoing, while

'Big 2' headline impressive list of national championship contenders

Associated Press

he Big 8, which probably has the greatest inequality between the contenders and also-rans of any conference, probably should be known as the Big Two.

Not only have Oklahoma and Nebraska either won all or a share of the conference championship in 41 of the last 44 years, but they were voted the top two teams in the nation in the Associated Press preseason college football poll.

"We're going to be awfully disappointed if we don't contend for the national championship," Coach Barry Switzer says. "Being No. 1 is always our goal."

Switzer says the 1987 Sooners, with 15 starters back, are basically "the same team it was in 1985 when we won the national championship. Now they're seniors and juniors and a lot more experienced."

The wishbone attack is run by quarterback Jamelle Holieway and the offense features a pair of first-team All-Americans in tight end Keith Jackson and guard Mark Hutson. The interior line probably is the best in the country and there are plenty of outstanding runners.

The defense, however, probably won't be as stingy as last year's which led the nation in all four major categories.

NEBRASKA HAS WON at least nine games for 18 consecutive years but the Cornhuskers are coming off an embarrassing third-place conference finish. They must replace 13 starters, including most of the offensive line. Quarterback Steve Taylor and tailback Keith Jones will put points on the scoreboard and the defense returns end Broderick Thomas, one of the best.

Any challenge to the Big Two in the Big 8 will come from Colorado — which has 16 starters from the team that beat Nebraska - or Oklahoma

UCLA, No. 3 in the preseason poll, is the favorite in the Pac-10 Conference. The Bruins are seeking their fourth Pac-10 title in six years with 12 returning starters and a whopping 56 lettermen, including record-breaking tailback Gaston Green (1,445 yards and 17 touchdowns a year ago).

UCLA's strength, however, will be a defense led by linebackers Ken Norton and Eric Smith, nose guard Terry Tumey and free safety James Washington. The quarterback could be Troy Aikman, a transfer from Oklahoma, which wouldn't let him throw the ball.

Washington, defending champ Arizona State

• Please turn to 4C: Big 2

McGwire's 40th homer clips Jays

TORONTO (AP) - Mark Mc-Gwire's homer in the 10th inning Saturday - his 40th of the season - gave him the American League lead. But more importantly to McGwire, it also won the game.

McGwire led off the top of the

10th with a homer just over the leftfield fence to give the Athletics a 6-5 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays. The homer, off Mark Eichhorn, 10-6, spoiled the Blue Jays' come-

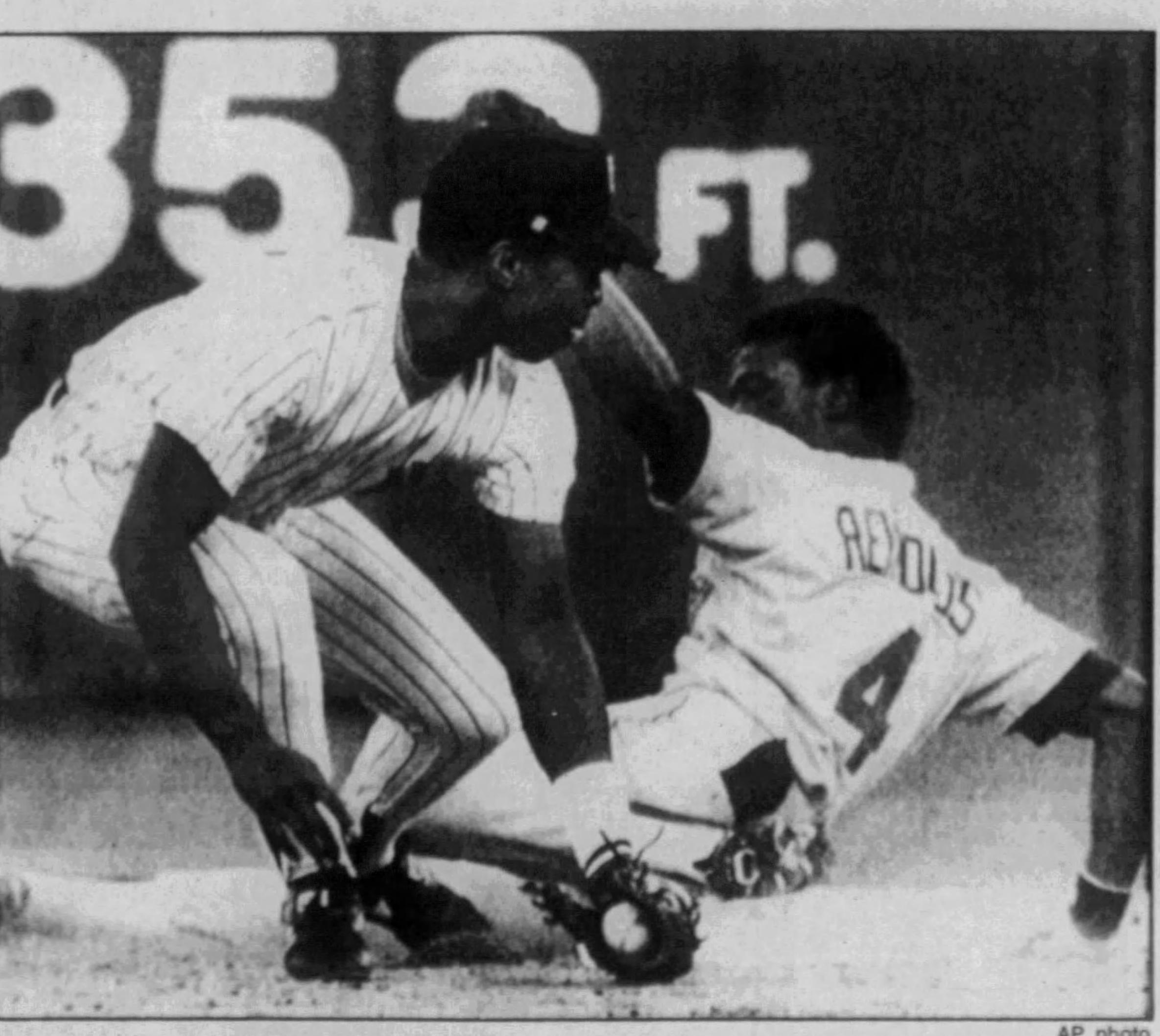
back after Oakland scored five times in the first inning. "I don't even think about it," said McGwire. "I've never even put myself in the position where I thought I would lead the American

