Are referees penalty-happy?

National Hockey League officials agreed Monday that NHL referees are responding to a need by making more penalty calls this year, but at least one general manager suggests they may be going too far.

"We knew more penalties would be called," NHL executive vice president Brian F. O'Neill said. "But it was felt that something had to be done. . There was so much clutching and grabbing going on — it was getting out of hand," O'Neill said.

Edmonton General Manager-Coach Glen Sather believes the referees

are overdoing it.

"The officials have been overzealous in their attempt to cut down on a lot of body contact. By calling so many penalties, your special teams have to spend a majority of time on the ice trying to kill off the penal-

Sather was extremely vocal Sunday night after his Oilers dropped a 5-4 decision to the Chicago Blackhawks.

"We had 14 minor penalties called against us, giving up four power-

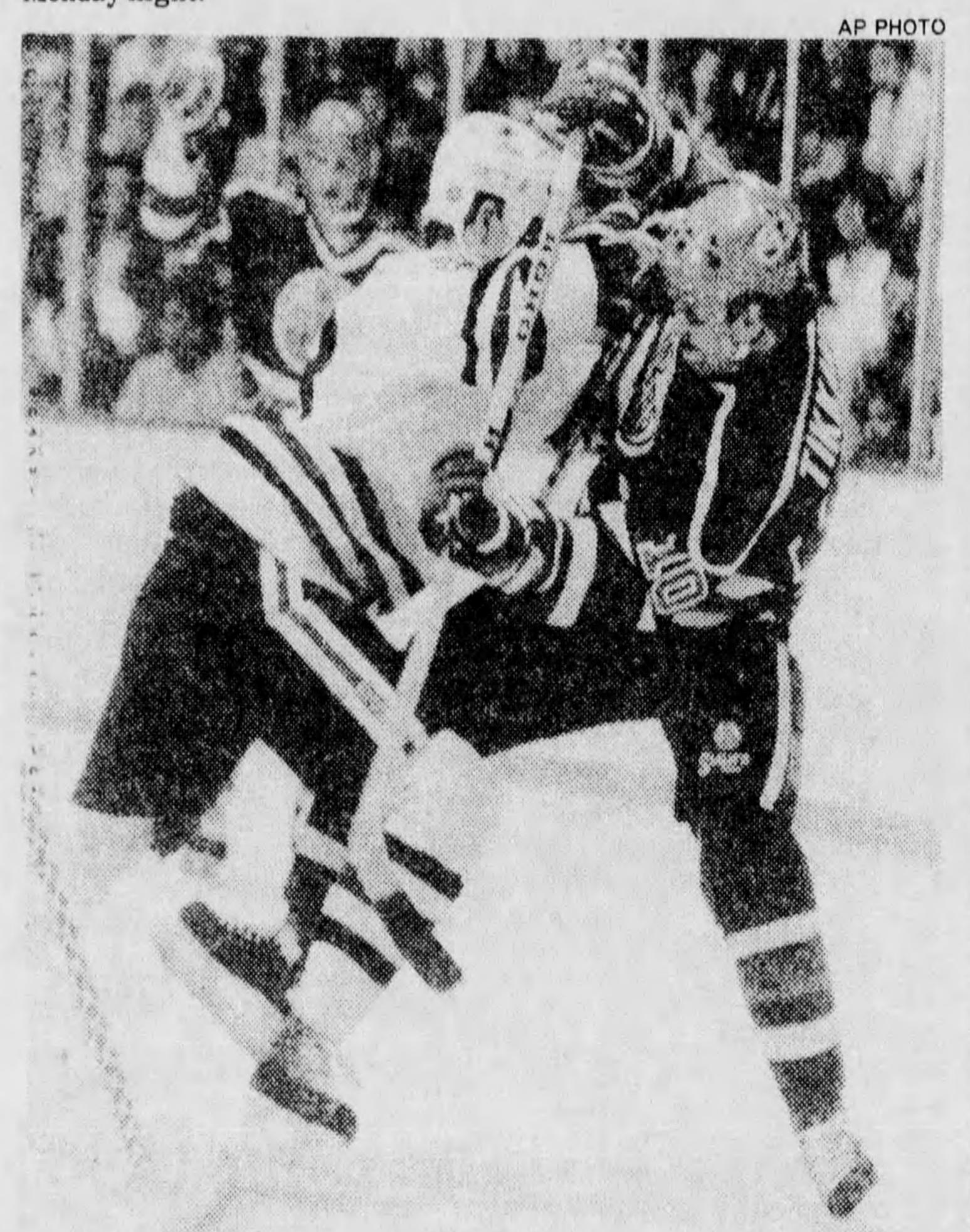
play goals, and I doubt if we were at full strength for more than five minutes in any one period," Sather complained.

