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NCAA, Big Ten give OKs for Hawks to use running back while their probes continue

NBA: The fun never ends

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merica's Game. That's how the National Basketball Association bills its product. One wonders whether that is truth in advertising. It seems Americans like baseball and football, too, as well as golf, tennis, Pac Man and seven-card stud. But, since this is the NBA's debut weekend, let's take a serious look at pro basketball 1987-88. These are important duties, folks, and ours is not to question why. From now until the 1988 NBA champion is determined: Michael Jordan will have scored 5,000 or so points. • Larry Bird will have snarled 5,000 or so times. • It will have been 20 degrees below zero and 80 degrees above. • Four more Supreme Court justice nominees will have been voted down.

The question of whether Kevin Harmon received \$350 from an agent was still unanswered Friday as the Iowa running back was cleared to play in today's Big Ten football game at Northwestern.

According to former Iowa Senator John Culver's report in a case involving Kevin's brother Ronnie, Kevin received \$350 from New York agent Norby Walters. But according to a University of Iowa committee and Ronnie Harmon's lawyer, Kevin did not receive money directly from Walters.

That discrepancy — and other questions — will be pursued in the coming days by the NCAA and Big Ten. But on Friday,

By Mike Koolbeck

Gazette sportswriter

OWA CITY — While Bill

been a steadying influence in the

Injuries have felled several

into today's contest at

Northwestern.

said.

middle of the Hawkeyes' offensive

members of the offensive line, but

Anderson has gone unscathed. He

has started all nine games heading

"I've just been lucky, I guess," he

A 6-foot-3, 260-pound, red-shirt

sophomore, Anderson was a three-

year offensive and defensive starter

in high school at Columbia Heights,

produced former Hawk John Alt.

He was selected to the Bally and

USA Today All-America teams

Minn., the same school that

both organizations cleared Harmon while their probes continue.

Kevin Harmon, a senior, is Iowa's leading rusher, secondleading scorer and third-leading receiver. Ronnie Harmon completed his Iowa career in the 1986 Rose Bowl and now plays for the NFL Buffalo Bills.

A university committee comprised of faculty members David Vernon and Leo Davis was charged with investigating Kevin Harmon after a report by Culver, the National Football

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League Players Association arbitrator, included information on Harmon's association with Walters.

Culver was responsible for ruling on payments by Walters to Ronnie Harmon. But in Culver's report, it was stated that Walters' organization, World Sports Entertainment, paid

Kevin Harmon \$350 and provided over \$12,000 in airline tickets for Ronnie Harmon, Kevin Harmon and a woman. The university committee concluded Kevin Harmon did not

have direct association with Walters and no member of the Iowa athletic department was aware of wrongdoing.

"We concluded that Kevin Harmon did not benefit directly from payment from an agent," Davis said.

Martin Rauch, a Buffalo, N.Y., sports agent representing Ronnie Harmon, said Kevin Harmon was victimized by the wording of Culver's arbitration decision because it indicated acceptance of money and airplane tickets. Kevin Harmon only accepted airplane tickets, and those were from Ronnie and from another former Iowa player, Devon Mitchell, Rauch said. "The truth is that Kevin Harmon had no contact with either Norby Walters or Lloyd Bloom (of WSE)," Rauch said. "This is a gray area, but I really don't think Kevin ought to be penalized."

