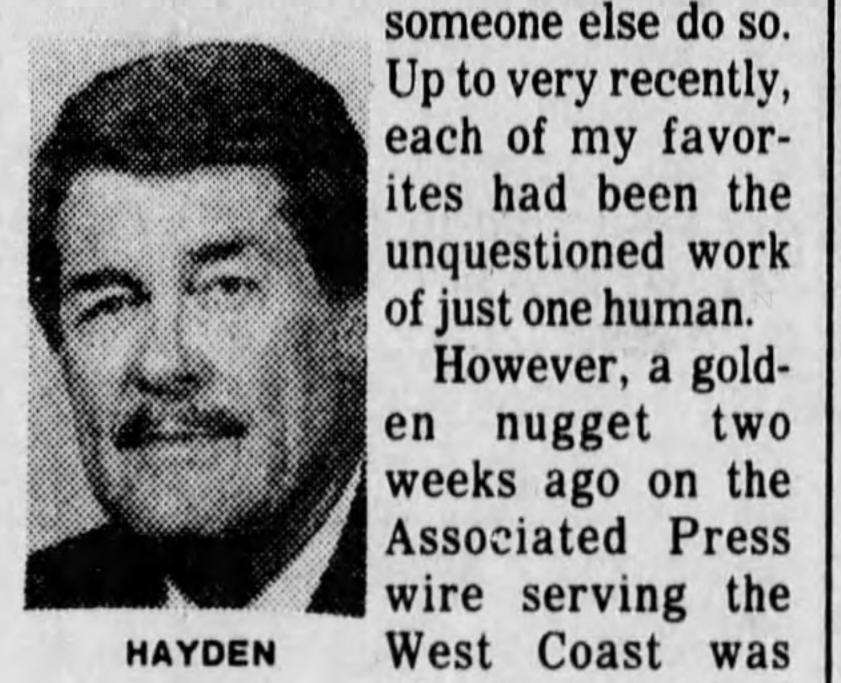
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Some think sports writers fritter away all the wee hours on the road sipping fine wines, swapping smutty stories and watching all the girls go by. Those things do happen, but let me assure you that some of the talk will be about business, too.

One of the continuing fascinations for ink-stained ragamuffins is recalling great paragraphs, usually, but not always, the opening one, that leap out and grab so firmly that not reading on is as unlikely as stopping after just one handful of popcorn.

It is not good manners to bring up one of your own productions, although it's OK to smile smugly should



clearly the work of FRY two authors, plus another human hitting the wrong keys on a computer to mix up two stories as follows:

"Fry said any team that beats Indiana will have to contain quarterback Dave Schnell, running back Anthony Thompson and 100 Americans, Europeans and Japanese stranded at a Chinese army truck stop 14,432 feet above sea level in Tibet."

The fellow being "quoted," if you hadn't guessed, was Iowa football coach Hayden Fry, and it does sound like something he might have said early in a given week. Had there been a reference to a "high-porch picnic," I would have taken it for gospel.

However, it is most likely someone got all the American names wrong and it was actually Iowa State's Jim Walden speaking of any foe other than Kansas or Kansas State.

LIFE BEING what it is, genius | ingoutlook. sometimes fails to get proper recognition. Back when Los Angeles was in the Pacific Coast League, Al Smith pitched a one-hitter one night and still lost the decision, 1-0.

The veteran writer covering the game, and I'm sorry that his name eludes me, used the hurler's full name to produce a clever lead that not only made it into a family newspaper but is considered a classic in those weehour remembering sessions.

"Alfred Sidney Smith, a left-hander for the Los Angeles Angels, pitched his initials off in vain here Friday night," he wrote. Hall of Fame stuff!

The late Jack Murphy, a San Diego columnist whose name now graces a major-league stadium, was a bigleague writer, too. He once started a piece in the New Yorker magazine as follows, and I still smile every time I read it again:

"Archibald Lee Moore, the lightheavyweight champion of the world, is 44 years of age by his own account and 47 by his mother's. She says he was born Dec. 13, 1913, in Benoit, Miss., but he insists it was 1916 and that the place was somewhere in Missouri or perhaps Illinois.

"'My mother should know. She was there,' he has conceded. 'But so was I. I have given this a lot of thought and have decided I must have been 3 when I was born."

