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# Big Ten coaches give Michigan edge

#### By Mike Hlas Gazette sports columnist CHICAGO — Is the 1989 Big Ten Conference football season worth playing, or should the league hand Michigan the championship trophy today and save the

trouble? That depends on whom you listen to, but you couldn't find anyone at the league's preseason press conference Wednesday who didn't think the Wolverines. wouldn't be very good.

"I have to think they, at this point, are the conference favorite," Northwestern Coach Francis Peay said.

"Michigan won the Rose Bowl and had a heck of a football team last year," said Purdue Coach Fred Akers. "They could have been the national champion."

"I can't sum up the conference because I haven't studied it," Iowa Coach Hayden Fry said. "I know Michigan should probably be heads and shoulders the favorite

Two of the Wolverines' first three league contests are at Michigan State and Iowa.

> "I thank God we've got them coming back to our pink dressing room in Iowa City," Fry said.

> In recent years Iowa has covered the Kinnick Stadium visitors' dressing room with pink paper as some sort of psychological ploy. Schembechler apparently doesn't care for the concept.

> "Not that it would help," Fry said, "but I think it bothers Bo."

> MICHIGAN STATE Coach George Perles also referred to the pink wallpaper early in his Wednesday monologue.

> "We're playing Iowa away this year," Perles said. "You'll ask me about the pink lockerroom, and I'll tell you we've won our last two games at Iowa."

> Excepting Schembechler, Perles bristled more than any coach about the suggestion Michigan was the prohibitive favorite to

# **Conference coaches want** mandatory steroid testing

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DETROIT (AP) — Big Ten football coaches are calling for mandatory leaguewide testing for

anabolic steroids, saying it is necessary to assure the health and safety of athletes.

The coaches concluded Tuesday following a closed meeting in Chicago that uniform testing should be initiated, the Detroit Free Press reported Wednesday.

"It's going to be expensive, but we've got to stamp this thing out," said Bo Schembechler, Michigan coach and athletic director.



**Bo Schembechler** 

Coaches, physicians and trainers plan further studies before adopting any formal plans. Any

George Perles said. "We're diligently working on it to see what can be done."

universities. Different states and universities have different policies." "The important thing is that everybody is testing right now and everyone is in favor of a drug-testing program," Michigan State coach

Use of anabolic steroids increases a player's size and strength, but side effects include liver dysfunction, heart and vascular problems and hair loss.

such plan would need approval by university

presidents, athletic directors and faculty repre-

Ohio State team doctor Robert Murphy, one of

"I think the program they outlined is quite

the physicians who proposed conference testing

in May, made a presentation Tuesday before the

feasible," Illinois coach John Mackovic said. "But

we're dealing with seven states and state

## Attorney: **Ross suit** may reform recruiting

CHICAGO (AP) — A lawsuit charging Creighton University with failing to educate former basketball player Kevin Ross could do as much to, reform the recruiting of athletes as a host of increasingly tougher NCAA standards, Ross' attorney says.

"Now may be the time for the courts to step into it," said attorney Marty Schwartz. "Ten years ago, say, the abuses weren't as well publicized, even though they might have been just as prevalent."

Schwartz said "the public is much better focused on the recruiting problem" following revelations of drug use and criminal charges involving several major football and basketball programs, as well as the testimony of college athletes during the recent trial of sports agents Norby Walters and

Group to send out steroid alert

with the nucleus of the Rose Bowl team back. At the end of last season I thought Michigan had the best football team in the United States."

**COACHES DON'T** mind putting their colleagues in the favorite's role. Bo Schembechler, who guided Michigan to a 7-0-1 Big Ten mark and a 22-14 Rose Bowl win over Southern California last season, gets a little hot when you tell him his team should be the first to win consecutive outright league titles since Michigan State in 1965 and 1966.

"In 1988 we had a great attitude," Schembechler said. "That'll be the key to our season this year.

"I think a lot of teams could win the league. Michigan State because of its great defense, Ohio State has a great offense, Illinois is returning a great quarterback (Jeff George), and I think Iowa has a great football team. I wouldn't count out Indiana or Minnesota. Both have great, great tailbacks (Anthony Thompson and Darrell Thompson).