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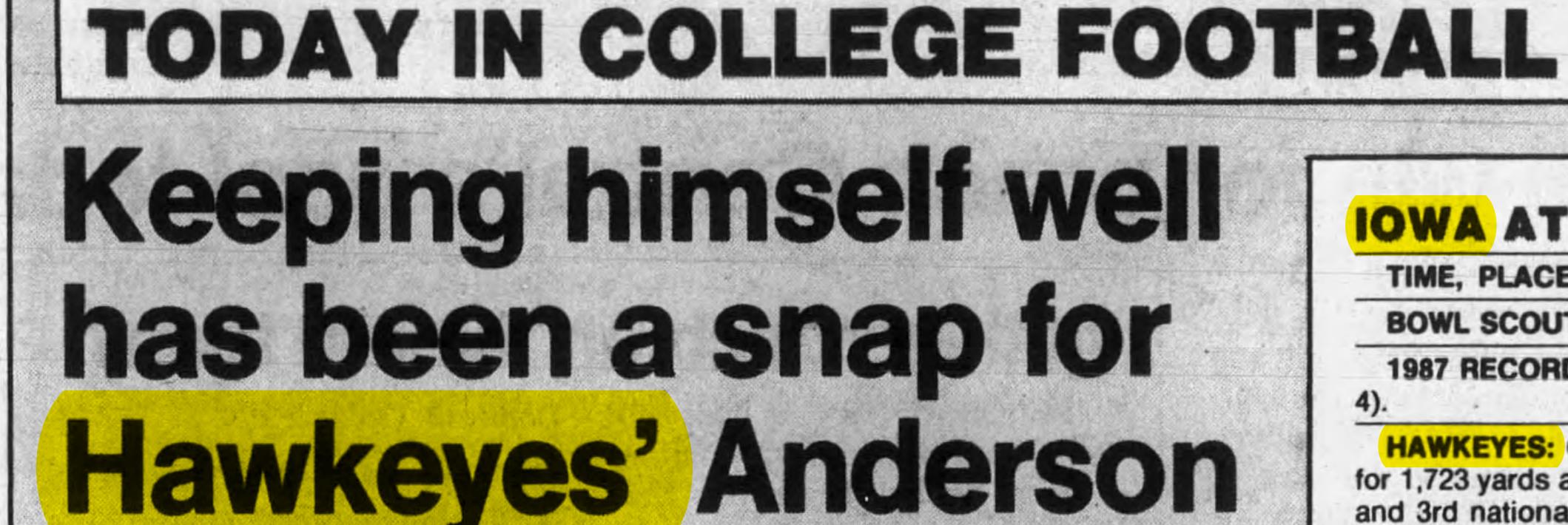
• The Winter Olympics, Stanley Cup finals, Final Four, Indianapolis 500, Masters golf tournament, Super Bowl, Rose Bowl, Freedom Bowl, Big Apple NIT, the real NIT, Boston Marathon, spring football practice and Groundhog Day will all have come and gone.

• Cats still won't be on the endangered species list.

• Kicks will be even harder to find.

 Los Angeles will definitely not be the NBA champion. The Los Angeles Clippers, that is.

ALL THESE MAGAZINES and newspapers have their preseason NBA predictions, and it's all so much hooey. The Los Angeles Lakers play the Boston Celtics in the finals no matter what, so the rest of it is filler.



No. 1 picks Alt and Mike Haight, also played a part in his decision. LIKE MOST LINEMEN, Anderson may not be the center Anderson was red-shirted his of attention of the Iowa football freshman year. team, the sophomore snapper has "I weighed 220 pounds when I

was a freshman," he said. "It would have been silly not to (red-shirt). This way I get another year of free education.

"It's really inconceivable of me to say that I could have played my freshman year. It's such a big step from high school to college, especially in the offensive line." Instead Anderson saw extensive duty with the scout team, practicing against Iowa's No. 1 defense.

"I went against Dave Haight and Hap Peterson," he said. "I think it helped me a lot, because those are two all-Big Ten players. Two guys that were quick and really got after

Practicing without the possibility of playing was not easy for Anderson.

IOWA AT NORTHWESTERN

TIME, PLACE: 1:05 p.m., Dyche Stadium, Evanston, III. BOWL SCOUTS PRESENT: All-American, Freedom, Liberty, Peach. 1987 RECORDS: Iowa 6-3 (3-2 in Big Ten), Northwestern 1-6-1 (1-

HAWKEYES: QB Chuck Hartlieb has completed 125 of 189 passes for 1,723 yards and 9 TDs. His 154.2 points rank him 1st in the Big Ten and 3rd nationally in pass efficiency. WB Quinn Early has caught 45 passes for 615 yards and 5 TDs, TE Marv Cook 26 for 494, WR Travis Watkins 20 for 320. PK Rob Houghtlin has made 26 of 26 PATs, 15 of 22 FGs and has a long of 55 yards. NG Dave Haight has 89 tackles, 11 for losses.

WILDCATS: RB Byron Sanders has rushed for 672 yards and 3 TDs. QB Mike Greenfield has completed 62 of 135 passes for 833 yards and 2 TDs. He also has rushed for 348 yards. SE George Jones has caught 24 passes for 420 yards. PK Ira Adler has made 8 of 8 PATs and 9 of 11 FGs, with a long of 47 yards. ILB Tom Kaukialo has 112 tackles.

SERIES: Iowa leads, 33-14-3.

LAST MEETING: Iowa 27, Northwestern 20 (1986).