LONDON PAPERS often hire retired sports stars as full-time writers. Among the most memorable was the late Leonard Crawley, one of the few men in history who looked more like an English bulldog than Winston Churchill. When he became the golf expert for the Daily Telegraph, the former star he was succeeding gave him but one tip:

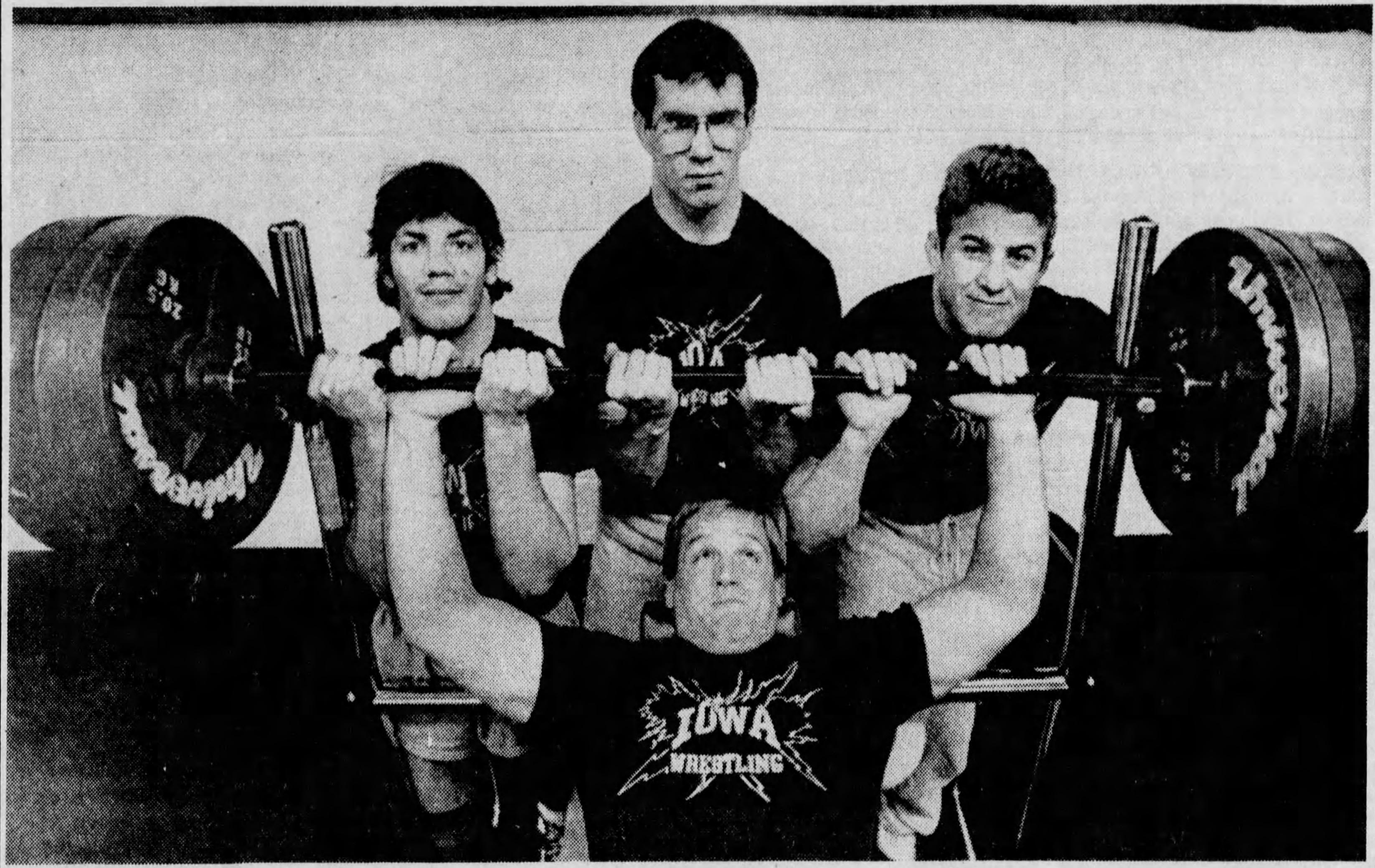
"Leonard, never let them make you learn how to type. It will turn you into a clerk," Crawley was advised. And Leonard never did learn to type. Every time he'd cover a golf tournament, and he traveled the world, he'd hire a secretary for the week.

