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Gophers face trying times

So, you think the Iowa football season has been a downer.

You think the Hawkeye football program was embarrassed last summer by Watercolorgate and the Norby Walters trial.

Give thanks. At least you don't live and die with University of Minnesota football and basketball.

It could be a lot worse, Hawkeye fans. Just when things are looking glum for your heroes - no bowl game on the horizon for the first time in nine seasons - here come the Gophers providing much needed comic relief.

If ever there was an athletic program with one foot in the hoosegow, it is Minnesota's.

Poor, principled Rick Bay. As Ohio State athletic director, he protested the firing of football coach Earle Bruce by resigning. Then he walked blindly into this collegiate cow pas-

was convicted of stealing \$186,000 from the school. Under oath, Darville said he wasn't stealing it. Rather, he was merely giving it to needy university athletes.

You wonder how scandal always seems to find a home in a first-rate city like Minneapolis. Crimes of the jockstrap are supposed to be the province of cultural backwaters that worship at the altar of major-college athletics.

In the wonderfully diverse Twin

Gutekunst was granted an 11th-game stay.

Cities, major-college football and basketball are not religion. They're barely a cult.

Helping out the athletes couldn't have been a crime, Darville told the jury. How can it be when the university president knew about it?

The former head of the urban league took the stand and said, yes, the president knew of Darville's charity work. As did basketball coach Clem Haskins and various other university muckety-mucks.

If Darville were stealing, the defense maintained, there isn't a jail cell in the Twin Cities large enough for all the accomplices.

Judging by the testimony, anyone involved with Minnesota athletics had to be a dolt not to know about Darville's work. Oops. Lou Holtz, one of the nation's

best and brightest football coaches, didn't know about it. That's what he says now. As Go-

pher coach at the time, Holtz said he should have known, but he didn't. Were Holtz still with the Gophers today, he'd be facing some trying

Eddie Sutton, who once coached basketball at Kentucky, copped a similar head-in-the-sand plea when his program ran afoul of the NCAA police. Sutton said he knew nothing about the greenbacks that cascaded from the air-express package destined for Chris Mills, a California re-

It didn't work. These days, Sutton is keeping a hand in by taking part in Nike clinics.

Maybe Holtz really had no clue some of his best players were making thousands of dollars in violation of NCAA rules. And maybe all of his players are Irish Catholic youngsters named Murphy.

Either way, much of the naughty stuff happened, as Ronald Reagan used to say, on Holtz's watch.

But the NCAA investigation isn't Holtz's concern. At the moment, he's busy leading Notre Dame - school of unsurpassed integrity and lofty academic standards - ever closer to its second national championship in a row.

