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Like father, like son? Jim Reilly eyes big senior year

father's footsteps were fairly large, but Jim Reilly has followed them nicely.

Reilly is the University of Iowa linebacker who was recruited by no one out of Dubuque Wahlert High School, but since has become a scholarship football player, a Hawkeye captain, and perhaps a starter.

It was similar for Mike Reilly, Jim's father. The elder started only one game before his senior season,

sports editor then exploded with a sensational 1963 campaign at guard and linebacker. Mike Reilly was first-team All-

America by Look Magazine, second-team by Associated Press.

Jim Reilly enters his senior season this Saturday at Hawaii with similar hopes for himself and the

"In your senior year, a lot of guys come out of their shell," Reilly said. "It seems like with some guys, they stay healthy their senior year, they overcome problems they've had and they play great. I hope that's what I can do."

Jim Reilly already has overcome a lot.

A second-team all-state linebacker at Wahlert, Reilly received no scholarship offers for college.

"It was very upsetting," he said. "But I'd been going to Iowa games since I was 7. If I'd have gone somewhere else, I would have looked in the newspaper on Sunday morning to see what the lowe score was. Plus, this was the only opportunity I had."

Success of the lowa walk-on program has been well established. Devon Mitchell and Scott Helverson were among the 13 seniors named Most Valuable Player in 1985. Rick Bayless, a Minnesotan who tried out for the team, was the Iowa MVP in 1986.

"I don't think it would have worked for me in any other program," Reilly said. "It's different at Iowa They treated me like anyone else. It shows the coaches don't play favorites. Inside, you feel like the whole world's against you that first year, but it's not

"Being a walk-on, you have to work harder. Your goal isn't just to play, it's to earn a scholarship."

Reilly earned a scholarship before his sophomore season. In his first year, he established himself as a quality special teams player and linebacker. The past two seasons, Reilly has been a valuable linebacking backup despite missing 10 games with thigh bruises.

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Hayden Fry described as one of the most difficult to fill on a football team.

All of which pleases Mike and Nancy Reilly, who still live in Dubuque. Their oldest son, Steve, played golf at lowa and is now assistant professional at Thunder Hills in Dubuque. Their youngest son, Bob, is a senior football player at Wahlert who aspires to play collegiate ball.

"The bottom line is that we're awfully proud of him," Mike Reilly said. "We're probably even more happy for him than anything else. He's busted his tail and achieved some things people didn't think he could achieve."

Dad's success in football (Mike also played in the NFL, five years with the Bears and one with the Vikings) played a role in Jim's decision to attend