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ELSEWHERE IN THE BIG TEN

Illinois at Indiana, 11:30 a.m. (KGAN-2) Purdue at Michigan State, noon Ohio State at Wisconsin, 1:05 p.m. Michigan at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m. (KCRG-9)

IOWA STATE AT NEBRASKA

TIME, PLACE: 1:30 p.m., Memorial Stadium, Lincoln, Neb.

1987 RECORDS: Iowa State 2-6 (1-3 Big 8), Nebraska 8-0 (4-0).

CYCLONES: RB Joe Henderson is 2nd in the Big 8 in rushing with 838 yards. WR Dennis Ross ranks 2nd in the Big 8 in receiving with 38 receptions for 473 yards. QB Brett Sadek has completed 86 of 168 passes for 1039 yards and 5 TDs. PK Jeff Shudak has made 13 of 13 PATs and 14 of 17 FGs, with a long of 50 yards.

CORNHUSKERS: QB Steve Taylor has completed 46 of 93 passes

Lohaus looks impressive in **Celts' victory**

From AP reports

Brad Lohaus, a 7-foot rookie from the University of Iowa, scored six of his eight points in the fourth quarter of his National Basketball Association regular-season debut Friday night during a fourth-quarter Bostonrun that brought the Celtics a 125-108 victory over visiting Milwaukee.

Leading only 84-82 late in the third period, Boston dominated the rest of the way.

Lohaus converted on both of his free throw opportunities, and was 3of-6 from the floor, scoring once on a nifty baseline cut that got him open for a layup from the right side of the lane.

This is the first time since 1964 that Boston has opened the season with three rookies on its roster.

Another ex-Hawkeye, Utah Jazz veteran Bobby Hansen, didn't start and scored only two points in a 95-93 loss at Dallas. Hansen was 1-for-3 and 0-for-2.

Jeff Hornacek, second-year pro from Iowa State, started and scored nine points for Phoenix, but the Suns lost at Portland, 118-104. Rookie Kevin Gamble of Iowa played but didn't get off a shot for the Trail Blazers.

Still, people would like you to believe the Detroit Pistons or Seattle SuperSonics or Houston Rockets or Boomtown Rats have a real chance to dethrone the Lakers. It's a long, long season, and you need to stay interested.

Well, here are some items for you to consider in the eight months between now and when the next NBA champion is determined.

• When young NBA fans are asked who Bill Russell is, they'll say he's the Sacramento Kings' coach. Isn't that a little bit sad? What would you have said 20 years ago if someone had told you someday Bill Russell would coach something called the Sacramento Kings? ("Goo-goo, gaa-gaa" is the correct answer only if you are 21.) Do you think Kareem Abdul-Jabbar will be coaching the El Segundo Sharks in 20 years?

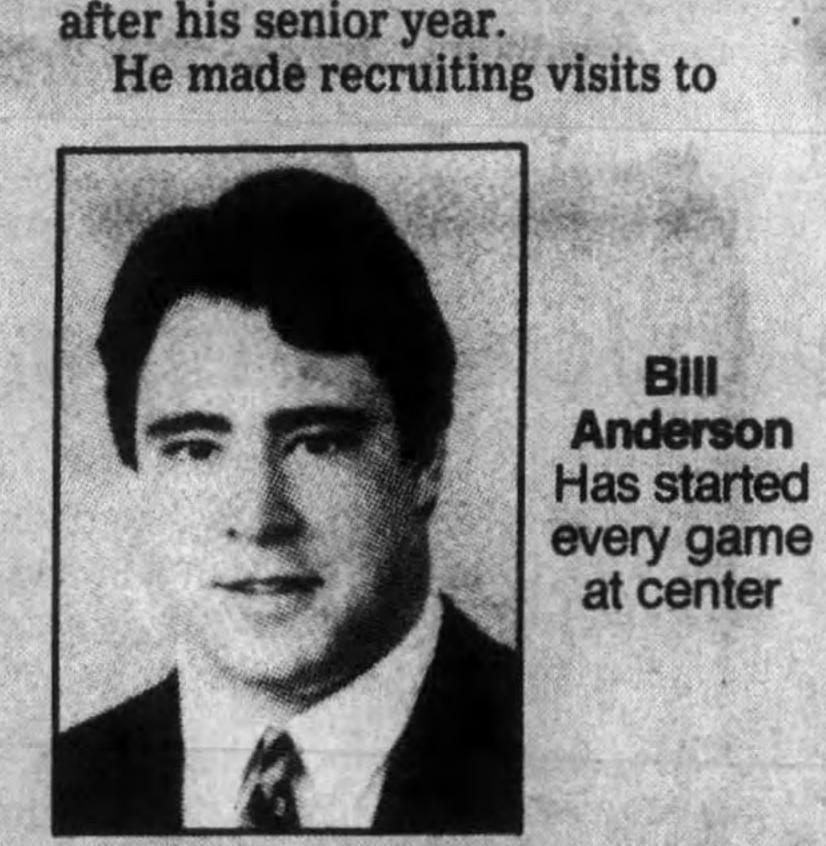
• The New Jersey Nets. Why? It's been asked time after time after time, but why is Utah's NBA team called the Jazz? How about something a little more native to Utah, like the Longshoremen or the Radical Underground.

