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players that he was going to miss. And he didn't."

When the first few went in, Armstrong knew it was his day.

"Sure, I felt good," he said. "I've been feeling good all week."

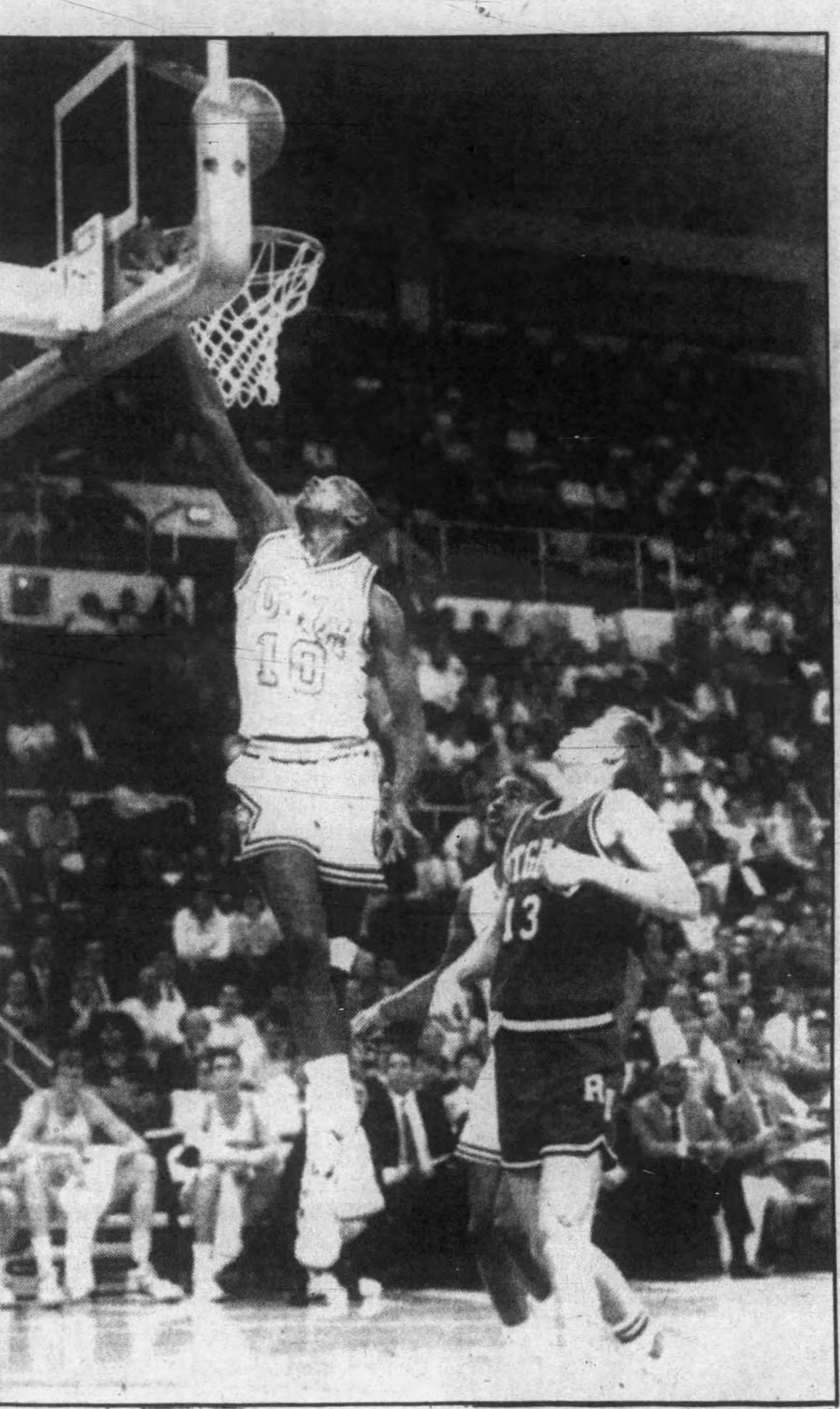
The 6-2 guard from Detroit must like these tournaments. He had 35 against Florida State in the NCAAs a year ago.

"Just go out and relax and give it your best effort," said Armstrong of postseason play. "I figured I'm just going to give it my best effort and let it all hang out."