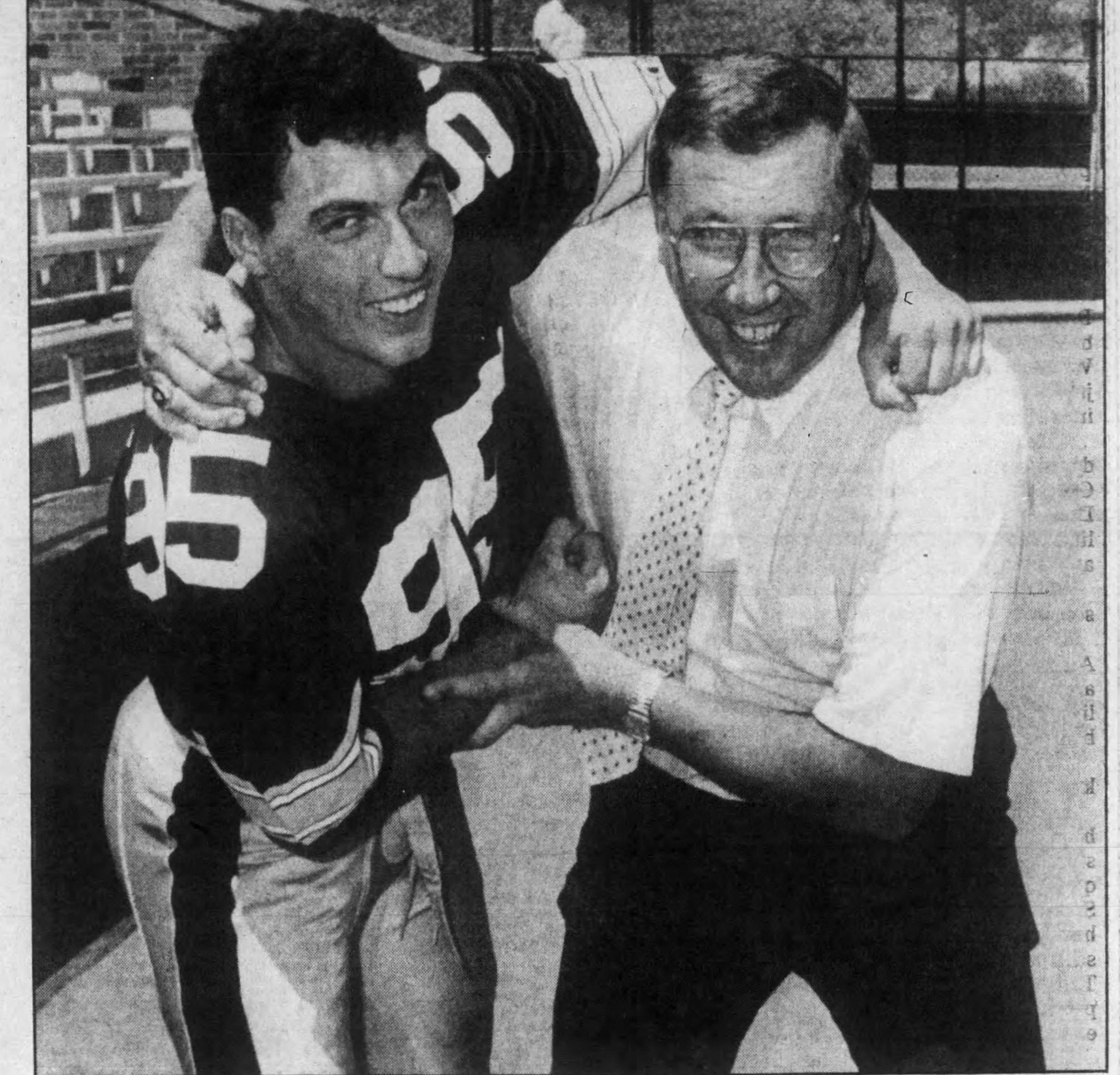
"I don't know how much it had directly, but it had some," Jim said. "He and mom both have always thought that we should be in sports because it keeps you out of trouble, teaches you teamwork, builds

personality." Mike isn't a casual observer of lowa football, of course. This season, he will be color commentator with play-by-play announcer Ron Gonder on television replays of Hawkeye games. In past years, he and Gonder worked on WMT radio.

It's an awkward situation when Mike must describe or analyze something his son does on the field. Gonder had the same situation when his sons, Carl and Jack, played basketball at Cedar Rapids Washington.

"We've laughed about it," Mike said. "Up front, it's difficult to say, 'Reilly did this' or 'Jim did that.' We went through a couple different ways to say it. Finally we decided on 'Son Jim.' In the booth, we say Jim is affectionately known as the Chinese linebacker 'Son Jim.' "

Son Jim, of course, hasn't had an opportunity to He also handles long snaps for punts, a job Coach hear his dad on radio. But he's reviewed a few tapes.



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University of Iowa linebacker Jim Reilly and his dad, Mike Reilly, a former Hawkeye and National Football League linebacker, stage a little family scrimmaging at Kinnick Stadium.

"By freshman year, I recovered a fumble at Iowa State, the first big thing I did," Jim recalled. "Dad went nuts. I think both Dad and Ron fell out of the chair."

Reilly hopes to give Dad more things to shout about this season. He is one of 26 players who were on the 1985 team which won the Big Ten title and all started."

played in the Rose Bowl.

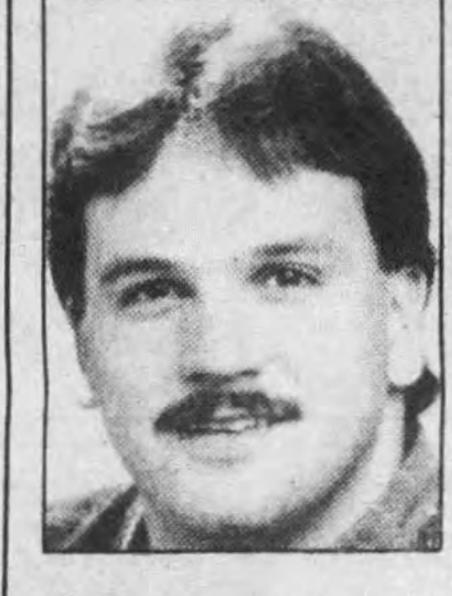
"The goal with everybody is to have that feeling again like when we were freshmen," Reilly said. "It was a great feeling to be Big Ten champions.

