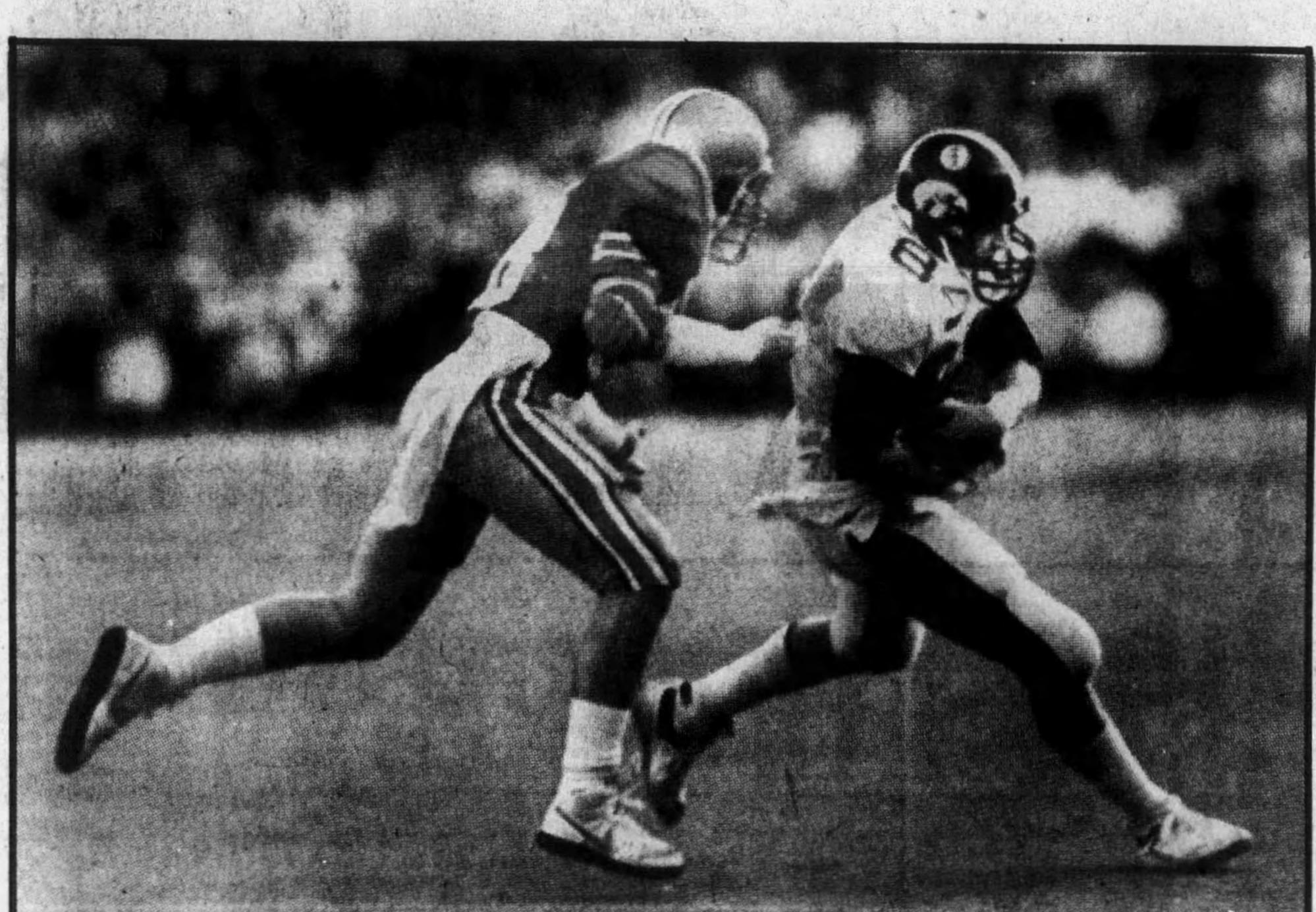


lowa Cooks Earle's Bruce



Gazette photo by Todd McInturf

A happy lowa Coach Hayden Fry embraces his quarterback, Chuck Hartlieb, after Saturday's 29-27 victory over Ohio State, Fry's first at Columbus, Ohio.



Gazette photo by Paul Jensen

lowa tight end Marv Cook (84) hauls in an 8-yard pass on a fourth-and-3 play in front of Ohio State's Mark Pelini. The reception set up the game-winning touchdown pass from quarterback Chuck Hartlieb to Cook four plays later with just six seconds remaining to play. Cook, red-shirt junior from West Branch, caught nine passes against the Buckeyes for 159 yards and the winning TD.

'The play' a fitting end for Buckeyes

By Mike Koolbeck Gazette sportswriter

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The scene: Ohio Stadium, 16 seconds remain- the 90,090 fans on hand in a daze ing in the football game. Ohio State leads Iowa, 27-22, but the Hawkeyes "We were very confident," said have the ball fourth-and-23 at the Ohio State 28-yard line.

backer Chris Spielman, a consensus all-American and Buckeye co-captain, made one last plea to his teammates in the defensive huddle.

"I told the guys, 'this is it. This is my last play ever in Ohio Stadium,' " said Spielman.

"It was fourth-and-23 and (Marv) Cook makes a catch and it goes for a

"(The play) epitomizes our sea-

was a touchdown pass from Chuck in the Big Ten, 5-4-1 overall. Hartlieb to Cook that gave Iowa a Please turn to 4C: Buckeyes

29-27 Big Ten win over Ohio State Saturday.