But Edmonton's Wayne Gretzky, the NHL's scoring leader, said the closer scrutiny by game officials "eventually will work to our advantage because we are a good skating team.

"We have to learn to discipline ourselves when it comes to retaliating and not picking up dumb penalties."

STREAKS TO BE ASHAMED OF. The New York Rangers snapped an eight-game losing streak, their longest in 24 years, beating Winnipeg 6-4 Sunday night. New York was 0-8-1 in its prior nine games since beating Philadelphia 5-3 on Oct. 24. . . . The Adirondack Red Wings beat Baltimore, 6-2, Sunday in an American Hockey League game, sending the Skipjacks to their 18th straight defeat, a professional hockey record.

COMEBACK VICTORY. Stewart Gavin's short-handed goal with 37 seconds to play in the third period capped a three-goal comeback and lifted Hartford into a 3-3 tie against Montreal in the only NHL game Monday night.



Chicago's Dave Manson (left) checks Edmonton's Esa Tikkanen during Sunday's game in Chicago. The Blackhawks beat the Oilers, 5-4.

OLYMPICS

SO WHO NEEDS SNOW? Among the record 60 countries expected to compete in the Calgary Winter Olympics in February are seven who have no prior experience in the Winter Games.

NBA

They are Fiji (cross-country skier), Ireland (bobsled and luge), Guatemala (Alpine and cross-country skiers), Guam (a biathlon athlete), Malta (a figure skater), Thailand (a figure skater) and Jamaica (bobsled).

Not all of the countries automatically qualify. Certain international standards must be met, which explains why Jamaica's six bobsledders traveled to Europe last week. They need to compete in at least one of five World Cup events and finish in the top half of that event to qualify for Calgary.

More than 200 persons showed up for tryouts. The field was whittled to 30. At first they trained in Jamaica with a push-sled - a sled with wheels - before traveling to Calgary for their first experience on a bobsled track. "You don't need to have winter to make a good bobsledder," said team member Dudley Stokes. "In Calgary, we want to show we are capable. By 1996, we hope to be really competitive."

EUROPEAN JAUNT. Brian Boitano, the United States' best hope for a medal in men's figure skating, has left his home in Sunnyvale, Calif., to spend a couple of weeks in Europe. His plans include one competition in Budapest, Hungary, and an exhibition in Frankfurt, West Germany. After that, he intends to visit his choreographer, Sandra Bezic, in Toronto, Ontario, to discuss changes in his program.

STRONG WOMEN. At the recent world weightlifting championships for women, Chinese women won in eight of the nine weight classes. The top American finisher was Karyn Marshall of Pelham, N.Y., in the 1813/4-pound class. Mario Martinez of San Francisco, the silver medalist in the 1984 Los Angeles Games in the over-242-pound class, will be the United States' only representative in the World Cup competition next month in Seoul.

WINTER SPORTS FEST. Officials from United States winter sports federations plan to discuss the creation of a winter sports festival, comparable with the annual United States Olympic Festival held each summer. It would start in 1991.



The Lakers' Mychal Thompson (left) tries to take the ball away from San Antonio's Frank Brickowski Sunday.

Lakers begin season in magical way

The Magic Man is up to his usual tricks and so are shoot.

the Los Angeles Lakers. With Magic Johnson leading the way, defending NBA champion Los Angeles has started this season with a bang, opening with a club-record six consecu-

tive victories. "We would be crazy if we weren't delighted with our start," Lakers General Manager Jerry West said. "But

I think we can play even better." He should tell that to the San Antonio Spurs. The Lakers made the Spurs their sixth victim, rolling to a

147-130 victory Sunday at home. While the Lakers were jumping off to their best start ever, spanning 12 seasons in Minnesota and 27 in Southern California, Johnson was surpassing West as

the club's all-time assist leader. Johnson, in his ninth NBA season, handed out 10 assists against San Antonio, increasing his career total to 6,245, seven more than West had in 14 seasons with

the team. "I feel good about it, particularly because Jerry West is a Hall of Famer as well as a hero in Los Angeles," Johnson said.

