AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Scott Hoch took his time over the putt. There would be no rushing at this point, not with the Masters championship hanging in the balance.

"Between my brain and my hand, the message got crisscrossed," he said.

He measured it once and then again. Light was fast disappearing at Augusta National, but Hoch, in the first hole of a playoff with Nick Faldo for the championship, was in no hurry. "I wasn't nervous, not at all," he

said. "I felt this must be my time." It was a two-foot putt, the kind even ordinary duffers make every day. But Hoch was taking no chances with it, not with the cherished green jacket at stake. So he took his time and chuckled

about it later. "I looked at it longer," he said. "With that much time on the tour, we'd have eight-hour rounds. I

didn't want to miss an angle." Finally, Hoch drew his putter back and stroked the ball — well past the hole.

"There was maybe a split second of indecision instead of going up with a definite idea," he said. "I didn't line it up and I pulled it. I tried to hit the hole. It had a chance to go in. But the ball didn't break as much. There was dew on the green and it stayed high. It was a poor effort."

Hoch said he had thought the putt out properly but had not carried out his plan for it. Moments later, Faldo nailed a

birdie on the next playoff hole for the championship.

It was a title Hoch had for the taking and one he gave away. Could it be he had he taken too much time lining up the crucial

"It's easy to say that because I missed it, but I don't think so," he

And there was Ben Crenshaw,

Only Hoch, with a closing 69,

Both chopped up the first

could match Faldo's 5-under-par

total for 72 holes over the rain-

playoff hole, the 10th. Faldo drove

the fairway but had an awkward

stance and put his approach in a

Hoch got on the green but was

some 30 feet away. Faldo's shot

from the soggy sand left him a 20-

Hoch ran his birdie putt about

two feet beyond the cup. Faldo's

putt for par went some three feet

beyond, and he dropped that one

trouble with short putts, needed

only his two-footer to win. Just 24

in disbelief at still another major

inches. But he blew it.

that had eluded him.

Hoch, who has a history of

As it lipped out, he spun around.

CEDAR FALLS - Northern

Iowa men's basketball coach El-

don Miller has received a new

five-year contract with a base

salary of \$75,000, UNI Director of

Athletics Bob Bowlsby announced

Miller was hired by the Pan-

thers in 1986 following his release

from Ohio State University. He

led UNI to a record 19 wins

against nine losses this past

"Gentle Ben," trying to gain that

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second green jacket.

All made their bids.

All came up short.