"The play" left what remained of and the Ohio State players in shock. Spielman. "But that penalty (a 15yard illegal participation call that Ohio State senior middle line- moved Iowa to the OSU 30-yard line) was a big one.

"We were still confident on fourth down. We knew they had to get the ball into the end zone.

"We were in a dime defense with man-to-man coverage and the guy (Cook) came back and got the ball. But Mary Cook and Chuck Hartlieb made plays like that all day.

"This has been a tough year and this game just capitalizes it. We had a chance to win and blew it."

It was the Buckeyes third straight "The play" Spielman referred to loss and dropped their record to 3-4

Hartlieb finds tight end with last-minute pass to edge Ohio State, 29-27

By Mark Neuzil Gazette sportswriter

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Marv Cook, now we know why they call you Marvelous.

Cook, the junior tight end, and quarterback Chuck Hartlieb teamed up on a miracle play a 28-yard touchdown pass on fourth and forever, no time outs, very little clock and nearly no Hawkeye hope left.

The play beat Ohio State, 29-27, on Saturday in sunny-but-surly Ohio Stadium.

It's historically significant because, prior to Saturday, defeated Ohio State only once in its last 20 attempts.

Further, you'll have to check back to 1959 to find the last Iowa win in Columbus. In 1959, Hawkeye coach Hayden Fry was defensive coordinator at Baylor and Herbert Hoover was the most famous person to come from West Branch.

No more. Cook made his move to go one-up on the former President, at least in today's papers, by catching nine passes covering 159 yards and punting five times for a 43-yard average.

"To be honest with you, I don't even know the final score," Cook said. "I know we won. That's all."

Fry, who has been trying to beat Ohio State since he became a head coach in 1962, was as happy as anyone has ever seen him.

"I think I'll just go ahead and retire right now," Fry said with a laugh.

THE HAWKEYE WIN may have hastened the retirement of Buckeye Coach Earle Bruce. His team lost its third straight Big Ten game, the first time since 1971 that's happened at Ohio State.

The Buckeyes are 5-4-1 overall and 3-4 in the Big Ten with the arch-rivalry at Michigan up next. A loss next week and Bruce could be saying goodbye, Columbus.

Iowa, 8-3 and 5-2, will choose between several bowl offers today after its fourth straight victory. Scouts from the Peach, Liberty, All-American, Bluebonnet, Hall of Fame, Freedom and Holiday bowl were fighting for Fry's ear and seventh straight bowl appearance.

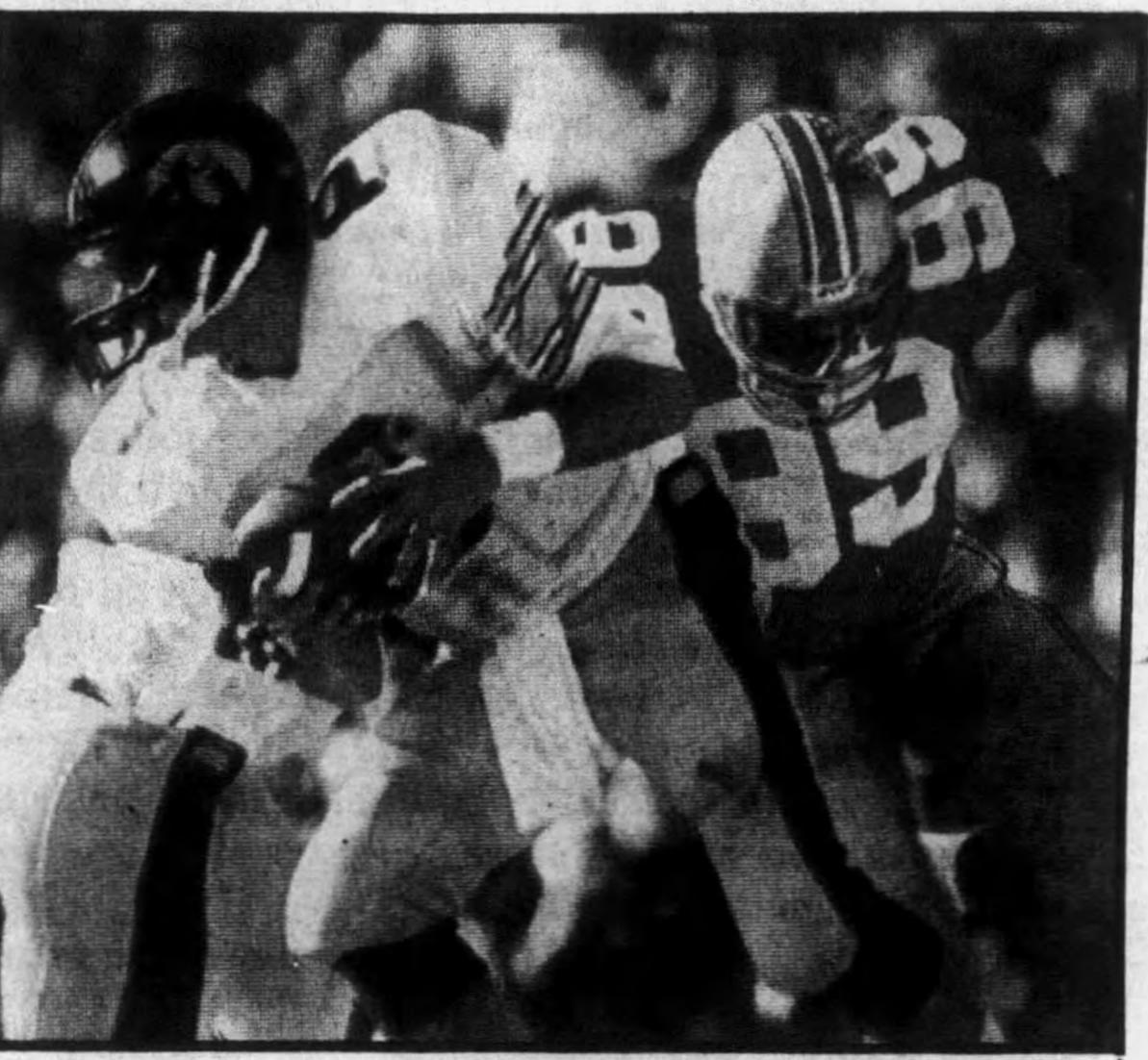
"Anybody listening, if you haven't called in about your bowl, please call in now," Fry said.