On Tuesday, the pair would stroll the front nine and he'd dictate pertinent observations. On Wednesday, they'd do the back nine. During the tournament, he would sit there like a king, dictating what he had to say. When his words had been typed out, he would proceed to the overseas phone and dictate his day's work to another secretary in London.

Since 99.9999 percent of the world's sportswriters do their own typing, plus all other secretarial chores, Leonard was the object of much admiration for his royal style of life. Sometimes, though, he did forget he really wasn't a monarch.

"Despite the abominable manner in which the press' luggage was handled ... " Crawley began a story on the final round of the Swiss Open.

Beautiful! Who could resist reading on to find out how badly his suitcase had been scuffed, not to mention who had won? The winner's name is long forgotten. Crawley's lead lives on.



Iowa's all-American returning wrestlers (from left): Brad Penrith, 126; John Heffernan, 158; Royce Alger, 167; and Mark Sindlinger (below), heavyweight.

## New outlook for Gable, Hawkeye wrestlers

By DAVE STOCKDALE

Register Staff Writer IOWA CITY, IA. - For the first dlinger, who was fourth at coaches and fans by losing last year," time since 1978, Iowa Coach Dan Gable wasn't talking about defending a national wrestling championship.

Instead, he was discussing the challenge of regaining the title that Iow State won last March to end a string of nine straight Iowa crowns.

Although four all-Americans return from the team that finished second in the NCAA and won the Big Ten Conference championship for the 14th straight time, inexperienced wrestlers will occupy half the weight classes.

"I haven't called upon this many young people before," Gable said Tuesday. "But they all are very moti-

Part of the motivation is because Gable says he has changed his coach-

Champion Returns

Royce Alger, the NCAA champion with a 35-0 record at 167 pounds last year, is one of those back this season. Other NCAA tournament veterans returning are Brad Penrith, who finished second at 126 pounds; Mark Sinheavyweight; and John Heffernan, who took sixth at 158. Heffernan is a junior, the other three are seniors.

"Alger is the toughest wrestler I've coached, in some qualities," Gable said. "He's the most ferocious physically I've coached."

Alger, who pinned 16 opponents last season, said he considered competing at 177 pounds this season. "But other guys made commitments to cut weight - like Brooks Simpson and Charlie Sherertz — so I did too," he said. "I'm sure I could win at 177, but, for the good of the team, I'll be at 167

Simpson, formerly a heavyweight, will be at 190, and Sherertz, who has varsity experience at 190, will be at

their lower weights," Gable said.

NCAA at Ames

Gable said that Iowa State, which will be the host team for the NCAA tournament next March, should be the favorite to repeat.

"We satisfied a lot of writers,

semester and be eligible, Gable said. He would also be at 126. Penrith, the NCAA champ two years ago, was suspended this sum-"Both should be much better at mer because of alcohol-related problems. "He's rededicated himself," says Gable, who reinstated Penrith to

the team after Penrith underwent

he said. "They wanted to get more in-

up for a lot of teams, and I think Penn

five or six years, and Oklahoma

Steve Martin, who saw some varsi-

ty action last year, will be at 118 for

the Hawkeyes. John Regan, who won

the Big Ten title at 118 last year, is in

competition with Penrith at 126, but

Joe Melchiore, a student at Kirk-

wood Junior College, who was a

two-time all- American at Oklahoma,

could transfer at the end of the first

State, will be contenders, too."

he could drop to 118 later.

treatment for alcohol abuse. Freshman Starters

Second-year freshmen who were withheld from competition last year

are the leaders in three weights -Scott Glenn at 134, Eric Pierson at terest back in the sport. It opened it 142, and Mike Carpenter at 150. Dean Happel of Lisbon, a transfer State, which has been building for

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from Edinboro State, is pushing | week's 52-24 victory at Northwestern Glenn. Bubba Strauss, who saw varsity action last year, is a backup at 142, and Rick Novak, a former state champion from Cedar Rapids Prairie, is a possibility at 150.

Gable recruited six Iowa high school state champs last spring and he said all of them, including junior national champions Bart Chelesvig of Webster City and Mark Reiland of Eagle Grove, will probably be held out of action this season.