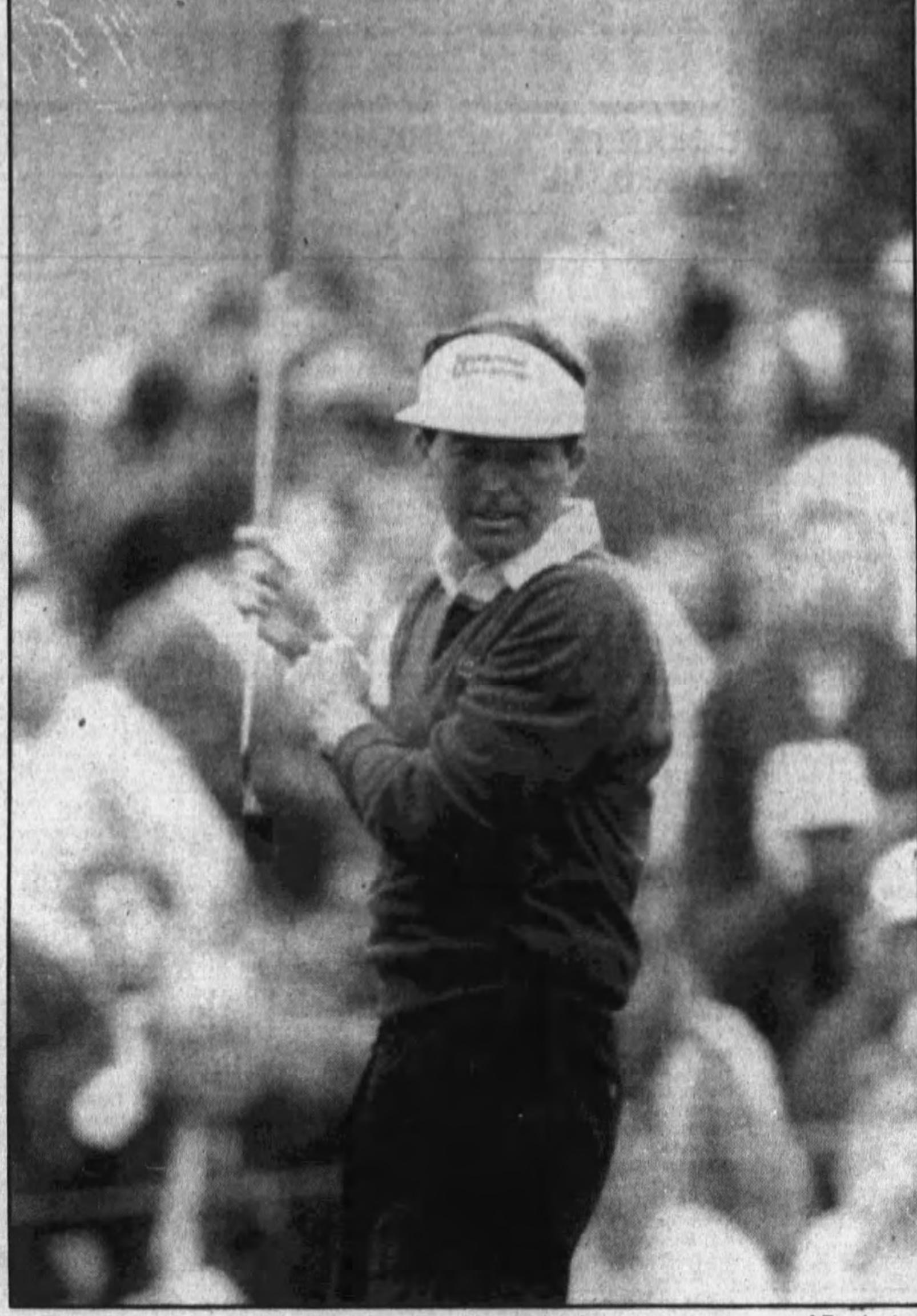
slick hills of Augusta.

greenside bunker.

footer for par.

for bogey.

Sunday.



Scott Hoch catches his putter after he tossed in the air after missing a 2-foot putt on the first playoff hole that would have given him the Masters title Sunday in Augusta, Ga. Nick Faldo went on to win the tournament on the second sudden-death hole.

said. "I was frazzled afterwards. I couldn't believe it. The one thing I did well all week was putt. They don't come at a bigger time. hadn't three-putted the 10th hole all week until then. I picked a nice time to do it, huh?"

Earlier, Hoch had surrendered a one-stroke lead with a bad putt on the 17th hole of regulation play. "I hit the chip of my life and then I misread the putt," he said. "The greens are wet and the ball

Rumells

cards 294

with a 294 total.

nament.

Nelson.

AUGUSTA, Ga. — West

Branch native Dave Rum-

mells shot a closing 71

Sunday — his best round

of the Masters — to finish

Rummells, who finished

11 shots off the pace,

earned \$6,900 for the tour-

Hoch had a six-foot birdie putt

on the 72nd hole to win the 1987

PGA championship, but three-

putted for bogey and missed the

playoff eventually won by Larry

missed this playoff by a single

stroke; by the margin of a bogey

gain a share of the lead, only to let

UNI's Miller gets contract extension

It was the Panthers' most wins

"The university is very pleased

with the progress of the men's

basketball program and we're

looking forward to the continued

improvement and success of the

team," Bowlsby said. "Coach Mill-

since moving to Division I and

their best finish in the AMCU-8

season and a second-place finish er is the reason behind this

success.

on the 72nd hole.

it slip away.

in the AMCU-8.