The Hawkeyes covered the 12point betting line when Les Jep-

Ru	itg	er	S	(73	3)					
	FG	Att	FT	Att	RB	PF	A	TO	5	TP
Savage	8	18	6	6	4	3	2	3	0	26
Ward 18	3	3	0	1	5	1	1	1	0	6
Duckett	6	13	0	0	7	3	0	3	0	12
Carter	7	8	0	1	1	3	5	5	3	14
Dodika	4	14	0	0	0	5	4	1	6	10
Perry	1	3	0	0	5	3	0	1	0	.2
Dixson	1	2	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	3
Everson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
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Smith	0	1	Ó	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team rebounds	30	62		10	2	10	12	17		72

Three-point goals (6-19 31.6 percent): Savage 4-9, Dadika 2-



Marble leaves everything on court in victory over Rutgers

By Jim Ecker Gazette sportswriter

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - When Roy Marble said he left everything on the court Friday, he wasn't kidding.

The lowa senior needed more than an hour after the game against Rutgers to supply a urine sample for a mandatory NCAA drug test.

Marble kept drinking water and drinking water and drinking water. Finally, long after his teammates had left the Providence Civic Center, Marble, uh, did his duty.

"I just got fed up," he said, a little embarrassed by the ordeal. "I wanted to get out of there. I'm hungry."

Drug tests are a serious matter, of course. Marble spent time at a substance abuse center last sum-

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na State is a great tournament team," he said. "They have Coach Valvano, who is a great tournament coach. He knows everything there is to know about basketball."

Marble misfired from the free throw line near the end of the '86 tourney game against the Wolfpack in Minneapolis. He said he's not haunted by the memory, but he does remember.

"Anything that has happened that I could have done better, I'm going to be thinking about," he said.

Valvano, of course, is Jim Valvano, N.C. State's head coach, athletic director and main quips-

half, finishing with a game-high 11 rebounds and nine points.

The 6-foot-10 junior might have been the happiest Hawkeye of all Friday. That's what two losing years at Colorado can do.

"I was so excited," he said, wearing a big smile after the game. "I was walking around the locker room. I couldn't sit down.

"My heart was beating so fast." HORTON HAPPY — Ed Horton matched his season-lows for points (7) and rebounds (5)Friday, but was not concerned. Rutgers spent so much energy stopping him, the Scarlet Knights sprung leaks in other spots.

That's one reason B.J. Armstrong pumped in 35.

"When B.J. is hot, you just want to give him the ball," said Horton. "It was B.J.'s night.

"They kept sagging in the

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Bullard	3	4	1	1	11	1	2	4	ō	9
Horton	3	7	1	3	5	4	2	3	3	7
Jepsen	1	1	0	0	4-	2	1	1	0	2
Armstrong	12	19	5	6	2	1	5	3	3	35
Marble	9	13	5	7	4	2	2	4	0	24
Moses	2	4	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	4
Garner	2	3	. 0	1	0	3	6	4	0	4
Lookingbill	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	2
Skinner 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0
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sen tipped in a free throw at the end, but there were some anxious moments when Rutgers (18-13) rallied from 45-29 to tie and take the lead.

"That kind of scared me," said Marble. "I was thinking there won't be any more NCAAs for me if we lose this one."

Rutgers led 54-52 and 60-59. Then, with 10 minutes left, it was even at 62. Suddenly, in the next five minutes, it was over. The Hawkeyes scored 19 straight points for an 81-62 lead. •Marble, determined his lowa career was not going to end, had six markers and Armstrong nine during the run.

"I was pretty much thinking about what could happen and not thinking about celebrating at all," he said about the 16-point lead and the Rutgers comeback. "Winning the game was great, but I think as far as the seniors are concerned, we've got our minds set on a little further." Wenzel thought his team was in good shape.

Gazette photos by Todd McInturf

lowa's B.J. Armstrong (10) cruises in for a layup as Rutgers defender Rick Dadlka (13) and lowa's Roy Marble look on. Armstrong led lowa to the victory, 87-73, in first-round NCAA play at Providence, R.I., scoring 35 points to tie his career high.

"I guess when it got to 62-62 pick and showed why. Craig Carter, instrumental in

into perspective.

they wore us out a little," he said. "Once they went on a spurt there the Rutgers comeback, collected was little we could do to win the game."

Ed Horton, mostly a decoy for lowa this day, finished with seven points and five rebounds, way below his all-Big Ten norms. But Matt Bullard, excited to be in the NCAAs after two losing years at Colorado, chipped in with a gamehigh 11 rebounds and nine points.