Johnson, meanwhile, has continued to be Mr. Versatile for the Lakers. In their six victories, he has averaged more than 20 points, 11 assists and five rebounds per game. Against the Spurs, he had a game-high 25

"At first, I used to look to dish out assists," Johnson said of his early years with the Lakers. "Then last year, Coach [Pat] Riley finally turned me loose, told me to

"Now I'm between all that. Whatever I need to do, whatever they want me to do, I'll do."

AP PHOTO

Just like last season, when he was chosen the league's most valuable player.

Most of the Lakers seemed to be relatively unimpressed with their club record-setting start, which bettered the five straight opening wins by the 1980-81 "It's a positive way to start the season," 40-year-old

center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar said. "It's still too early to claim that we're the best Laker team ever, but it's a good confidence-builder." "We have to prepare for the tougher teams coming

up," forward James Worthy said. "It's nice to start this

way, but we still have to finish a long season."

BUT BIRD GETS HONOR. The Lakers aren't the only team off to a 6-0 start. So are the Celtics, thanks in no small part to Larry Bird, who Monday was named the first NBA player of the week. Bird averaged 31.8 points and 11.7 rebounds last week.

■ HOLE IN THE NETS. The New Jersey Nets, meanwhile, remain the league's only winless team after a 113-109 loss to Washington. The Nets have now dropped nine straight regular-season contests.

ROOKIE NERVES? New Jersey rookie Dennis Hopson, the No. 3 pick overall in the June draft, was 2-for-11 Sunday against Washington and has now made just 17 of 54 shots from the floor, a .315 percentage.

Gyclones are ready for NIT opponent Texas

By RICK BROWN Register Staff Writer

Iowa State gets the basketball season off to the earliest start in history Friday night, but Coach Johnny Orrasn't fretting.

"We'll be ready," Orr said of the Cyclones' 7 p.m. contest with Texas in the first round of the Big Apple NIT at Hilton Coliseum. "I'm pleased with the way things have gone. We're making good progress. Things are much better than they were a year ago."

Last year, Iowa State stumbled to a 13-15 season that ended a streak of two straight bids to the NCAA tournament. One bright spot in last year's otherwise dismal season came against Texas in the consolation game of the Sun Bowl Classic in El Paso, Texas.

Cyclones Rally

The Cyclones rallied from a 19point deficit with 12 minutes remaining to beat the Longhorns, 58-57.

"I don't think I gave up hope in that game," recalled Orr. "But I was really just hoping we'd come back and make it respectable. I didn't want to leave town with a bad taste in my mouth."

Jeff Grayer and Tom Schafer keyed the comeback by scoring 10 points each in a 26-6 run. Terry Woods and Marc Urquhart played well off the bench.

Orr said the race for several starting positions will be decided in the next few days of practice. Grayer has one of the starting forward spots locked up, and Lafester Rhodes will be the starting center. Paul Doerrfeld and Elmer Robinson are battling for the other forward spot, and Orr will pick his guard court from Gary Thompkins, Woods and Mike Born.

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Johnny Orr Pleased with his team's progress

Texas, 14-17 last season, has no seniors on the team and just one starter returning in guard Travis Mays. The 6-foot 2-inch sophomore, who averaged 8.6 points last year, had 31 Saturday night when the Longhorns defeated the Houston Flyers AAU team in an exhibition game, 91-81.

Younger Players

"They're a much different team this year," Orr said after getting a scouting report on Saturday's game from assistant coach Steve Krafcisin. "They're younger, but they're huge. We'll try to speed up the tempo of the

Texas Coach Bob Weltlich also is promising an up-tempo brand of basketball this year, and has gone far and wide to find players who can run. Starting at center will be Jose Nassar, a 6-9 player from Brazil. Mays is from Florida and one starting forward, 6-6 Russell Green, is from South Carolina. Green was a Proposition 48 victim last season. The other forward spot will be manned by 6-8 junior college transfer Alvin Heggs. Courtney Jeans, a 6-2 freshman, will be the other starting guard.

Orr is hoping for an all-American year out of the 6-41/2 Grayer, who needs just 500 points to pass Barry Stevens as the school's career scoring leader. In the Cyclones' final intrasquad game at Ottumwa last week, Grayer made 22 of 25 shots from the field and scored 45 points.

"Grayer was unreal," Orr said. "If he can play like that every night, I'll feel darn good about the season."