"For you to think we have a tremendous leg up on this title," Schembechler said, "you've got another thing coming. We could get knocked out of there."

retain the league crown.

nois, Indiana, Iowa," Perles said. "Five or six teams can win it."

Schembechler agreed, and again said the overall strength of the conference is what has kept a league team from winning the national title since 1968.

"The reason is if any Big Ten team shoots for the national championship they're a damn fool. We play for the Big Ten championship. If you win that and win the Rose Bowl, then you've had a great season.

"A national championship is a mythical national championship," in the nation."

Had Michigan not lost to national champ Notre Dame 19-17 in last year's season-opener, and had the Wolverines not lost a 31 -30 decision to national runner-up Miami in Week 2, Michigan would have been voted No. 1 in January.

"This year we play Notre Dame in Ann Arbor and UCLA in the Rose Bowl," Schembechler said. "Our schedule's extremely tough, but we like to play it that way."

## Hawks: Smith may be lost

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The Hawks may have another be good in the secondary and have hole to plug on offense, this not from an injury. Fry said senior "Our first three defensive ends wide receiver Sean Smith, who are all brand-new, and two will caught 17 passes for 207 yards probably be freshmen." last year and was regarded as the team's fastest receiver, may not return to school because of academic problems. If Smith is out of the picture, red-shirt freshman Danan Hughes of Bayonne, N.J., may well move into the starting lineup. Defense doesn't seem to pose as many problems for the Hawkeyes. "Our strengths are defensively," Fry said. "Obviously they're (Brad) Quast and another linebacker, Melvin Foster. In the secondary everyone is back except for one fellow, so we should

"Michigan, Michigan State, Illi-

he said. "It's mythical. Probably - no, not probably - since 1968 there have been Big Ten teams that should have been voted No. 1

### Prep coaches will learn warning signs

ATLANTA (AP) — A chemists' 'group and a coaches' association announced plans Wednesday to send each American high school a primer on steroids, stressing testing as a way to crack down on cheaters.

The "High School Coaches' Guide to Steroid Use and Detection" will be sent to the 19,000 high schools in the United States in upcoming weeks, in time for football season, said Skip Morris, executive director of the National High School Athletic Coaches Association.

The guide, produced by the American Association for Clinical Chemistry, says "steroid use is football team, and selecting two, ty of Minnesota medical professor. learn to read.

... among high school athletes," allow," he said. and "the only way to conclusively prove steroid use is by detecting it in a test of an athlete's urine."

Steroids can enhance muscle development and performance, but have harmful side effects including an increased risk of cancer.

"Schools are beginning to look at testing programs as a tool to rid their schools of these dangerous drugs," Morris said. "A complete program of education and testing can move us forward."

With the cost of a single urine test for steroids approaching \$200, "it's not realistic at all to try and test every kid," Morris said. Most schools, then, would choose "random testing — collecting urine samples from the whole

growing to epidemic proportions four . . . whatever your budget will

Morris dismissed the civil rights and privacy objections to forcing all high school football players to give urine samples. He said many young athletes have asked for testing programs to prove their team is clean.

"They want people in their community to know that they don't want to cheat," he said.

Morris noted that high school athletes already must conform to certain requirements to play, such as maintaining their grades, and said drug testing can be simply one more requirement for the privilege of participating.

"It seems as if steroid use has reached almost endemic proportions among our young athletes," said Dr. Fred S. Apple, a Universi-

Lloyd Bloom.

Schwartz added, however, that he didn't want to use Ross' case to make the point that reform was necessary.

"We're not out to punch holes in the entire recruiting system," Schwartz said. "What we're saying is that they were negligent in recruiting him because he was so far below the minimum skills most schools apply and Creighton is above-average as an academic institution. It's a matter of degree."

Ross, now 30, first gained national attention in 1982, when he left Creighton University after four years on a basketball scholarship — unable to compete academically with eighth-grade students — and enrolled in a private elementary school in Chicago to



some depth.

Iowa could again face punting woes. None of three unproven candidates have claimed that job. This is the first time in three years that Iowa has a normal 11game schedule. Fry took teams to the Kickoff Classic two years ago and Hawaii last fall. Both were allowable extra games.