The winning points came after a 10-play, 64-yard drive marked with penalties, quarterback sacks and three Hartlieb-to-Cook passes.

Ohio State had taken a 27-22 lead on freshman tailback Carlos Snow's 14-yard run with 2:45 remaining. Hartlieb, who finished 20-of-37 for 333 yards, went to work with short passes to Rick Bayless and Mike Flagg.

On the 14-yard pass to Flagg, the Buckeyes were flagged for 12 men on the field, tacking on another 15 yards to give Iowa the ball at the Ohio State 30.

But the Hawkeyes slipped into reverse. After a holding penalty, tackle Ray Holliman belted Hartlieb, whose fumble was recovered by fullback David Hudson • Please turn to 5C: Hawks



Gazette photo by Todd McInturf

owa quarterback Chuck Hartlieb scrambles away from OSU's Mike McCray in the first quarter.

Spartans Rose to occasion

Defeat of Hoosiers has Michigan St. Pasadena bound

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) -George Perles, who five years ago promised to take his alma mater to the Rose Bowl, made good on that promise Saturday.

Lorenzo White rushed 56 times for 292 yards, both school records, leading 13th-ranked Michigan State to a 27-3 Big Ten victory over No. 16 Indiana and giving the Spartans their first Rose Bowl berth in 22

"It certainly is a beautiful day," Perles said. "I can tell you, there's not too many of you who are going to have a better time than me tonight.

"We haven't had anything like this to brag about around here for a long time."

This season is the most successful since 1978 for Michigan State, 6-0-1 in the conference and 7-2-1 overall. The Spartans tied for the Big Ten crown in that year but were on probation and unable to compete in the Rose Bowl.

Indiana, 6-2 and 7-3, was gunning • Please turn to 3C: Spartans



Gazette photo by John McIvor

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: Decorah Coach Richard Wuest flashes some signals to his offense during the Vikings' 21-7 state playoff win over Estherville. Story, page 9C.

Panthers roll into playoffs

By Bob Denney Gazette sportswriter

CEDAR FALLS — Southern Illinois limped into the UNI-Dome Saturday night, and delivered hand-wrapped NCAA Division I-AA playoff berth to Northern Iowa Panthers, who coasted to a sluggish 20-3 Gateway Conference football

It was UNI's first triumph over the Salukis in six tries and boosted the fifth-ranked Panthers to 7-3 overall and a share of the Gateway Conference title with a 5-0 mark. It relax a bit, and go after Illinois is UNI's second league title in the State next week. We beat them and past three years. An outright crown

can be UNI's with a victory here next Saturday in a home finale against Illinois State (3-6).

Southern Illinois is 3-8 overall

"I think we were pretty good at times, but we really didn't have to do that much offensively," said Panthers Coach Darrell Mudra. "We were very happy to go into the locker room leading 20-3. Southern isn't that bad of a football team

"It's nice we can sit back and • Please turn to 9C: UNI

Cyclones nip Kansas State by a whisker

By Jim Ecker Gazette assistant sports editor

AMES — Joe Henderson got his 1,000 yards in grand style Saturday, then got to celebrate because Iov State has the best place-kicker with a Fu Manchu mustache in the nation.