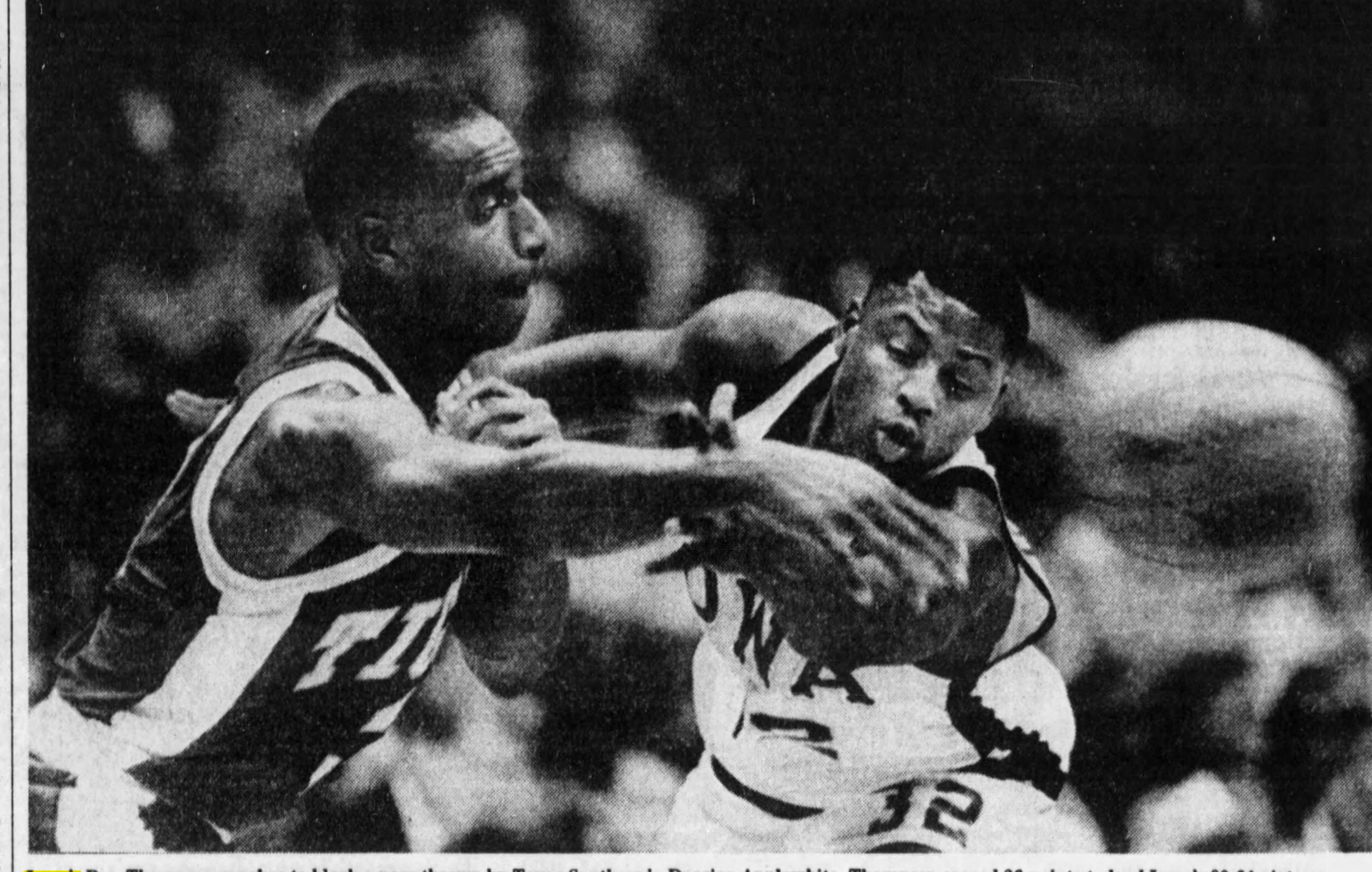
In the meantime, Holtz's successor, a relative innocent in the scandal, could turn out to be one of the prime

victims. A few days ago, after nearly a full season of speculation, Bay announced this would not be John Gutekunst's final season. The boss granted the

coach an 11th-game stay. The next question is this: Why would Gutekunst want a stay? If the NCAA believes Darville's testimony,

the worst certainly is yet to come. Maybe not today. The Gophers could very well beat the Hawkeyes. That isn't the worst football team ever fielded in Minneapolis. And Gutekunst is by no means the worst

coach. But now that Darville is off the university payroll, it might be one of the poorest.



Iowa's Ray Thompson reaches to block a pass thrown by Texas Southern's Darrion Applewhite. Thompson scored 26 points to lead Iowa's 80-64 victory.

In court this week, former university administrator Luther Darville Orr nervous as lowa State faces Toledo in opener

By RACHEL BLOUNT Register Staff Writer

It always seems to be the case with these early season, non-conference college basketball games. Small school, looking for recognition by beating a well-known team, has nothing to lose. Bigger school, with a high profile and high hopes of making the NCAA tournament, has little to gain.

No wonder, then, that Iowa State Coach Johnny Orr is slightly nervous about this afternoon's opener against Toledo at Hilton Coliseum. Orr said earlier this week that the Cyclones, who hope to improve upon last season's 17-12 record and earn a return trip to the NCAAs, have been somewhat less than stellar as they prepare for the Rockets.