"That's what we'd like to do, get back to where it

Armstrong's solves its national dilemma

necny had somewhat of a problem, albeit a pleasant one.

His Armstrong's men's slow-pitch team qualified for the 12-inch "B" national by finishing third in the "B" state. Then, his team finished fifth in the Major 14-inch state and qualified for nationals in that event.



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Both nationals are next weekend, the 12inch in Kearney, Neb., and the 14-inch in Independence.

Konecny said his team's "hearts are still in 14-inch," where Armstrong's has been one of the state's most successful teams. But, "we got in 12-inch because we didn't know if there was going to be a 14-inch national."

For years, the 14-inch game has longed for a national tournament. Last year, Pepsi and the Iowa Parks and Recreation Association staged the first-ever "National Invitational." The problem was, out of the 10 teams in the field, eight were from Iowa.

"We pretty much decided if there was going to be a 14-inch (national), we'd go, unless it was like last year," Konecny said. Konecny discovered a 14-inch national

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was planned and it has "13 guaranteed" teams, eight from Iowa, three from Illinois and two from South Dakota. "Plus, they haven't got back to the Wisconsin teams

So, Armstrong's picked Independence over Kearney.

"Seeing five out-of-state teams - and I don't know what else — that's something to look forward to," he said. "At least they are

still trying to get something going." Armstrong's will be joined at Independence by Rex's Business Machines and Interstate Battery of Cedar Rapids. Inter-

state is the defending champ. Konecny hasn't seen the Independence complex -- "so I'll hold my judgement" -but said he'd hoped either Urbandale or owa City would host the national because of their nice complexes.

"It'd be nice if these teams from out of state could go back and say how nice the complexes are in Iowa," he said. "That would be a big boost (for the game)."

Loyalty to the 14-inch game isn't the only reason Armstrong's picked Independence, however.

Third baseman Steve Plotz broke his wrist at state and several other players have work or family obligations.

"If we went to Nebraska, we'd only get to. take 10 guys and I hate picking up other players," Konecny said, adding that the

players can make the short trip to Independ-

And the final reason? "We had such a poor showing last year (fifth), we want to redeem ourselves," he

Valuable Krauses

Whether they are hitting or pitching, the Kraus brothers of T.J.'s Pizza are valuable to the Clermont men's modifiedpitch team.

Bryan Kraus has been most valuable in state tournaments.

After T.J.'s won its second straight state modified-pitch title last weekend at the Kirkwood Softball Complex, Bryan was tabbed Most Valuable Pitcher. Last year, he was the state's Most Valuable Player.

While pitching T.J.'s to a 6-1 record at this year's state, Bryan also batted .556, collecting 10 hits in 18 at-bats. Last year, be banged out 17 hits in 27 at-bats (.629), had seven homers and 15 RBI.

Mary, meanwhile, has made the all-state team both years and was the Most Valuable Pitcher at The Gazette's Fourth of July

Mary and Bryan were joined on the alltourney team this year by teammates Scott Fritz and Roger Koenig. Fritz had 13 hits in 21 at-bats (.619), six homers and 19 RBI. Koenig contributed a .333 average and seven RBI.

T.J.'s will take a 44-4 record into the "A" national, set for next weekend in Austin,

ISU's Shudak hits 57-yard field goal

AMES - While quarterback end zone for one touchdown and toe, Iowa State sophomore placekicker Jeff Shudak unloaded with his right foot in a controlled practice scrimmage Saturday at Cyclone Stadium.

Shudak booted a 57-yard field goal and hit on a 35-yarder to highlight the 70-minute session. Meanwhile, senior free safety Jeff Dole recovered a fumble in the Sept. 10, hosting Tulane.

Derek DeGennaro nursed a sore quarterback Brett Oberg connected for a 30-yard scoring pass with Dennis Ross to wrap up the offensive fireworks. DeGennaro and Oberg played

approximately a quarter each. The rest of the session was split among several other signal-call-

Iowa State opens its season

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means the Rainbows hope to keep Iowa's defense off-balance. "We don't have to block every player on every snap," Wagner said. "We'll use finesse. We don't have the manpower to muscle them."