Friday night's game is sold out, and Iowa State officials are hoping they can host a second-round game a week from tonight if the Cyclones beat Texas. The semifinals and finals will be held in New York City. The semifinals on Nov. 27 will be held at Nassau Coliseum. The consolation and championship games will be held the following night at Madison Square Gar-

Hawkeyes open with exhibition against Italians

Register Staff Writer tional basketball team that lost at Kansas by just six points last week invades Carver-Hawkeye Arena for an exhibition game against Iowa that starts at 7:05 tonight.

well-coached," said Iowa Coach Tom Davis. "And they should be well rested for us. After playing at Kansas, they came directly to Iowa City, and have been working out here

The Italians lost to Duke, 98-79, in the start of their U.S. tour. In a 1983 tour, they had a 5-1 record over U.S.

Pearl scouted Saturday's game at Kansas, and described the Italians as Like most good European teams, they do well from the three-point field

"Michael Reaves will be one of the first players off the bench," said Da-

By RON MALY

IOWA CITY, IA. - An Italian na-

"They're a good team that's very

Hawkeye assistant coach Bruce "a fast-breaking, quick-hitting team.

goal line." Iowa forward Roy Marble won't start because of a knee injury suffered in practice, but Davis said he'll play. Center Ed Horton won't play because of an ankle injury.

Probable Lineups ITALIAN NATIONALS Lorenzen, 6 Dell'Agnello, 6-7. Jones, 6-7 ... Armstrong, 6-2 Time and place - 7:05 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye Arena, Iowa City. Radio -- WHO, Des Moines; WMT, KHAK, Cedar Rapids; KFMH, Muscatine.

Iowa legislator wants crackdown on agents

By The Associated Press

An Iowa state legislator, fed up with "fast talkers" who lure college athletes into trouble, is seeking legislation requiring sports agents to register with the state and setting tough penalties for those who violate NCAA

"This just puts them on notice that we just plain don't want them unless they are going to live by the rules which are established by the NCAA," said Representative William Harbor (Rep., Henderson).

The measure being drafted by legislative staffers would require agents to register with the secretary of state, and would make it a serious misdemeanor for agents to violate NCAA rules governing contact and payments to players. That would subject an agent to a potential fine of \$1,000

and a year in jail. Harbor said he has talked with House Speaker Don Avenson (Dem., Oelwein) and Avenson is sympathetic to the measure.

Harbor's proposal comes in the wake of controversies involving sports agent Norby Walters, who was alleged to have given University of Iowa football star Ronnie Harmon \$54,000 while Harmon was playing for the Hawkeves.

An arbitrator's report in a subsequent dispute between Ronnie Harmon, now of the National Football League's Buffalo Bills, and Walters said Harmon's brother, Kevin, received \$350 in cash and airline tickets rom Walters' agency. Kevin Harmon has since been

cleared to play the remainder of his senior season.

School officials and some legisla-

tors complain that when an agent breaks NCAA rules in contacting a player, the player and his school can be punished but the agent escapes unscathed because there are few laws on the subject. Walters himself has insisted that while his actions may have violated NCAA rules, he isn't

Harbor's measure would change

breaking the law.

"It would put some control on these agents coming to the universities and colleges and making improper contact," Harbor said. "Some of these fast talkers I'm afraid could get some of our athletes into trouble, not realizing they were getting into trouble."

Harbor said he has sent an initial draft of the legislation to athletic directors at Iowa's major schools to assure their support. He said he also has discussed the idea with Hawkeye Athletic Director Bump Elliott.

"In visiting with Bump Elliott, he thought this was the way to go, through the Legislature," Harbor

He said the legislation being drafted is modeled on laws in Nebraska and Michigan, which have taken similar steps.

Harbor said the incident with Walters led to his proposal. "It just seemed to me the proper time," Harbor said.

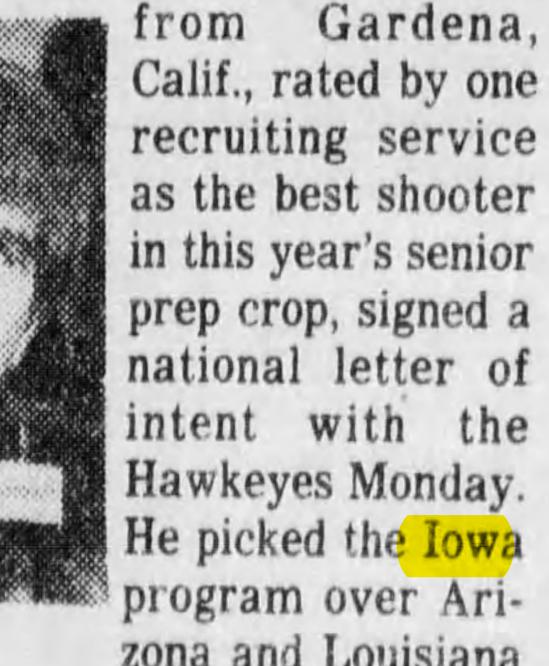
In addition to prohibiting payments directly to athletes, the measure would forbid payments to relatives.