"I've been disappointed at how we've practiced," said Orr, whose team stayed in Ames this week and practiced through the holidays. " hope we will rise to the occasion, and

I think we will." About 3,000 tickets remain for the game, a rarity at Iowa State. Because

the students are on a holiday break,

the game was not included in the student season-ticket package.

It hasn't been a kind week for Iowa State, which defeated Australia's Brisbane Bullets, 89-86, in its only exhibition. Doug Collins, a transfer projected to start at guard with senior Terry Woods, came down with chicken pox on Wednesday and is lost for approximately two weeks. Collins is the third player the Cy-

clones have lost for the season's beginning. Sophomore forward Norman Brown separated a shoulder in a scrimmage and is out indefinitely, and Mark Baugh, a junior forward and returning starter, is academically ineligible this semester. Redshirt freshman Justus Thigpen

likely will start in place of Collins. Thigpen had 25 points and eight rebounds in a scrimmage. Orr also may start sophomore Brian Pearson, who had six points and four assists against Brisbane, at shooting guard.

Toledo returns three starters from a team that went 16-15 last year and

Blaise Bryant

2. Dwayne Crutchfield

Mike Strachan

Joe Henderson

7. Dwayne Crutchfield

Dexter Green*

8. Mike Strachan

9. Dexter Green

to the level of the day."

George Amundson*

Bryant atop ISU ladder

finished third in the Mid-American Conference. The Rockets, the most improved team in the conference last year, have played one exhibition this fall, losing to the Verich Reds, 105-92.

Toledo lacks a true center and starts a lineup of three 6-6 forwards. Still, the Rockets used an inside-oriented offense last year because of their inconsistent outside shooting. Toledo finished second in the conference in team defense, but it was consistently outrebounded last season on both the defensive and offensive ends.

Toledo Coach Jay Eck says the Rockets have improved their outside shooting after spending hours last summer working on their accuracy. He hopes to discover just how much they've improved with a preseason schedule that includes Houston, Pittsburgh and Minnesota — teams that, along with Iowa State, are prime targets for a school looking for attention.

"We have a philosophy in our scheduling," said Eck, who is 31-27 in three years at Toledo. "We feel that

Yards

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Probable Lineups

	No.	Starter	Ht.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.
F	33	Kunz	6-9	Jr.	0.0	0.0
F	32	Moore	6-4	Jr.	2.1	0.7
C	52	Alexander	6-9	Jr.	19.9	8.8
G	4	Woods	5-9	Sr.	8.9	2.2
G	24	Thigpen	6-2	Fr.	0.0	0.0
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the competitive non-conference schedule that we're playing prepares us for the top teams in our league. We're playing the types of teams that can challenge our players, and players today like to play against top competition."

Thompson's 26 let lowa win, 80-64

Associated Press

Davis calls victory over Texas Southern 'great'

By BUCK TURNBULL

Register Staff Writer IOWA CITY, IA. - Sophomore Ray Thompson made up for the absence of injured Matt Bullard with a careerhigh 26 points Friday, leading Iowa's basketball team to an 80-64 victory over Texas Southern.

It was the 12th consecutive season-opening victory for the Hawkeyes, and the 25th straight time they've won their home opener.

"When you lose a player like Matt, the whole team comes together," Thompson said. "We all knew we had to give a good effort, and that's what we did."

Bullard, a fifth-year senior and Iowa's most experienced player, sprained a knee in practice Wednesday. His status is uncertain.

Davis Pleased

In the first half, Thompson hit nine of 13 shots and scored 21 of his points. That exceeded his previous career high of 20, which came against California-Riverside last season.

"When you look at Thompson's rebounding performance, you can see that he did much more than score for us," Iowa Coach Tom Davis said. "He had 10 rebounds, and we knew we needed that with Matt out of there."

Much more than Thompson's game pleased Davis. Les Jepsen played what the coach called his finest game, contributing 15 points and a gamehigh 16 rebounds. Both are career bests for the 7-foot senior.