Fakava, a 6-foot-1, 212-pound senior, was first team all-WAC last year after gaining 792 yards and scoring 16 touchdowns.

There's a three-way battle for the quarterback spot, with sophomore Garrett Gabriel and senior Warren Jones in the picture, along with junior Ken Niumatalolo. Jones passed for 1,326 yards last season.

Whoever ends up at quarterback will be throwing to as good a group of receivers as any lowa will face. Dane McArthur (24 catches, 391 yards), Chris Roscoe and Chris Gaskill, a three-year letterman, are quality players.

Up front, the Rainbows feature all-WAC candidate Amosa Amosa at center. The 6-2, 257-pounder has moved over from playing right guard last year. "Amosa will be a key to playing lowa, with their all-American nose guard (Haight)," Wagner said.

The Rainbows traditionally have a tough defense, but return only three starters from 1987. Among the losses are first-round NFL draft choice Al Noga at defensive tackle.

Taking Noga's place will be Joe Seumalo, a 6-3, 245-pound senior. He's battling Allen Smith for the starting job. "It's possible Joe Seumalo will be our only senior starter on defense," Wagner said.

Other returning starters are Dana Directo at nose guard and Kyle Ah Loo at punter.

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PINS

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He bragged about once coaxing a woman for an Alaskan pin. Once he got the pin, he turned around and traded it. When he went back to ask the woman for another one, she complained that he had traded the original gift. "But," he told her proudly, "I got seven pins for it."

Somehow, I felt cheated. Should I have gotten more for my New Zealand pin?

was baffled.

LATER IN THE EVENING, while leaving the Borg-Warner Sports Complex, I heard a voice from underneath the bleachers. An older gentleman was standing there wearing a hat filled with pins. He asked if I traded or just collected.

Since I had two identical PK pins, I traded one for a Nothdurf Tool (Detroit) pin.

Then, I struck a gold mine. found another friendly Kiwi, Robert "Chubb" Tangoroa of Medicare-Marist (the 1987 New Zealand champs), who was looking to unload some unwanted pins.

Chubb parted with 10 pins, including one from the Chinese Taipei team that competed in the 1988 International Softball Federation World Tournament, several from the 1984 ISF tourney, and one from Aurora.

The cost: one T-shirt, which I parted with gladly.

He also gave me three pins from his Medicare-Marist team. More trade bait.

No evidence found to taint '86 Rose Bowl

lowa's Harmon umbled four times in 1st half

DES MOINES (AP) — Investigators have uncovered no evidence to indicate Iowa's 45-28 loss to UCLA in the 1986 Rose Bowl was tainted, a federal prosecutor

Running back Ronnie Harmon, who has acknowledged taking money from agents Norby Walter. and Lloyd Bloom while still playing at Iowa, fumbled four times in the first half of the game and dropped a sure touchdown pass in the second half.

Walters and Bloom were indicted by a federal grand jury in Chicago last Wednesday, but the investigation uncovered no evidence that games were fixed, U.S. Attorney Anton Valukas said.

"It would be unfair and incorrect to imply these arrangements between athletes and agents was for any purpose other than to receive money for signing contracts," Valukas said.

"No evidence indicates anything along the lines of pointshaving or fixing of games."

The Chicago grand jury indicted Walters and Bloom on charges of racketeering, extortion and fraud stemming from the signing of college athletes before their eligibility expired. They pleaded innocent to the charges and their trial is scheduled to begin Feb. 27.

Harmon and former Iowa defensive back Devon Mitchell are among 43 former college athletes who acknowledged taking money from the two agents before using up their eligibility. Harmon and Mitchell have agreed to repay Iowa for part of their scholarship and perform community service under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Probation Office.

Now a running back for the Buffalo Bills, Harmon has admitted receiving more than \$54,000 from the agents. Mitchell, a defensive back for the Detroit Lions, received \$2,000 and agreed to game-fixing was "crazy."

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Valukas said federal officials were aware of rumors that the 1986 Rose might have been fixed, but added there was no evidence to support the claim.

"This was a problem of athletes signing with agents before their eligibility was completed," he

Iowa Coach Hayden Fry has said he never questioned the integrity of the Rose Bowl and suggested that any assertion of

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