"You can't go around the deal, that would be like laundering money," Harbor said.

Hawks sign top shooter Moses

By RICK BROWN Register Staff Writer

Iowa basketball coach Tom Davis got good news and bad news Monday. James Moses, a 6-foot 5-inch guard



Calif., rated by one recruiting service as the best shooter in this year's senior prep crop, signed a national letter of intent with the Hawkeyes Monday. He picked the Iowa program over Arizona and Louisiana State.

But LaPhonso Ellis, a 6-9 forward from East St. Louis, Ill., turned thumbs down to Iowa, Illinois, Syracuse and UCLA when he said he would sign with Notre Dame. Moses averaged 28 points, 11 re-

bounds and seven assists at Serra High School last season. He shot 56 percent from the field and 79 percent from the free-throw line. Talent scouts Bob Gibbons of

Lenoir, N.C., and Van Coleman of Cedar Rapids agreed that Moses was one of the best shooters available in this year's high school class. Both also listed him among the top 50 prospects in the country.

Moses is the third player to sign with the Hawkeyes. The others were Ray Thompson, a 6-5 guard from Summit, Ill., and Acie Earl, a 6-11 center from Moline, Ill. Thompson is

also a Top 50 prospect and Earl is considered one of the nation's Top 100 players by several scouting services. "This is a perfectly complementa-

ry class for Iowa," Coleman said. "They've got a great shooter in blocker at the back of the zone."

In other recruiting news, the player considered the top prospect in the country said he will sign Wednesday with Georgetown. Alonzo Mourning, a 6-10 center from Chesapeake, Va., picked the Hoyas over Virginia, Maryland, Georgia Tech and Syra-

Smiley gives his testimony

SMILEY Continued from Page One

in front of Lee when she heard a blow and saw Lee's nose bleeding.

The only other witness, Alan Hull, a U of I student and a wrestling coach at Iowa City High, said he saw a black male swing overhead "more than once in a punching motion," but could not positively identify the individual as Smiley.

son County Attorney J. Patrick White, Smiley acknowledged using "poor judgment" by confronting Lee and Hanson instead of leaving. But, in his closing argument, White

Under cross-examination by John-

said even if Smiley's account of what happened was accurate, it is irrelevant to the charges against him. "It only matters that she was injured," White said. "Mr. Smiley was

not in fear for his life. He had several

alternative actions available to him. He could have left, but he felt he had to go upstairs." Smiley's attorney, James Thomas of Anamosa, conceded Smiley was angered, but insisted his client intended no harm. "Keaton Smiley was

talk to the woman," Thomas said. Thomas also said if Smiley really meant to hit Lee the outcome would have been far worse.

in a state of anger. He merely went to

"Smiley is quick, strong and trained in the martial arts," Thomas said. "If he wanted to hurt her she would not be awake today. His intent was only to approach and talk. He acted only to her aggression."

Smiley, a defensive back from Duncanville, Texas, decided to sit out a year of competition to deal with charges filed against him by Lee and by Cheryl Zemaitis, a former university volleyball player. Smiley pleaded guilty Oct. 2 to a charge of aggravated assault brought by Zemaitis. He will be sentenced on that charge

Spartans' Krumm earns AP honor

CHICAGO, ILL. (AP) - Safety Moses. In Thompson, they have a Todd Krumm of Michigan State has player who handles the ball well and | been named Midwest player of the is a great passer. And in Earl they | week on defense by the Associated have a big kid who can be a shot | Press for his performance in the 27-3 victory over Indiana that earned the Spartans the Big Ten championship and Rose Bowl bid.

Krumm, a 6-foot 2-inch, 200-pound senior from West Bloomfield, Mich., had two interceptions, five solo tackles and he returned two punts for a total of 18 yards. The interceptions gave him nine for the season.