"They look like one of the best groups we've recruited," Gable said, adding that the only way any would | all. be pressed into service would be to fill in for an injured wrestler.

The other recruits are twins Terry and Tom Brands of Sheldon in the lower two weights, Doug Streicher of

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# over; let's play football

Fry says running back will start at Ohio State

By RON MALY

Register Staff Writer IOWA CITY, IA. - Iowa running back Kevin Harmon said Tuesday he's "very happy" the distractions of last week are over, adding that he wants to concentrate on playing football the rest of the season.

"Everything is all right now," Harmon said. "I just want to show my appreciation to the athletic director [Bump Elliott] and the investigating committee for finding out what they did. Now it's over, and I want to put [the problem] in the past."

The Big Ten Conference and National Collegiate Athletic Association cleared him Monday of violating collegiate rules in connection with sports agent Norby Walters. Harmon will be able to play the rest of the season.

Coach Hayden Fry said Harmon will be in the starting lineup for Saturday's game at Ohio State. Harmon, who is Iowa's leading rusher with 480 yards in 111 carries, has been plagued by an ankle injury much of the season.

Ankle Still Swollen

"There's still some swelling in the ankle, but it's getting better," said Harmon, who was a back-up in last just two days after his name surfaced in the Walters controversy.

Fry said that if Rick Bayless is healthy, he'll split playing time with Harmon against Ohio State. He also said Tony Stewart, who didn't play at Northwestern because of an ankle injury, could be back. If that's the case, Fry said, all three will play.

The Hawkeyes will take a 7-3 record, including a 4-2 mark in the Big Ten, into a 12:30 p.m. CST game against an Ohio State team that has lost its last two games. The Buckeyes are 5-3-1 for the season and 3-3 over-

"Ohio State will be ready for us," Harmon said, "because they lost to Wisconsin, the last-place team in the Big Ten, last week. We've got to be ready for them. It's obviously hard

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# lowa, ISU, Drake are ready to sign players; UNI waits

By RICK BROWN Register Staff Writer

Iowa, Iowa State and Drake men's basketball programs will sign athletes to national letters of intent today while Northern Iowa Coach Eldon Miller still waits.

The Hawkeyes will get the signatures of Ray Thompson, a 6-foot 5inch guard from Summit, Ill., and Acie Earl, a 6-11 center from Moline,

Iowa State's guard court will get a boost with the signing of Justus Thigpen, a 6-1 guard from Flint (Mich.) Northern High School. Thigpen averaged nine points last season, but 16 in games he started.

Thigpen's father, also named Justus, was an all-Big Sky performer at Weber State in 1968-69, and his 560 points that season were the fifth-best single-season mark in school history. Along with Willie Sojurner and Sessions Harlan, formerly of Iowa Central of Fort Dodge, Weber State went 27-3 in Thigpen's senior year and is the only team to go undefeated in Big Sky play.

#### **Forward Chooses Drake**

The addition of 6-61/2 forward Elliott Henderson of Milwaukee will bolster Drake's front line. The Bulldogs outrecruited Wisconsin and Toledo for Henderson, an excellent ball-handler and passer. He averaged 18 points, nine rebounds and 10 assists for Whitnall High School.

With a roster that includes 11 freshmen or sophomores, Miller has just three scholarships open.

"We may sign one player early," Miller said. "We've offered scholarships to a couple of people. They know how we feel about them."

Iowa, Iowa State and Drake are still on the trail of some talented prospects. The early signing period runs from today to Nov. 18. Players also may sign binding letters of intent between April 13 and May 15.

The Hawkeyes will have six scholarships to offer, but only two spots are still open. In addition to Thompson and Earl, Iowa Coach Tom Davis will give transfers Matt Bullard and Michael Ingram scholarships. Bullard, from West Des Moines, transferred from Colorado. Ingram transferred from Missouri.

#### Hawkeyes Are Waiting

The Hawkeyes are waiting to hear from 6-9 forward LaPhonso Ellis of East St. Louis, Ill., and 6-5 guard Ron Moses of Gardena, Calif. Ellis, who is expected to sign early, is considering Illinois, Iowa and Notre Dame. Moses is down to the Hawkeyes, Louisiana State and Arizona. Another player considering Iowa, 6-5 forward Anthony Peeler of Kansas City, Mo., may not sign until the spring.