Crenshaw and Norman each

Each made a gallant move to

MASTERS: Faldo wins with birdie putt

doesn't break as much."

After coming so close, first in regulation and then in the playoff, Hoch was deeply disappointed. "Knowing all I need is a two-putt and I win and the immortality that would be sharing, it hurt," he

How badly?

"I'm glad I don't carry a gun," he said.

Norman, the Masters runnerup in 1986 and '87, birdied four of five holes beginning on the 13th and had a share of the lead when he went to the 18th.

But he left his approach short of the green, chipped short and failed on a 12-foot par putt, finishing with a 67 and a 284 total.

Crenshaw, the leader through three rounds, let the advantage slip away from him but gathered himself in a last-gasp challenge.

Two strokes back on the 16th tee, the 1984 Masters champion hit a shot some three feet from the clup and birdied. He got a share of the lead with a slow-moving, downhill, 25-foot putt that made its last turn into the cup on the

But on the 18th, he got his approach into the wet sand of a bunker on the left and failed to get it up and down. He finished with a 71.

"We'd run out of towels," Crenshaw said. "I couldn't get my hands dry and my glove-hand slipped on that second shot."

Under Miller, the Panthers

recorded a 15-13 overall mark

during the 1986-87 season and

were 10-18 two years ago. They

narrowly missed a berth in this

year's NIT Tournament.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL With the wind-chill in the mid-

DES MOINES (AP) - Former University of Iowa

football players Ronnie Harmon and Devon Mitchell

both quit school well short of graduation and with

grades below a "C" average, trial evidence shows.

Mitchell, both stars on Iowa's 1985 Big Ten

championship team and now playing in the National

Football League, were questioned during the federal

extortion, racketeering and fraud trials of sports

Complete transcripts for Harmon and Mitchell

agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom. A jury is

were introduced into evidence at the end of Walters-

Bloom trial last week. They showed both players

were substantially shy of the required credits for

graduation when they left school after Iowa played in

Mitchell's transcript showed he needs up to 20

credits to satisfy his general education requirements

and 12 credits in upper-level courses. Mitchell, now a

now considering that case in Chicago.

The academic performances of Harmon and

Sophomore pitcher Diana Kisling and the Mustangs shook off a calamitous first inning to edge St. Ambrose, 5-4, in the finale.

Beaten by Coe, 3-1, in one of three pool-play games held over from Saturday's snow-delayed slate, St. Ambrose knocked off Cornell, 5-2, in the first round of comes with winning a major, that championship play, then dispatched Minnesota-Duluth, 4-2.

Duluth was NAIA runner-up last season and came into the Mount Mercy tourney ranked

Mount Mercy is 22-2, St. Am-

Mustangs' junior first baseman Mary Goad won the tourney's most valuable batter award with 10 hits in 20 at-bats, including a 3-

She doubled home Mount Mercy's two first-inning runs against St. Ambrose, then singled and scored on Kisling's hit to give the Mustangs a 4-4 tie in the third.

She hit an RBI double in the first inning against Coe, and sent home the winning run against Kirkwood with a sacrifice fly. St. Ambrose soph Julie Kaes-

bauer already had the most valua-

ble pitcher award clinched with a 3-0 record when Mount Mercy's Jenny Ockenfels tagged her for a game-opening double. One of Kaesbauer's two walks and the Queen Bees' only error set the stage for Goad.

Kaesbauer then retired the side with a groundout and two of her

seven strikeouts. Kisling opened with a strikeout, then gave up a triple, four singles and another triple that sent the

Queen Bees ahead, 4-2. Kisling gave up seven more hits, but was seriously threatened only twice, when St. Ambrose left the bases loaded in the third, and when she gave up a pair of oneout singles in the seventh.

Reliever Dawn Cooksley ended the game with two fly outs.

Bev Klein began Mount Mercy's two-run third with a bloop single. Michelle Ratchford delivered an RBI single.