HEY, EVERYBODY HAS preseason predictions, so what's wrong with a few more?

The Lakers will win a bunch of games.

So will the Celtics.

The best of the rest will be Dallas. The Mavericks will play great from start to finish, and will push the Lakers to seven games in the Western Conference finals before falling. The Chicago Bulls will be very, very good. They, not Detroit or Atlanta, will meet Boston in the Eastern Conference finals. Jordan will average 52.3 points against the Celts, but Boston will prevail when Bird makes a three-pointer at the final buzzer of the seventh game while standing on his head. And — aw, enough about the NBA. It doesn't end for another eight months, for crying out loud. Here's what we really should be talking about: Central Florida's football team, which trounced Grand Valley State 67-3 last Saturday, spied on its opponents' closed practice the day before the football game, Grand Valley Coach Tom Beck contends. "I really don't want to get any more involved in this because it's a very unfortunate situation," Beck said. "But from the information gathered, we feel that two of Central Florida's coaches were spying on us during our closed practice Friday in the Citrus Bowl." Now that's spying! Two guys looked at one of their opponents' practices, and came away with enough information to help their team to a 67-3 win. Does the CIA how about these guys?



Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska. "It was down to Minnesota and Iowa," he said. "As far as the schooling aspect, I wanted to major in business, and they were so similar I could concentrate a lot on the football program.

"I felt a lot more comfortable with lowa. The program was much more stable and I really respected the coaches a lot."

The fact that Iowa has sent several offensive linemen to the pros in recent years, including past

"I'd have to say before each practice, 'I can go out and just go through the motions and let those guys beat me or I can really try and work those guys and try to improve,' "he said.

As the center, Anderson calls owa's blocking schemes.

"I call the blocking schemes. I'm kind of the central guy," he said. "It's easiest for me to figure out what defense (the other team is) in."

He looks for several defensive keys to make his decision. how many guys they have down on the line of scrimmage and if they play a noseguard defense, I look to see where he lines up," he said. **ANDERSON STARTED** but one game last season and mainly backed up Mark Sindlinger. He doesn't feel his lack of experience has affected his ability to call the blocking assignments. • Please turn to 2B: Anderson

for 802 yards and 13 TDs. He also has rushed for 455 yards and 6 TDs. IB Keith Jones has rushed for 650 yards. WB Dana Brinson has amassed 878 all-purpose yards. PK Chris Drennan has booted 44 PATs and 5 of 6 FGs. Coach Tom Osborne is bidding for his 146th win, a Big 8 record.

SERIES: Nebraska leads, 65-14-2.

LAST MEETING: Nebraska 35, Iowa State 14 (1986).

LINE: Nebraska by 471/2.

ELSEWHERE IN THE BIG 8

Oklahoma State at Oklahoma, 1 p.m. Missouri at Colorado, 1:10 p.m. Kansas at Kansas State, 1:30 p.m.

ELSEWHERE IN THE STATE

Northern Iowa at Southwest Missouri Coe at Cornell Central at Luther Baker at Graceland Dakota State at Westmar Drake at Dayton, Ohio Dubuque at Simpson Illinois College at Grinnell lowa Wesleyan at Quincy, III. Morningside at St. Cloud State, Minn. Northwestern, Iowa at Benedictine, Kan. Upper Iowa at Wartburg William Penn at Loras Wis.-Platteville at St. Ambrose

Compiled by Mike Koolbeck

Wash's Munn claims state diving crown

FORT DODGE - Cedar Rapids Washington senior Chrissy Munn won the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union diving championship Friday night with a strong finals performance.