The Scarlet Knights' Tom Savage, who matched Armstrong's mer when psychological problems, he said, led him to drinking alcohol.

Six Hawkeyes were tested Friday, including Ed Horton, who also had substance abuse problems last summer. Test results will be available to involved parties next week. Should anyone test positive, they'd be ineligible for further competition this year. Members from every winning team were tested.

RUBBER MATCH — Friday's victory set up Iowa's third game against North Carolina State in four years. The Wolfpack beat the Hawkeyes, 66-64, in the first round of the NCAA tournament in 1986. Iowa won two years ago, 90-89, at the Great Alaska Shootout. Marble played in both games. "Basically I think North Caroli-

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"The man is phenomenal," said Garner, the heir apparent to Armstrong's job. "If he's hitting like that, I just try to get him the ball. I back up the seniors. They are great players."

The great players come through in the big games. A year ago Armstrong canned 35 points and bailed out Iowa in its 102-98 firstround NCAA win over Florida State.

Another first-round game this year, another 35 points.

Valvano's smarts come from the street. His opponent on Sunday, however, got his degrees in the classroom.

"Dr. Tom Davis," mused Valvano. "He has a doctorate, which is tough for us guys who have only a B.S. degree."

And he didn't mean bachelor of science.

BULLARD BALLAD — Iowa's Matt Bullard was feeling a little low at halftime Friday. The Hawkeyes led, 45-39, but it had been 45 -29 a few moments before.

"Yeah, I was mad at myself," he said. "I turned the ball over three times. I turned around and saw Les (Jepsen) was coming in for me, which was a good move."

But Bullard didn't stay in a funk. He contributed six points and six rebounds in the second

middle and sagging in the middle. Leaving him (B.J.) open, we took advantage of it."

Later, Rutgers Coach Bob Wenzel switched defenses, putting a chaser on Armstrong.

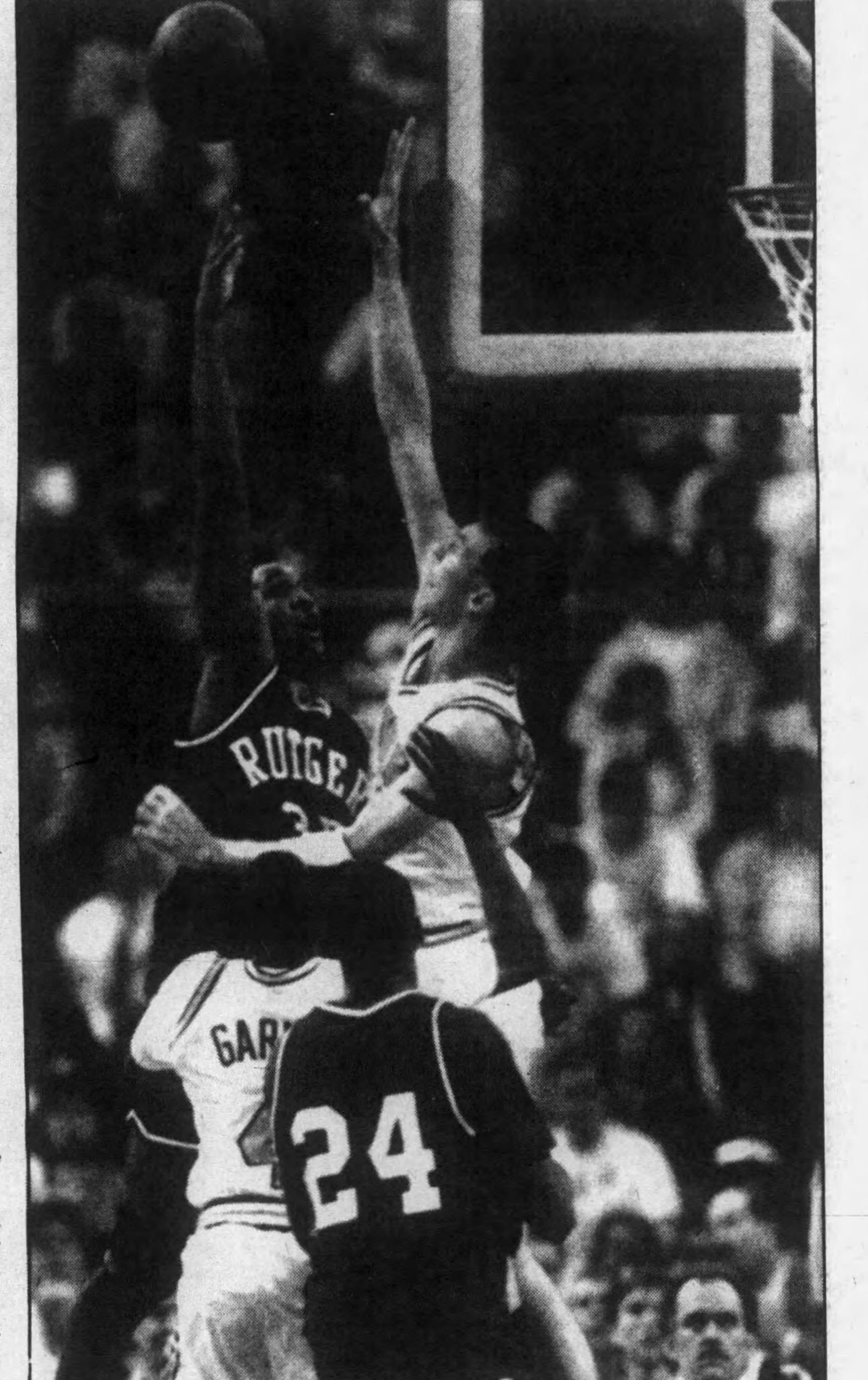
"We had to do something, because Armstrong was killing us," he said.