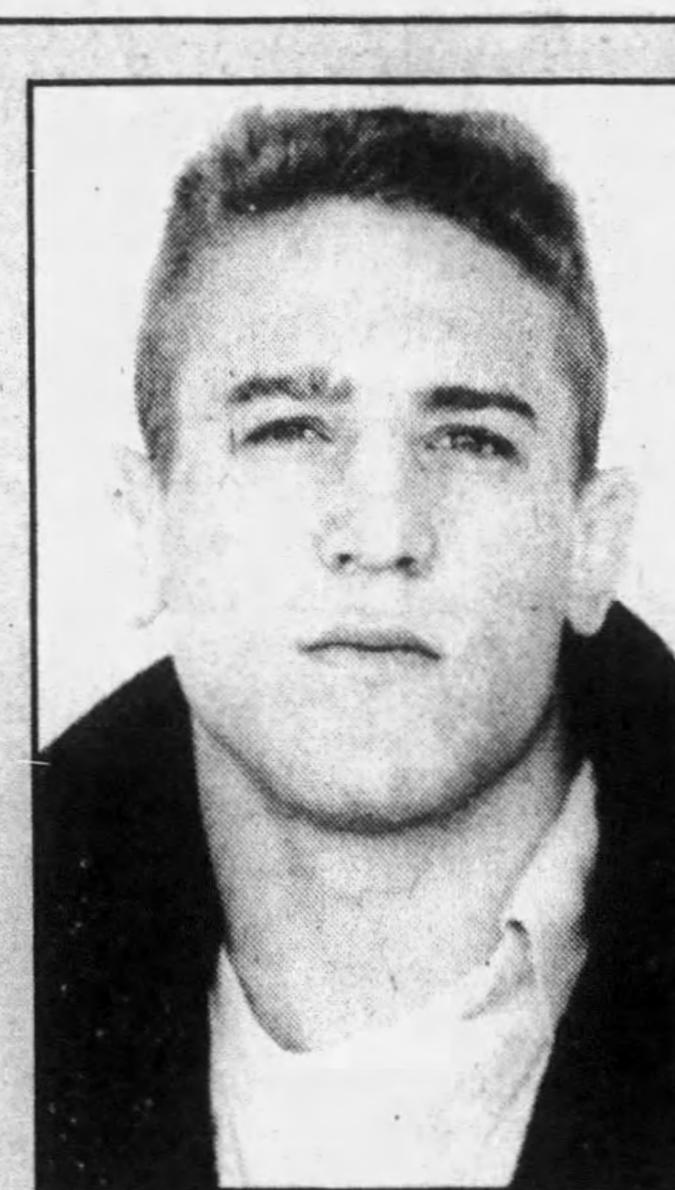
Jeff Shudak's 39-yard field goal with 46 seconds left gave the Cyclones a 16-14 victory over Kansas State, extending the Wildcats' winless streak to 15 games.

"I was nervous. My heart was beating fast," said Shudak of his game-winner. "It's nice, especially doing it in a game we won. I'm glad to be a part of it."

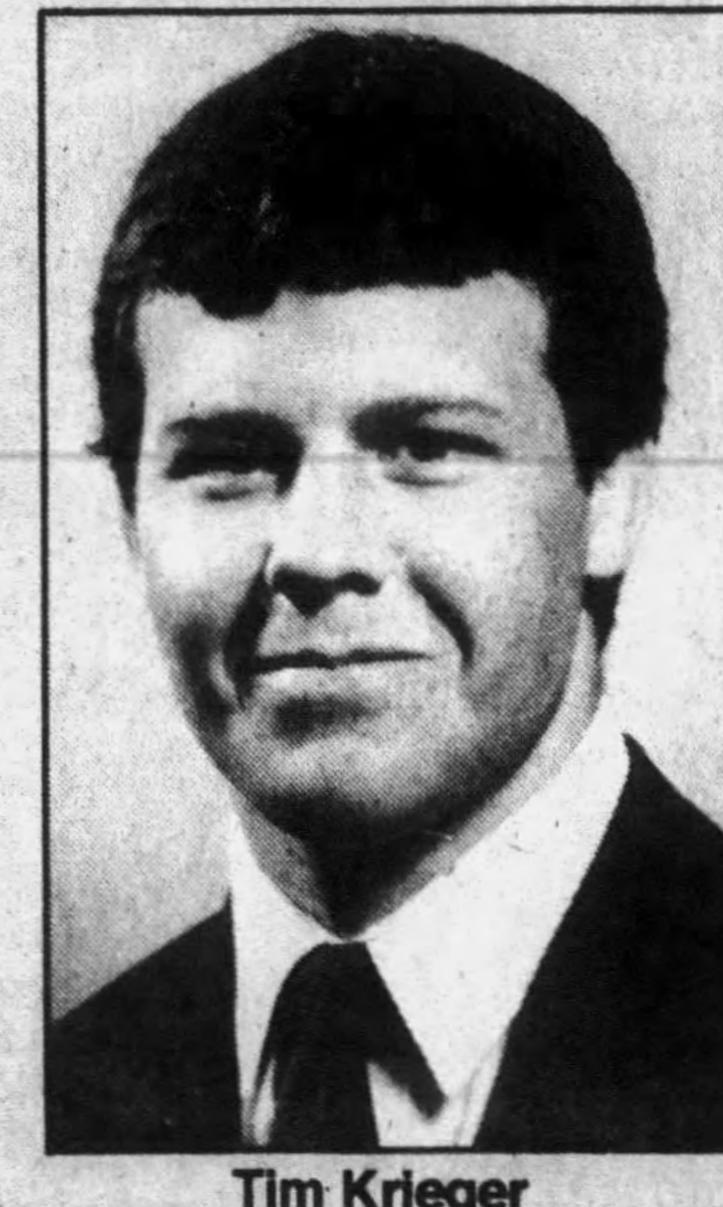
Both Henderson and Shudak wrote themselves into ISU's history book, and helped the Cyclones clinch at least sixth place in the Big 8 Conference at 3-7 overall and 2-4 in the league.

Henderson, a powerful junior from Chicago, rambled for 190 yards and became only the sixth ISU back to crack the 1,000-yard barrier as his total climbed to 1,095. Shudak, the bewhiskered freshman from Council Bluffs, raised his field-goal tally to 18-of-22 by drilling three straight, breaking the old school record of 16.