Kendra Dettbarn, the Mustangs' No. 9 batter, scored the winning run in the fifth on a groundout, after she led off with a single, stole second and took third on Ockenfels' sacrifice.

Mount Mercy stranded just four baserunners, St. Ambrose nine.

St. Ambrose junior Robin Becker, a former Cedar Rapids Jefferson player, wound up 6-for-11 in the championship playoff.

"St. Ambrose is the best hitting team we've faced," said Mustangs Hamann four.

defensive back with the NFL's Detroit Lions, failed to earn any credits in three of nine general education categories.

Harmon, now a running back with the NFL's Buffalo Bills, is up to 28 credits short in upper-level courses and 14 credits short in general education

During their years at Iowa, both players enrolled in an assortment of so-called "cupcake" courses, including watercolor painting, judo and slowpitch softball. Both players received credit for being members of the Hawkeye football team.

Since the testimony of Harmon and Mitchell, university officials have imposed tougher rules that require athletes to work toward earning a degree. University president Hunter Rawlings also has proposed that all Hawkeye freshmen be barred from competition within three years — even if the NCAA does not make the same rule for all schools.

Mustangs beat chill, opponents to claim tough tourney victory

Transcripts show Harmon,

Mitchell below 'C' average

By Bob Hilton Gazette sportswriter

the 1986 Rose Bowl.

teens, Mount Mercy posted three one-run victories to retain the championship in its own softball tournament Sunday at Ellis Park.

They'd survived an eight-inning, 7-6, first-round battle with Kirkwood, then trimmed Coe, 2-1, in the semifinals.

third nationally.

brose 17-5.

for-3 performance in the finale.

Coach Bob Timmons. "But after the first inning, we got Kisling straightened out. She started moving the ball around and did a good job. The only reason we lifted her was to get a change in velocity.

"I feel real good, with the weather what it was. I'd have been happy if it (the win over St. Ambrose) hadn't happened, considering our injuries."

"Our throwers threw well, and we were aggressive with the bats. We got down and came back. The kids know what's expected of

Because freshman Kim Hutchins had a sprained knee, Ratchford had to catch all three games Sunday, and, Timmons said, "she called three excellent games."

Sherry Zeiser played third base in spite of a wrist sprain, but had to forego hitting.

Coe pitcher Sharon Lorber sprained her right ankle on the third out of the third inning against Mount Mercy. Lorber said the injury wasn't serious.

Her relief, freshman Tracy Hamann, opposed Mustangs freshman Tracie Helle for the first time, after six years as her teammate at Garnavillo.

Both were first-team all-staters last summer.

Coe managed just two hits off Helle, and scored its only run without a hit.

Two Kohawk errors produced Mount Mercy's winning run off Lorber. She allowed three hits,

Wallace holds on Graf trounces Zvereva

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Top-seeded Steffi Graf rolled over fourth-seeded Natalia Zvereva, 6-1, 6-1 Sunday to win her third Family Circle Magazine Cup tennis tournament.

The world's No. 1 player, who defeated Zvereva 6-0, 6-0 in the French Open final last year, had nearly as easy a day Sunday, needing less than an hour to claim the first prize of \$60,000 on the clay courts at Sea Pines Racquet Club. Zvereva, of the Soviet Union, earned \$24,000.

The match was played under overcast conditions after rain threatened to delay the championship.

Graf said she never felt threatened by Zvereva, who upset second-seeded Martina Navratilova in Saturday.

"She can't really put me under pressure," Graf said. "She had some tough matches earlier, so maybe she was also tired. "I was really in control all the time, except for maybe at the beginning of the second set," said Graf, who won her first professional title at the Family Circle in 1986. She also won

Graf won the first two games but Zvereva, ranked No. 9 in the world, broke back to make it 2-1.

for Valleydale win

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Rusty Wallace held off a late charge by Darrell Waltrip, beating the 10time winner at Bristol International Raceway to the finish line by three-car lengths Sunday to capture the \$418,367 Valleydale Meats 500.