But he defended the original strategy.

"We felt they were not a great outside shooting team, statistically at least," said Wenzel. "We were more concerned about Horton inside."

The Hawkeyes foiled that plan, hitting 33 of 52 shots for 63.5 percent, including 9 for 14 from three-point range.

Armstrong was 12 for 19, Marble 9 for 13.



three-pointers early as both clubs clicked at the outset, finished with 26 points. He's an all-Atlantic 10

point in January this season.

last year, and were 6-10 at one

14. But Rick Dadika, perhaps

worn out from chasing Armstrong,

shot 4 for 14 and had 10 points.

gers to win, but put the defeat

good season," he said. "We feel

thankful we had a good season."

Wenzel said he expected Rut-

"We feel proud that we had a

The Scarlet Knights were 7-22

North Carolina State beat South Carolina, 81-66, in the first game.

Pomerantz: Thompson didn't enroll in 'remedial courses'

Freshman forward Ray Thompson was suspended from the University of Iowa basketball team because he failed to enroll in certain "remedial courses," said Marvin Pomerantz, chairman of the State Board of Regents.

As a condition for entering the school last fall and playing basketball, the U of I admissions office made Thompson promise to take the courses, Pomerantz said.

"He failed to live up to the dictates of the agreement," Pomerantz said.

The decision to remove him from the team — which was reached Tuesday, two days before the opening of the NCAA basket-

after U of I officials discussed the matter with Thompson's family. "They were consulted every step of the way," said another member of the Board of Regents, Percy Harris of Cedar Rapids.

U of I officials suspended Thompson, a starting player who averaged 11.5 points per game, because of concern about his academic performance and because "they want to make sure they keep him for the full four years," Pomerantz said.

Pomerantz and Harris talked about Thompson Friday during a meeting of The Gazette Editorial Board. Both repeated assertions ball tournament — was made that Thompson had not violated

Big Ten or NCAA eligibility requirements.

Pomerantz also said it was nothing more than an "unusual coincidence" that Thompson's dismissal occurred a week after revelations suggesting that U of I athletes are held to lower academic standards than other students.

During the racketeering trial of sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, former U of I football stars Ronnie Harmon and Devon Mitchell testified that they did not come close to meeting degree requirements and filled their course schedules with classes such as billiards, jogging and watercolor painting.

"You've got to remember," Davis said, "he's not totally healthy. He's still not as healthy and as quick as I've seen him."

That may be so, but don't tell it

to Rutgers Coach Bob Wenzel. "I kept telling my guys he'd miss," Wenzel said, "but he didn't."

Another 35-point game from Armstrong couldn't hurt Sunday when the Hawks meet the underseeded Wolfpack of North Carolina State.

"During the NCAAs a team's just not going to go down easy," Armstrong said. He was referring to Rutgers, but he might inadvertently have described himself.

Scan the boxscores from the 31 other first-round tournament games, and just see how many other 35-point performance you'll find. Stacey King of Oklahoma didn't do it. Neither did national scoring champ Hank Gathers of Loyola Marymount.