Acie Earl, a 6-10 freshman, also was a conspicuous performer - especially with his shot-blocking. Earl's debut included six points, nine rebounds and five blocked shots.

"Great" Victory

"Sometimes there are good wins and sometimes there are great wins," Davis said. "I would call this a great win, because of all the things we had to do to get ready on short notice.

"I'm excited about how well we played. And it was against a quality

Texas Southern kept bombing away from three-point range to keep the score close, trailing by 63-62 with minutes remaining. The Tigers

HAWKEYES

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Big Eight honor goes to Bryant

KANSAS CITY, MO. (AP) - Iowa State's Blaise Bryant gave Coach Jim Walden something Friday to brag

Bryant was named Big Eight Conference offensive newcomer of the year by reporters. Bryant, who led the league in rushing yards, had little trouble making the adjustment from junior-college to major-college competition. Bryant opened the season with 213 yards in a game against Ohio University. He led the Big Eight with 1.516 yards and 19 touchdowns.

Kansas State linebacker Brooks Barta was named defensive newcomer of the year. He was one of the few bright spots in an otherwise dismal season for the Wildcats, who finished with a 1-10 record. Though he missed the last two games with an injury, Barta won praise of opposing coaches.

Rushing Leader

Bryant erased Iowa State's season rushing record of 1,312 yards set in 1981 by Dwayne Crutchfield.

"There's no question in my mind that he's the best running back in the Big Eight," Iowa State Coach Jim

10. Jim Wingender 11. Joe Henderson *Not including bowl games Walden said. "Every week, no matter what the competition was, he played

Walden was careful at first to avoid boasting about Bryant, who led all junior-college rushers last season for Golden West College at Huntington Beach, Calif. "You get a kid out of junior college

and you think he's something special," Walden said. "But at the same time, you know you've got to turn it up a notch when you get to the major leagues. And some kids just can't do it. There's no way to predict for sure. We didn't want to put any extra burden on him.

"I figured if we brag on him, between my big mouth and his unusual name, they'll be expecting him to win the Heisman even before he gets one carry. But when you rush for

57 Ball State

74 Bradley

87 Drake

1,500 yards, I think you've proved yourself."

Bryant Surprised Even Bryant was surprised at his

1976

1988

Year

1989

"It all happened kind of fast," he said. "I was surprised at the speed of the defensive players. It is drastically different from what I had been used

Bryant is accustomed to questions about his first name.

"When I was little, I got a lot of kidding about it," he said. "People think it's fake. A lot of people ask me what's my real name. My dad gave me that name. I really don't know where he got it."

Barta was one of several freshmen and sophomores who started for the Kansas State defense.

235 attend as Drake rally fails in 87-83 loss at U.S. International

By RICK BROWN Register Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. — The odds were a bit too insurmountable for Drake's basketball team to overcome in an 87-83 season-opening loss to U.S. International Friday night in Golden The Bulldogs, trailing by 14 points

early in the second half, fought off foul trouble to get in a position to win, but weren't able to get it done in front of a paltry crowd of 235.

Both starters Kevin Sams, a forward, and Sam Roark, a center, fouled out with more than 7 minutes remaining in the game. Sams, playing his first game for

Drake after transferring from Southeastern Community College in Burlington, scored 18 points. Roark and Terrell Jackson added 17.

"I'm disappointed, because I didn't think we came to play," said Drake Coach Tom Abatemarco. "On defense we were just awful. We were dominated by Kevin Bradshaw."

Returning to college basketball after a three-year stint in the Navy, the 6-foot 6-inch Bradshaw scored 24 points in the first half and ended up with 38. His four free throws in the final 25 seconds of the game sealed Drake's doom.

Bradshaw, a former Florida high school player of the year, played two seasons at Bethune-Cookman before joining the service.