The Cyclones would like to sign another guard to go with Thigpen, and 6-4 Loren Clyburn of Detroit would fill the bill. But he may not sign until

RECRUITS

## Bedrosian edges Sutcliffe for N.L. honor

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) - Philadelphia reliever Steve Bedrosian, who led the major leagues with 40 saves, won the National League Cy Young Award Tuesday by the slimmest margin in the award's history.

Bedrosian, who set a major league record with saves in 13 consecutive appearances, edged Rick Sutcliffe of the Chicago Cubs, 57-55, in voting by the Baseball Writers Association of

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America. Rick Reuschel, who played for Pittsburgh and San Francisco, finished one point behind Sutcliffe.

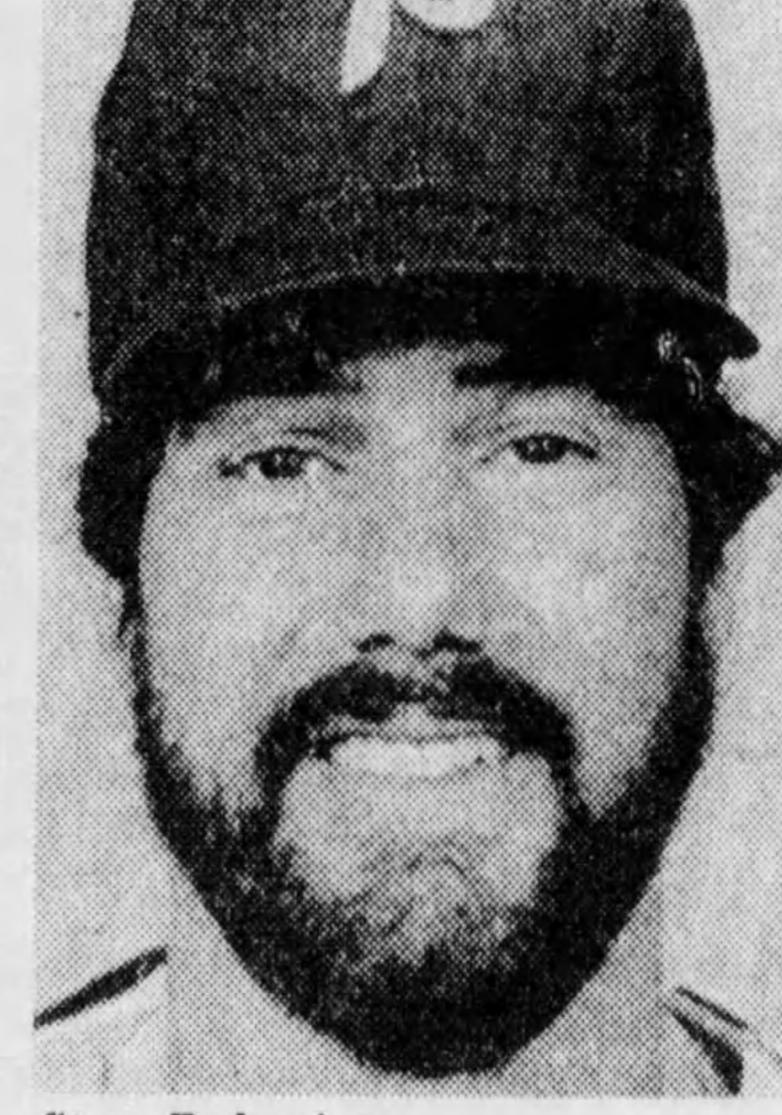
The closest election before this year was in 1981, when Fernando Valenzuela of Los Angeles beat Tom Seaver of Cincinnati by three points. Bedrosian is the third reliever to

win the N.L. Cy Young Award since the leagues started giving out separate honors in 1967. Bruce Sutter of Chicago won in 1979, while Mike Marshall of Los Angeles was honored in

It is fourth time this decade that a Phillies pitcher has won the N.L. Cy Young Award. Steve Carlton won in 3.68 ERA in 1987. Reuschel was 13-9 1980 and 1982, and John Denny won in

Bedrosian had a 5-3 record and earned-run average of 2.83 in 1987. He struck out 74 and walked 28 in 89 innings. Despite his outstanding season, the Phillies finished tied for fourth in the National League East with an 80-82 record. After setting a club record with his

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Steve Bedrosian

Led major leagues with 40 saves

feat. "You can't think about records when you're out there," he said. "It's just my job to finish it up."