After years of honing his point guard skills, Armstrong is now discovering how to be a pure scorer.

"He's doing a better job the last two or three weeks of this season of using his screens," Davis said. "That's why I think he's still blossoming as a player."

is the time.

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Rutgers' Tom Savage, left, arches a shot over lowa's Matt Bullard during the Hawkeyes' 87-73 win over the Scarlet Knights Friday.



OWA: Women face Tennessee Tech

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upset 17th-ranked South Carolina, 77-73, on Wednesday to advance. The Lady Eaglettes, second in the Obio Valley during the regular season, defeated Murray State in the conference tournament finals to earn the league's automatic berth. "Tennessee Tech was not expected," admitted Stringer. "They're not as quick maybe as South Carolina but they're very patient. "They pass the ball around 10, 15 times if necessary if time will allow to come up with the shots that they want. That's the reason why they shot 50 percent from the floor against South Carolina."

The Lady Eaglettes, in their fourth NCAA tournament appearance, killed South Carolina on the boards, 40-29.

"South Carolina couldn't run

Stringer. "The thing that says we've played here before. Let's go on to Louisiana."

The winner advances to the Midwest Region semifinal Thurs-

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. You can only run if you have the ball," said Stringer. "This kind of team can create

great concerns. I think it's the kind of team that can really throw you off. They make you jumpy."

The Hawkeyes are making their fourth consecutive tournament appearance under Stringer, while hosting a third straight secondround contest at Carver-Hawkeye.

"I'm hoping our past experience can be the settling point," said

lowa women to tour Japan

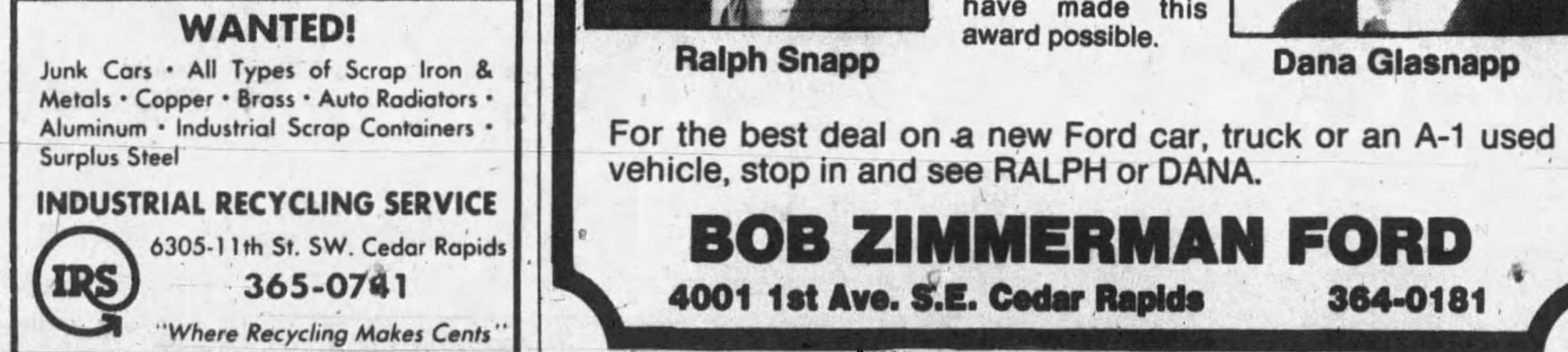
has donated 25 round-trip plane tickets to accomodate a competitive tour of Japan by the nationally-ranked Hawkeye women's basketball team.

The two-week tour, scheduled for May 1990, will Include exhibition games in Tokyo, Amagasaki, and Osaka against Japanese corporate teams. Iowa Coach C. Vigian Stringer will also provide coaching clinics for Japanese youth and coaches.

In conjuction with Iowa's Japan tour, a representative of Japan Air Lines and a member of the Japan

IOWA CITY - University of Basketball Federation have been Iowa president Hunter Rawlings invited to attend Stringer's girls' announced that Japan Air Lines basketball camp held at Iowa this summer.

> The trip is the first oversees tour for the Iowa women's basketball team. In the summer of 1986, the Hawkeye men's basketball team toured China.



day at Louisiana Tech's Thomas Assembly Center in Ruston, La. Its opponent will be the winner of today's game between No. 4 Stanford and Illinois State. Louisiana Tech is the top seed in the region, Stanford is second and Iowa is third.

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