THE LAST KICK, from the left hash mark and into a slanting breeze, saved the day, but ISU Please turn to 6C: ISU



Royce Alger



Tim Krieger

Brothers in arms

lowa's Alger has a lot in common with ISU's Krieger

By J.R. Ogden Gazette sportswriter hey are as different as they are alike. When you talk wrestling style, Iowa senior Royce Alger and Iowa State junior Tim

Krieger don't compare. Alger is straight-forward, very aggressive and will take a lot of risks. Krieger is more of a thinker on the mat, less likely to take chances and more likely to

sit on a lead. The same can be said about their personalities.

Yet, both have a deep love for wrestling and both love to win. Both also are the best in their weight divisions.

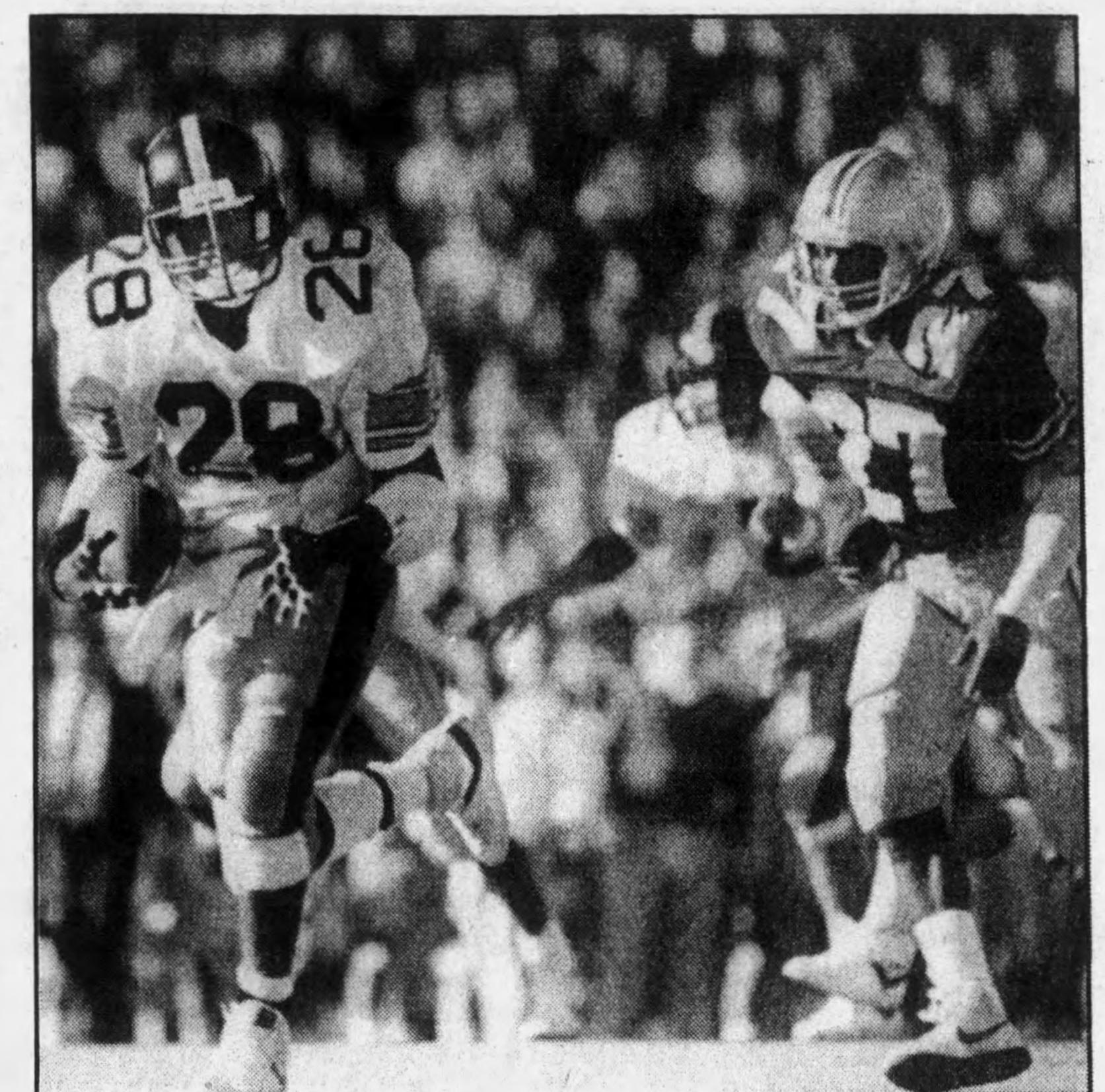
Both went unbeaten last year en route to NCAA Division I titles, Krieger at 150 pounds and Alger at 167. Both also won three Iowa high school state titles, Alger in the small-school Class 1A for Libson and Krieger in the large-school Class 3A for Mason