Runner-up a year ago, fifth in 1985 and a state-meet qualifier as a freshman, Munn went into the finals Friday night leading senior Jennifer Welch of Mason City, 314.15-313.55, and finished with a 432.70-423.60 margin.

Defending champion Katy Ketoff of Dubuque Wahlert was third at 421.50, followed by Debbie Ray, also a Mason City senior, at 400.35. Iowa City West sophomore Brandy Jacques was sixth at 348.30. The IGHSAU swimming championships will be conducted here today.



Irresistible Pointers take on immovable Spartans today

Clash of 9-1 teams tops prep football

ers have outscored their opponents, 274-57. Center Point is a glossy 128-29

Kurt Stillwell

Ted Power

Danny Jackson

Angel Salazar

Royals get Stillwell from Reds

K.C. gambles with its pitching to solve shaky situation at shortstop

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Whether the Kansas City Royals made a good or a bad deal with Cincinnati Friday may be up to Charlie Leibrandt, who wasn't even involved.

Sending Danny Jackson to the Reds for shortstop Kurt Stillwell leaves Leibrandt as the Royals' only proven lefthanded starter. Leibrandt, who was 16-11 last year with a 3.41 earned run average, is eligible to become a free agent.

"We're taking a little bit of a gamble," agreed Royals Manager John Wathan. "Hopefully, we'll have a good chance to sign Charlie."

As announced Friday here and in Cincinnati, the **Royals shipped Jackson and shortstop Angel Salazar** to the Reds for Stillwell and pitcher Ted Power.

Jackson, 25, was a hero in the Royals' drive to the 1985 World Series championship and considered one of the major leagues' most promising young lefthanders. However, consistently unable to get much run support from his teammates, he slid into a season-long slump in 1987 and finished with a 9-18 record and a 4.02 earned run average. In 119 games with the Royals, he compiled a 37-49 record and a 3.69 ERA.

Power, 32, spent the past five years with the Reds and owns a lifetime mark of 44-42 with an earned run average of 3.96. He also has 41 saves.

Salazar, 26, spent most of the past two seasons as the starting shortstop for Kansas City with a .224 batting average.

STILLWELL, THE OBJECT of the trade for the Royals, is a 22-year-old switch-hitter whose ability to spray base hits could be put to good use in spacious, artificially turfed Royals Stadium. He made the major leagues in fewer than three years after the

Please turn to 4B: Stillwell

playoff schedule

By Bob Denney Gazette sportswriter

Postseason veteran Center Point gets a real taste of what the immovable object means in today's Class 1A semifinal round of the state prep football playoffs.

The Pointers (9-1) visit defensiveminded Grundy Center (9-1) - a team relishing five straight shutouts - in a 1:30 p.m. meeting of two unranked but polished clubs.

The game is one of three semifinals involving Gazette area teams, with defending 2A champion Wapsie Valley (10-0) meeting playoff rookie West Liberty (9-1) at 1 p.m. in a double-header at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls.

In the 4 p.m. finale, top-ranked 3A Decorah (10-0) faces Fairfield (9-1) at 4.

Since the playoffs expanded to 16 teams, no team has gone through the series unscored upon. Grundy Center is threatening to break the trend, having held foes scoreless since Oct. 9. The Spartans, who dropped to 1A this year, have outscored their opponents, 288-66.

CENTER POINT hasn't changed but rather reloaded its standard, nofrills wishbone offense. The Point-

and 10-6 in postseason. The 1985 Pointers won the 1A crown.

since the playoffs began in 1972,

Grundy Center boasts a 7-1 playoff mark and won the 2A title in 1984. The school dropped a division this year, becoming the second largest in 1A.

"Grundy Center has really jelled at the right time," said Pointers Coach Ted Rogers. "They're bigger than what we've been playing, and have very solid running backs. They've done what they've had to to win. It will be an outstanding test for our defense."

The Pointers downed No. 6 Packwood Pekin, 24-17 to reach today's game, while Grundy Center shut out Riceville, 28-0.

FIRST-YEAR Spartans Coach Chuck Bredlow, who took Ventura to the 1984 Class A quarterfinals, has molded a squad of only six returning starters into a polished unit.

The Spartans abandoned a "50" defense after losing to No. 5 Ackley-Geneva, 21-0, and went with variations of the "52." The renovation. paid dividends, as they avenged their Ackley loss, 28-0, in their playoff opener.

"A lot of young kids grew up in a hurry," said Bredlow. "We don't Please turn to 2B: Playoffs