League in home runs." McGwire's homer put him one in front of Toronto's George Bell. But both players said their individual goals weren't important.

"George Bell is a great hitter," McGwire. "I love watching George Bell hit. Whatever happens, happens."

Bell, second to McGwire with 39 homers, said: "I don't care about McGwire. The main thing is, we just have to win some games."

· Please turn to 2C: McGwire



REYNOLDS GETS THE WILLIES: Seattle's Harold Reynolds is forced at second by New York's Willie Randolph Saturday in the first game of a double header at Yankee Stadium, won by Seattle, 7-1. More baseball / pages 2-3C, 5C.

Fernandez gets hurt; so do Mets in 9-1 loss to Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Injury was added to insult for the New decision Saturday to the San Francisco Giants.

Fernandez, 10-8, faced only two pitches with an aggravation of the tendinitis in his left shoulder.

"Sid was asked how he felt while warming up, and he was noncommital." Manager Davey Johnson said after the Mets dropped 51/2 games behind division-leading St. Louis. "We don't know how long

he'll be out. It's a day-to-day thing." Robby Thompson and Kevin Mitchell, who opened the bottom of the first with singles, had an inkling Fernandez wasn't right.

"That wasn't the same Sid." Thompson said.

STAKED TO A 5-0 lead, winner

Mitchell, singled, doubled, tripled and Maldonado. sacrifice flies.

"The Giants are just like the Mets were last year," Mitchell said of his York Mets when they lost left- new club, which has won 16 of its hander Sid Fernandez and a 9-1 last 22 games. "We have a strong bench and real good pitching. We're going to win it."

Maldonado hit sacrifice flies in batters in the Giants' five-run first the first, fifth, and seventh innings inning, leaving the game after six to tie a record shared by six other players. Don Mattingly of the New York Yankees was the last player to accomplish the feat, on May 3, 1986.

> THE GIANTS jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning after loading the bases on singles by Thompson. Mitchell and Bob Brenly.

> After Maldonado's sacrifice fly made it 1-0, Chili Davis was intentionally walked to reload the bases. Pinch-hitter Will Clark then lined a two-run single to right. Mike Aldrete's single and Jose Uribe's squeeze bunt drove in the final two runs of the inning.

The Giants added a run in the Atlee Hammaker, 9-9, blanked the fifth when Mitchell tripled and Mets on five hits through seven scored on Maldonado's sacrifice fly. innings. Kelly Downs finished, San Francisco scored two more runs vielding a run in the ninth and three in the seventh off reliever Jesse Orosco on sacrifice flies by Brenly

and scored three runs against his The four sacrifice flies by the former team. Candy Maldonado tied Giants tied a major-league record a major league record with three for most sacrifice flies in a game by