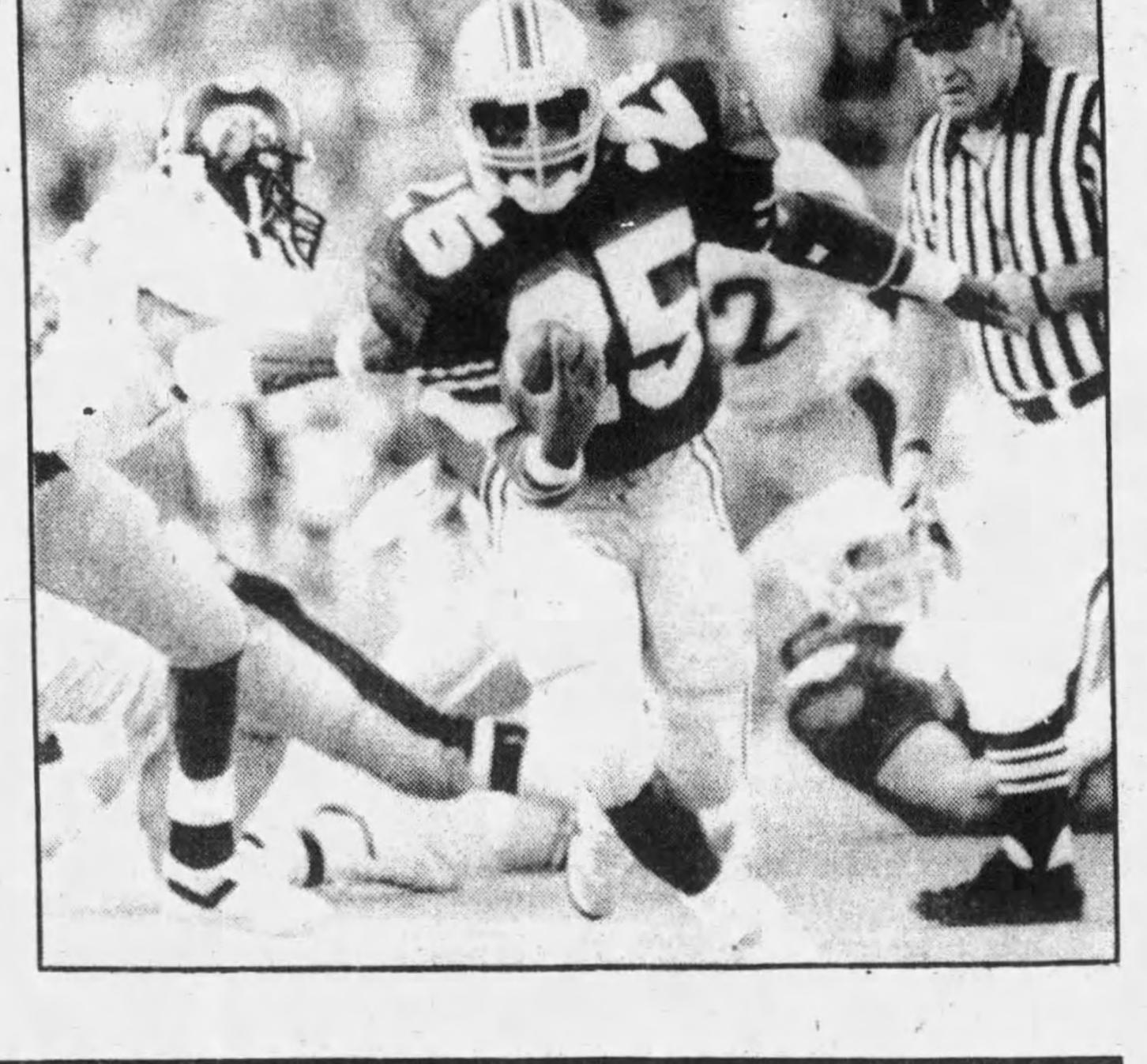
And they are good friends. • Please turn to 10C: Brothers

Hawks put some demons to rest vs. OSU

Top: Ohio State's fabulous freshman Carlos Snow slips through a hole in the lowa defense for a short gain. Right: lowa's Kevin Harmon, here putting some distance between himself and OSU's David Brown, rediscovered his early season form Saturday, rushing for 151 yards on 21 carries. Below: Ohio State Coach Earle Bruce expresses his displeasure with his team in a sideline tirade.

> Gazette photos Paul Jensen and **Todd McInturf**





HOW THEY SCORED

FIRST QUARTER

OHIO STATE 7, IOWA 0 — Everett Ross catches a 24-yard TD pass from Tom Tupa. Matt Frantz adds the PAT. Key plays: lo tight end Mike Flagg fumbles at the lowa 26 recovered by Andrew Gurd. 3 plays, 26 yards. Time left: 10:08.

OHIO STATE 7, IOWA 3 — Rob Houghtlin kicks a 39-yard field goal. Key plays: Chuck Hartlieb hits Flagg for 38 yards. Kevin runs for 15 and catches a shuttle pass for 13. 7 plays, 73 yards. Time left:

SECOND QUARTER

OHIO STATE 14, IOWA 3 - Ross catches a 60-yard pass from Tupa. Frantz kicks the extra point. 1 play, 60 yards. Time

left: 11:19. OHIO STATE 14, IOWA 9 - Harmon sweeps left on a 50-yard TD run. The twopoint conversion pass to Marv Cook failed. Key plays: Hartlieb to Cook for 14. Hartlieb runs for 14. 5 plays, 85 yards. Time left:

OHIO STATE 14, IOWA 12 — Houghtlin kicks a 41-yard field goal. Key plays: runs for 13. Hartlieb to Cook for 12. 8 plays, 36 yards. Time left: 3:14. IOWA 15, OHIO STATE 14 - Houghtlin kicks a 22-yard field goal. Key plays:

Hartlieb to Travis Watkins for 25, to Cook for 19 and 22. 8 plays, 75 yards. Time left: 0:00.