The 29-year-old right-hander was traded from Atlanta to Philadelphia on Dec. 10, 1985, for catcher Ozzie Virgil and pitcher Peter Smith. Bedrosian spent five seasons in Atlanta and compiled a 34-39 record. In his first season with the Phillies, Bedrosian had 29 saves with an 8-6 record and 3.39 ERA.

Sutcliffe had an 18-10 record and with a 3.09 ERA.

Orel Hershiser of Los Angeles finished fourth with 14 points. Dwight Gooden of New York and Nolan Ryan of Houston tied for fifth with 12 points. They were followed by Mike Scott of Houston with nine points and Bob Welch of Los Angeles with three points.

Two writers from each National League city take part in the voting.

## Walden decides to recruit at junior colleges

By BUCK TURNBULL

Register Staff Writer

AMES, IA. - Jim Walden has changed his mind about recruiting junior college players. When he was hired as Iowa State's

head football coach last December, Walden said he wanted to build his program with athletes fresh out of high school. And that's still the long-term plan. However, the Cyclones need imme-

diate help, Walden said Tuesday, and he may bring in as many as eight or nine junior college transfers. Most of them will be on defense, where the team already has problems and where graduation will hit the hardest. Iowa State (2-7) ranks at the

bottom of not only the Big Eight Conference but also all of Division I-A this season in rushing defense and total defense — 104th out of 104 major football-playing schools. The Cyclones are giving up almost 500 yards per game.

Leftover Scholarships

Walden has four scholarships left over from the 1987 recruiting year, which must be awarded by mid-year or they'll be lost. Those scholarships, plus four or five from next year's 25 grants, are being ticketed for junior

college players. "We'd like to bring in a junior col-

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### MORNING REPORT

PLACING THE BLAME. ABC's failure to show the winner of the New York City Marathon crossing the finish line was unfairly blamed on a network cameraman, according to the president of the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians. James Nolan said the blunder was caused by a director who failed to use the proper shot at the end of the race. "The shot was there. He just didn't use it," said Nolan, whose union represents 3,000 ABC technicians.

NEARING RECORD. Michael Dean Perry of Clemson needs to make just one tackle for a loss in Saturday's game against Maryland to become the Atlantic Coast Conference's career leader in tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

Perry, who is the brother of William "The Refrigerator" Perry of the Chicago Bears, has 60 tackles for losses in his career, the same number his brother had in his four years at Clem-

COLUMBUS BID. City officials in Columbus, Ohio, are seeking to have their city selected as the site of the 1992 men's Olympic marathon trials, The Columbus Dispatch reported Tuesday.

DAD'S UPSET. Rankin Smith Sr., the owner of the struggling Atlanta Falcons, said he may make some changes in the front office that could affect his sons, Rankin Jr. and Taylor, the president and vice president of the team. He

the team, they "are employees of the company, and they're accountable like everybody else. If they can't do it, they won't be there, that's all. We're going to do what's necessary to get the job done.'

FEW VIEWERS. ESPN's first regularseason National Football League telecast -Sunday night's game between New England and the New York Giants - received lower ratings than three of its four telecasts of exhibition games before the season started.

DENVER SEARCH. Members of the Denver Broncos, concerned that they might not qualify for the playoffs, have held some

e- said that although his sons are part owners of "soul-searching" team meetings to find out why they have slumped to 4-3-1. "We just wanted to find out what's going on in everybody's mind what's wrong and how to correct it," linebacker Ricky Hunley said Monday, the day after the Broncos dropped a 21-14 decision to Buffalo.

> WRONG TARGET. Protests aimed at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta, by Lubicon Indians pressing land claims are unfairly misdirected, Calgary Mayor Ralph Klein told reporters in London, England. Klein said Calgary is far from the area involved in the dispute, and that most of its citizens sympathize with the tribe's plight. The Lubicons are pressing decades-old land claims in northern Alberta province.