"I feel much better about our schedule this year," Fry said. "Number one, we don't have 12 games. We learned our lesson about that. Also, our first four games are in the state of Iowa.

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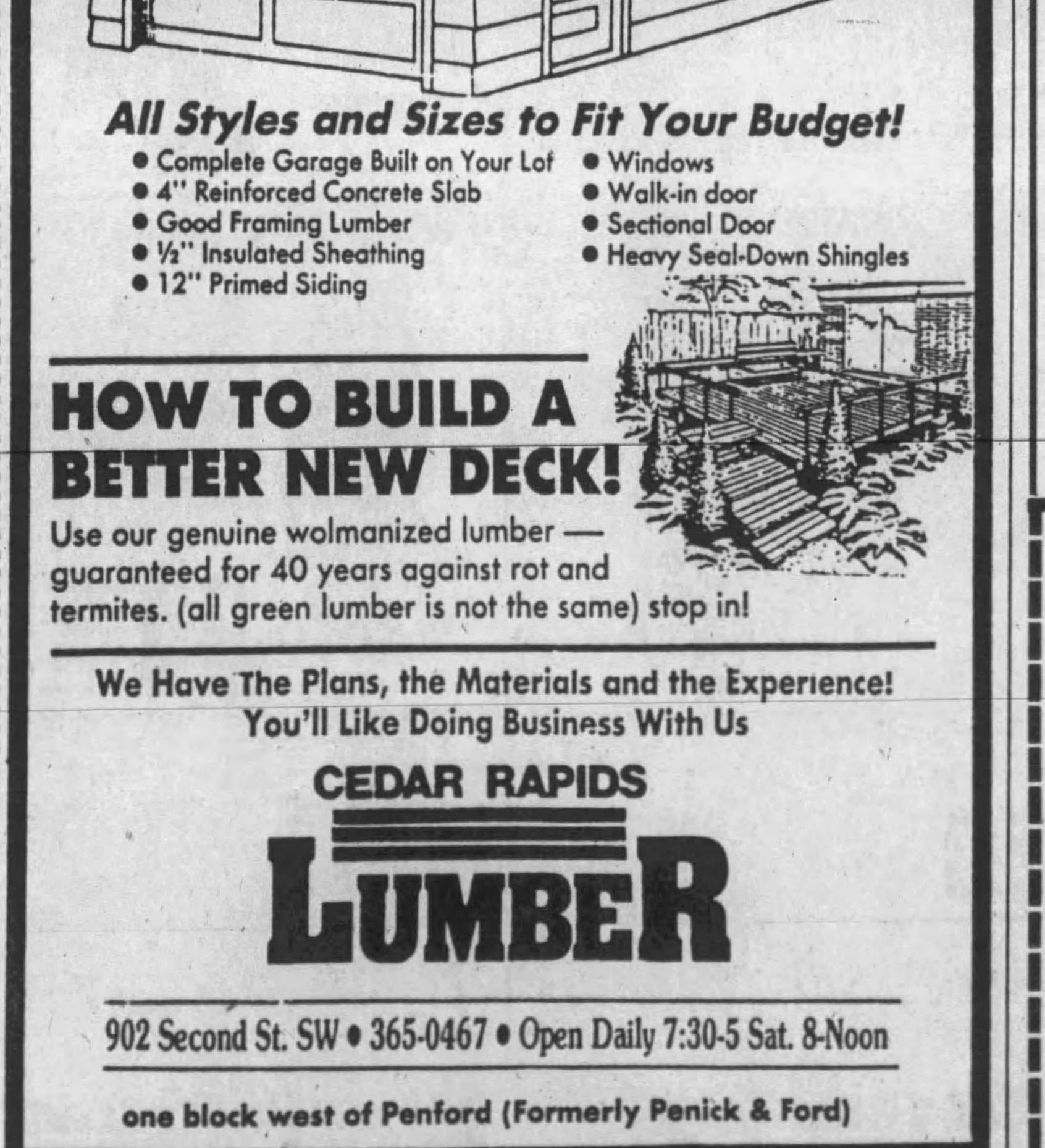
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