THIRD QUARTER

OHIO STATE 21, IOWA 15 - Jeff Ellis catches a 20-yard pass from Tupa. Frantz kicks. Key plays: Tupa to Vince Workman for 14. 10 plays, 60 yards. Time left: 6:14.

FOURTH QUARTER

IOWA 22, OHIO STATE 21 - David Hudson dives over from the one. Houghtlin kicks. Key plays: Tupa's punt is blocked, giving lowa the ball at the OSU 37. Hartlieb hits Cook for 21. Harmon runs for four on fourth and three at the five. 7 plays, 37

yards. Time left: 9:11. OHIO STATE 27, IOWA 22 - Carlos Snow hits off tackle, cuts left and scores from the 14. Tight end Jay Koch's run for two on a reverse fails. Key plays: Tupa to Ross for 11. Tupa runs for 13. 16 plays, 75 yards. Time left: 2:45.

IOWA 29, OHIO STATE 27 - Cook catches a pass from Hartlieb on fourth and 23 at the Ohio State 28 and carries two guys into the end zone. Houghtlin adds the PAT Key plays: Hartlieb to Flagg for 14 Buckeyes penalized 15 yards for 12 men on field. Hartlieb to Cook for 27. 10 plays, 64 yards. Time left: 0:06.

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FOR A TEAM that had been the preseason pick to win the Big Ten and contend for the national title, it has been a very frustrating road for the Buckeyes.

BUCKEYES

"Our attitude has been good and we've been working hard," said Ohio State Coach Earle Bruce.

don't quite understand it myself." "I don't care what anybody says, we still have a great team," said outside linebacker Eric Kumerow.

"We just haven't come together." "It feels like we're cursed," added Spielman. "It all started with the Carter thing and things have been going downhill since."

Spielman was referring to all-American wide receiver Cris Carter, who was ruled ineligible prior to the season after it was revealed he had accepted money from agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, in violation of NCAA rules.

Bruce has come under increasing criticism during the Buckeyes' slide and was jeered by a smattering of fans as he left the field.

"It's not his fault," said Spielman. "He don't suit up and play. Those people that want to blame Coach Bruce are wrong. He runs the offense and they put points on the board and we should have won.

"If they want to blame anyone they should blame the players."

"I'm a professional. This is my job. I'm supposed to coach. We're supposed to win. Naturally, when you lose, how can I come in here and say I feel good? What would you expect me to be, some idiot? I'm not," Bruce said.

LOST IN THE defeat for Ohio State was the three-touchdown pass performance of Buckeye quarterback Tom Tupa.

Tupa had been much maligned after throwing four interceptions in the Buckeyes' 26-24 loss to Wisconsin the week before.

He rebounded to complete 13 of 22 passes for 216 yards, but did throw two interceptions, the last on a "Hail Mary" pass to end the game.

"I thought Tom Tupa played exceptionally well," said Bruce. "He did a good job and got the ball in the end zone for us. That last drive (that put OSU up 27-22 with 2:45 remaining) was magnificent."

"I thought we played pretty good," said Tupa, a senior who is almost assured a spot on a proroster next season due to his magnificent punting prowess. "I thought the whole team played

great. That last play (of Iowa's) was just frustrating. All year long, it's seeemed like whatever can go wrong, will go wrong."

Tupa was involved in a critical play early in the fourth quarter that led to a brief 22-21 lead for Iowa.

On fourth-and-26 from his own 42. Tupa was back to punt. Three Iowa defenders, J.J. Puk, Merton Hanks and Jay Hess, broke through the center of the OSU line. "I looked up and there were guys

comin' right at me. I don't know what happened," Tupa said. I just tried to sidestep 'em and get the kick off." The boot was partially blocked by

Marshall Cotton and corralled by Iowa's Mike Burke, who returned it seven yards to the OSU 37.

"We had a block on from the right side and my responsibility was to watch the fake to the left side," said Burke. "I noticed he was in trouble so I just held right there.

"It was one of those freak plays. I don't think I was even supposed to catch the ball, but when I did, I just tried to get as many yards as I could."

Since Burke was beyond the line of scrimmage when he touched the ball, if he would have dropped it Ohio State could have recovered for a first down.

IOWA-OSU STATISTICS

Iowa 29, Ohio State 27

First downs Yards rushing Yards passing 13-22-2 Punts-average 7-49.0 Fumbles-lost Yards penalized Time of possession Ohio State 7 7 7 6 - 27

OSU-Ross 24 pass from Tupa (Frantz kick) lowa-FG 39 Houghtlin OSU-Ross 60 pass from Tupa (Frantz kick) lowa-Harmon 50 run (pass failed) lowa-FG 41 Houghtlin Iowa-FG 22 Houghtlin OSU-Ellis 20 pass from Tupa (Frantz kick) Iowa-Hudson 1 run (Houghtlin kick) OSU-Snow 14 run (run failed) lowa—Cook 28 pass from Hartlieb (Houghtlin kick)

Individual Statistics Hartlieb Bayless -25 Workman PASS RECEIVING

No Yd 4 123 Boyless KICK RETURNS Stewart Marciano Workman Harmon Burke INTERCEPTIONS 19 White TACKLE LEADERS

McCray

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White



Cook's Marvelous catch spurs Fry to locker-room hugfest

_ Minutes after Marv Cook made his "Miraculous Reception," the happiest and saddest men in the state of Ohio met at midfield.