U.S. International dominated

Drake on the offensive glass. The Gulls had 25 offensive rebounds to 11 for Drake and won the rebounding battle, 43-33. Second and third shots at the basket enabled the Gulls to win de-

spite hitting just 10 of 34 shots from the field in the second half. "I didn't see anything positive come out of this game," Abatemarco

said. "This was one of the worst defensive efforts I've ever seen. We're a long way from being a good team. We're not ready to play at Iowa. I wish we had a home game." The Hawkeyes host Drake Tuesday

night in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

One of the key points in the game, and the one that the Bulldogs were never able to come all the way back from, occured midway through the opening half with U.S. International holding a 23-21 lead. It appeared that the Gulls' Steve

McCaughey touched a Bradshaw shot

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MORNING REPORT

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NBA						
Dallas	99	Minnesota	8			
Denver	122	Seattle	10			
Detroit	101	Cleveland	8			
Houston	85	Charlotte	8			
Indiana	118	Boston	11			
Philadelphia	121	Washington	10			
Phoenix	121	Orlando	9			
Portland	125	New Jersey	0			

BIG EIGHT 102 Rice

Colorado	102	NICE
Kansas	66	St. John's (25)
Kansas St.	71	Florida State
Missouri (11)	68	Evansville
BIG TEN		

San Antonio 125 L.A. Clippers 89

71 Wisconsin E. Michigan 80 Tex. Southern 64 Michigan St. 92 Auburn

Hockey NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE 3 Calgary Detroit New Jersey Minnesota 5 Edmonton Philadelphia Northwestern 81 III. Wesleyan Washington Pittsburgh

Purdue

Stetson

U.S. Inter.

TOP 25

UNLV(1)

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MISSOURI VALLEY

Arkansas (9) 97 Samford

Ga. Tech (22) 108 Georgia St.

Louisville (12) 89 Chaminade

Geo'town (5) at Hawaii Loa

IOWA COLLEGE WOMEN

NW Louisiana 77 Drake

Mem. St. (24) 99 Tennessee St. 74

88 DePaul

80 J. Madison

WILKINSON IMPROVED. Iowa State running back Ron Wilkinson could be moved out of an intensive care unit at a Des Moines hospital this weekend, Wilkinson's father said Friday. "His condition has stabilized and is improving. He is getting better every day," Ron Wilkinson II said. His son, a sophomore running back, was injured Saturday in an automobile accident at Ames.

RACISM CHARGES. Seba Johnson, 16, a U.S. Virgin Islands skier, was not allowed to compete Friday in the World Cup women's giant slalom. Her mother said it was because she is black. The U.S. Virgin Islands Ski Federation said it was because she refused to wear a ski suit of a team sponsor.

COACH OF DECADE. Ron Fraser of the University of Miami (Fla.) was named NCAA coach of the decade Friday by Collegiate Baseball magazine. Fraser is the winningest NCAA Division I coach, with a record of 1,118 victories 398 defeats and nine

PETTIS TO BE RANGER. Free-agent outfielder Gary Pettis, 31, agreed Friday to a three-year contract with the Texas Rangers.

TV Today

11 a.m. 5 College Football Ohio State at Michigan. Q 11 a.m. 8 College Football Penn State at Pittsburgh. Q 1:30 p.m. (ESN) Skiing World Cup Women's Slalom. 2:30 p.m. 8 NBA Chicago at Golden State. 2:30 p.m. (13) Golf Skins Game. (Tape) 2:30 p.m. (ESN) College Football Tennessee at Kentucky. 3 p.m. (5) Basketball Toledo at Iowa State. 5:30 p.m. 8 College Football Notre Dame at Miami. 4 6 p.m. (ESN) Basketball Maui Classic, first semifinal. 6:35 p.m. (TBS) NBA Boston at Atlanta. 8 p.m. (ESN) Basketball Maui Classic, second semifinal.

10:30 p.m. (17) College Football Minnesota at Iowa. (Tape)

2 a.m. (ESN) College Football Tennessee at Kentucky. (R)

11 p.m. (ESN) Basketball Great Alaska Shootout, semifinal game.