For Wallace, who took the lead for the fourth and final time on lap No. 458, the victory was his second at the .533-mile Bristol

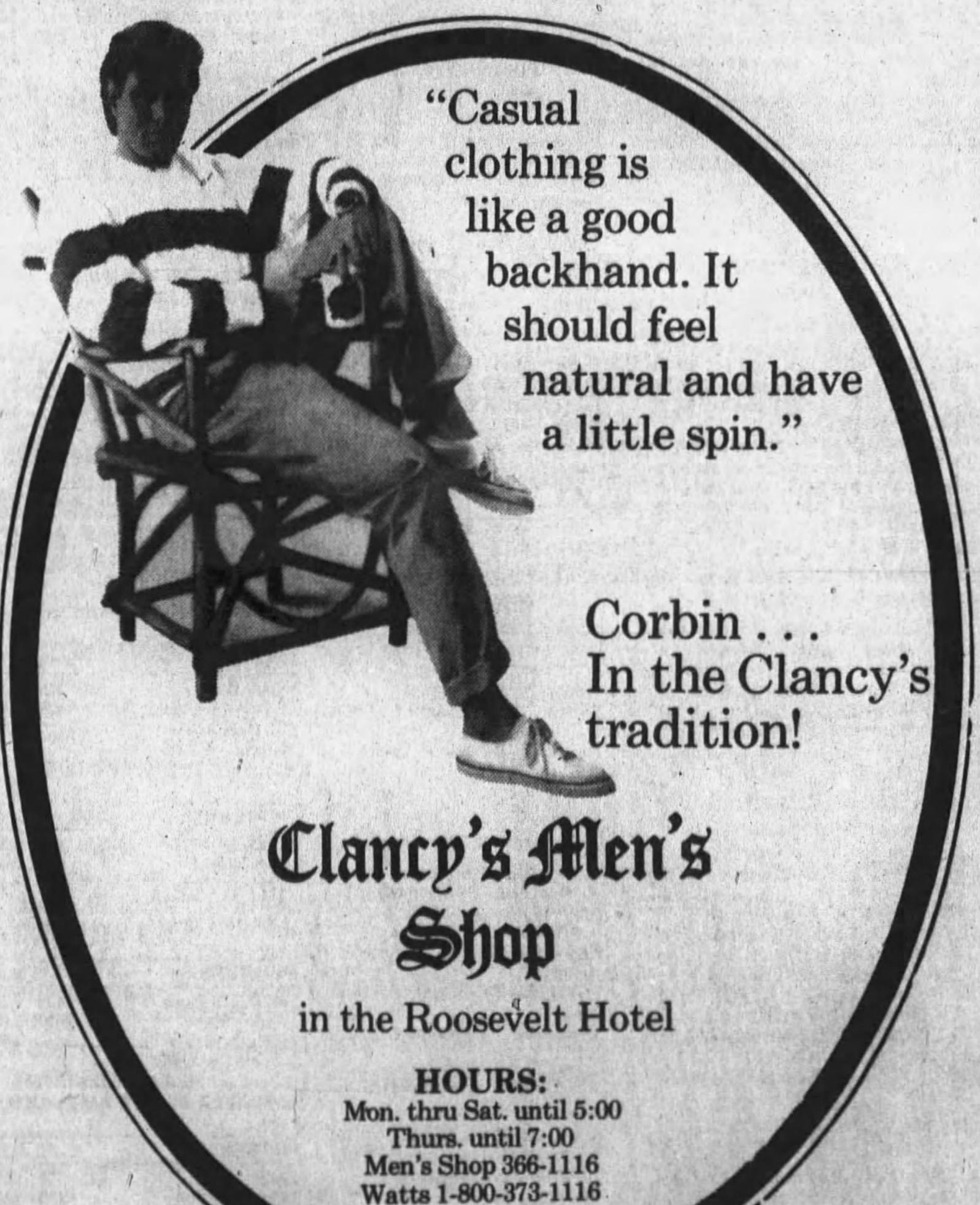
Geoff Bodine, who never led, took the third position.

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