Hayden Fry, the happiest visitor in this state Saturday, consoled Buckeye Coach Earle Bruce after his third straight loss.

A euphoric Fry then set out to hug his son, Randy, who had traveled here from California to be with his dad. As Fry entered the

Hawks.

lockerroom, he grabbed player after player and hugged them with equal affection.

dressing room," Fry said. This was one happy man, Hayden Fry. In the lockerroom, Randy Fry revealed a T-shirt he had made just for such an occasion. No one in the Iowa party would reveal what words were on the Tshirt, but suffice to say it was appropriate. "It said something interesting, that's for sure," said Iowa linebacker J.J. Puk of Cedar Rapids.

Several Iowa players said they'd never seen the head man so happy as he was after this 29-27 win. That shouldn't be surprising, because Fry had never won at Ohio Stadium. An Iowa team hadn't won here in 28 years.

Cause for some serious hokey-pokeying by the

MARK DUKES Gazette sports editor

minutes. It put the Buckeyes ahead with 2:45 to play. For the moment, Bruce's detractors were relenting "I'll tell you what, I hugged everything in the

But it didn't last. Iowa drove to its winning touchdown by overcoming a lot of adversity: A fumble by Hartlieb on the fourth play, an Eric Kumerow sack of Hartlieb, a run by Kevin Harmon on which he failed to get out of bounds, and 90,090 screaming fans.

Fry is big on the one-game-at-a-time philosophy,

"If you talk about dedicating spring training to

Added Puk, who had 17 tackles, "Coming up with

The way this one was accomplished was phenome-

Iowa played terrific defensive football the first

half, except for two touchdown passes from Tom

Tupa to Everett Ross. Otherwise, Ohio State had just

four first downs. But Iowa held only a 15-14 lead.

held a 1-point lead with 9:11 left. But Ohio State put

together a drive that would have made Woody Hayes

proud, a 16-play march that lasted nearly seven

The two teams traded touchdowns and Iowa still

beating Ohio State, yeah, coach wanted this one,"

that win was something we talked about since last

but perhaps not in this case.

placekicker Rob Houghtlin said.

This reporter was standing behind the end zone when Hartlieb drifted back into the pocket and hit Cook with a pass along the right sideline. As Cook slipped into the end zone with Buckeye tacklers on his back, Ohio Stadium fell almost silent.

Ohio State All-America linebacker Chris Spielman was so stunned, he stood in the end zone, head down, as Houghtlin kicked the extra point. William White, OSU cornerback, jerked the helmet off his head and slammed it to the turf so hard the chin strap flew off.

White apologized afterward, saying "I really showed a lot of poor sportsmanship after they scored that winning touchdown."

Some Buckeye fans took immediate note of

Bruce's third loss in a row, which sent OSU reeling to 5-4-1. "Oh, boy, there's trouble in the capitol city today," one Ohio State Patrol officer said to another on the

But one man's trouble was another man's triumph.

"You don't know what this means to me and my coaches," Fry said.

Play of the day

• Cook, who's giving Herbert Hoover a run for the most famous man from West Branch, nearly wasn't in the game for the winning touchdown. He was sent on to the field at the last minute in place of Mike

"Flagg was going on the field and something told me . . . I called him back and sent Marv in. Mike would've caught the ball and made a great effort for the goal line but he's not quite the runner Marvin is."

Hartlieb's pass to Cook was slightly underthrown, but Cook said it was "in the best place it could've been thrown for the situation.

"I was reading man (-to-man) coverage and I tried to run off the defensive back with a good fake to the outside," Cook said. "But with fourth and 23, he's not going to take a four-yard fake. He was running with defense. "Two or three times, he had 'em beat for

me, I put the brakes on and he went by me. "Nothing was going to keep me out of the end zone. If I had needed 10 more yards, I'd have gotten it in the end zone. I wasn't going to be denied."

Cook, who had 9 catches for 159 yards, said it was a day he'll remember always.

"When you come into Columbus after you've watched games when you're 7, 8, 9 years old with Michigan-Ohio State, it's a great thrill just to play here. It's something I'll remember the rest of my

Return of a runner

• Kevin Harmon had gained only 85 yards in the previous six games before he busted loose for 151 against Ohio State. His season high was 182 against Iowa State.

"What can I tell ya, it was just there," Harmon said of his yardage. "For some reason, there were just holes in the defense."

Harmon's 50-yard touchdown in the second quarter was Iowa's longest scoring run of the season. "I thought they'd catch me, but I knew all I wanted to do was get into the end zone," he said.

Parting shots

• Iowa probably will know its bowl options sometime today. The frontrunners appear to be the Peach and Liberty bowls, but don't count out the Hall of Fame.

• Iowa's leading receiver, Quinn Early, didn't catch a ball. He had at least one reception in 20 straight games.

"They did a job on him," Fry said of the OSU touchdowns and we couldn't get the ball off."

 Nose guard Dave Haight had 11 tackles to set a single-season record for tackles by a lineman. Dave Bryant had the record of 110. Haight has 113.