## A wistful look at covering the '80s

champion Linn-Mar team, 59-49, ending the

Lions' 42-game winning streak. Nine days

later, they met again at Carver-Hawkeye

Arena, and Kennedy ousted Linn-Mar, 39-37.

ended up at Ohio State, and Kennedy's Al

Linn-Mar's John and Scott Anderson

• IOWA CITY (Oct. 19, 1985) — Rarely

do big games live up to the hype, but the

football game between No. 1-ranked Iowa

and No. 2-ranked Michigan was incredible.

and-mouse for most of 60 minutes between

Bo Schembechler and Hayden Fry . . . Iowa

linebacker Larry Station drills Michigan

back Jamie Morris for loss, forcing the

Wolverines to punt and give Iowa a last

chance . . . Chuck Long directing the game-

winning drive . . . Rob Houghtlin crouching

over the ball, saying a prayer . . . Houghtlin

splitting the uprights . . . Running for cover

so as not to be trampled by the mass of

stories, this one will still rank right up there.

day was spent shadowing Iowa quarterback

Chuck Long and his fiance, Lisa Wells. Long

was invited to the Downtown Athletic Club

for the announcement of the Heisman

Rapids airport. There was a layover and

connecting flight in St. Louis, then on to

New York City. Long, Wells and a couple of

reporters were met at LaGuardia Airport by

Jackson by only 40 points, the closest vote

ever for the Heisman. But Long seemed

undaunted by the outcome and thrilled to be

• SEATTLE (March 1987) — Iowa's

basketball team had more comebacks in

Tom Davis' first season as coach than any

Long was defeated by Auburn's Bo

The day started very early at the Cedar

When they write the Century in Review

• NEW YORK CITY (Dec. 7, 1985) — My

humanity that stormed the field.

Trophy winner.

a limousine.

part of history.

A national television audience . . . cat-



MARK DUKES

Gazette sports editor

Ten years certainly is an enormous period of time to review. Requesting files from the memory banks is not as easy with the mind

and reflection.

ckoning.

as with a computer.

Nevertheless, the high points surface. We all will have special memories of lowan who may have thrilled us or annoyed us by what they did in the sports arena.

Sifting through a stack of press credentials and clippings accumulated through the 1980s, this correspondent will remember the decade for these people and places:

• IOWA CITY (Sept. 12, 1981) — Iowa' first big win of the 1980s was a 10-7 triumph over mighty Nebraska. It paved the way to a winning season and Rose Bowl berth for the

• NORMAN, Okla. (Oct. 3, 1981) — The powerful running of Dwayne Crutchfield got Iowa State into position to pull a terrific upset over Oklahoma.

But poor Alex Giffords missed a chip-shot field goal and the Cyclones had to settle for a 7-7 tie. The sight to remember was Coach Donnie Duncan consoling his kicker.

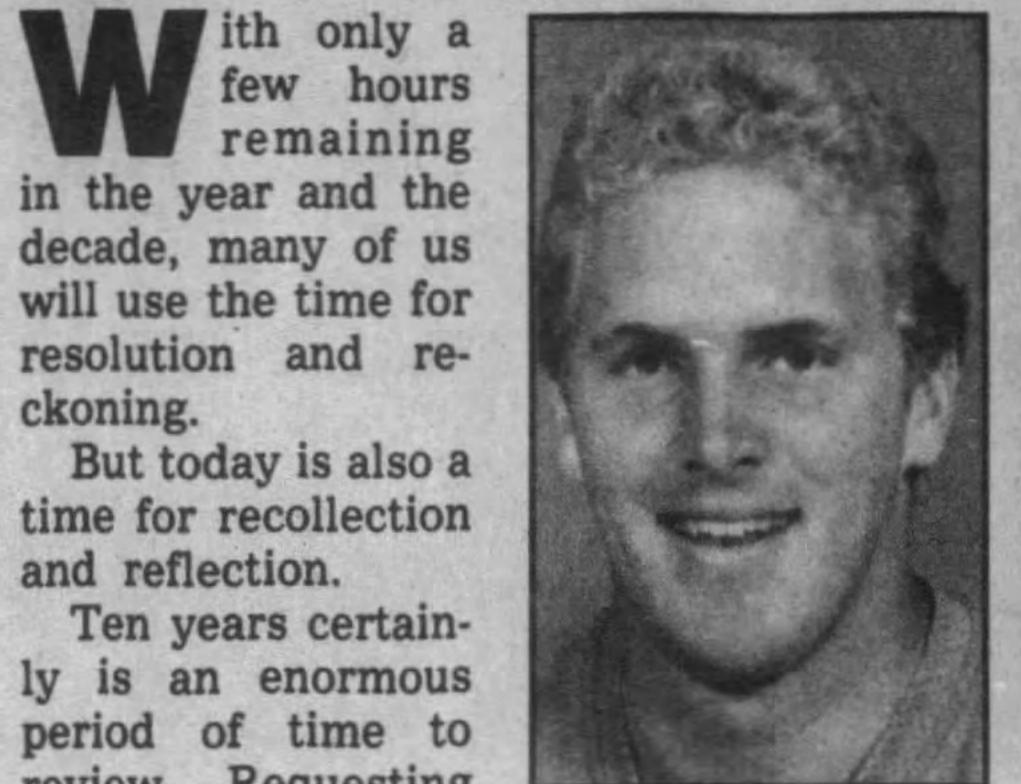
• PHILADELPHIA (October 1983) — The Baltimore Orioles wrapped up a World Series title in Philadelphia, and Iowan Mike Boddicker was center-stage.

Boddicker started the '83 season in Triple-A Rochester, but moved up after winning three of four games there. In Baltimore, he went 16-8 with a 2.77 ERA, and was named The Sporting News AL Rookie Pitcher of the Year.

He sparkled in the playoffs, winning Game 2 with a 5-hitter. He struck out a record 14 batters. He won Game 2 of the World Series, beating the Phillies 4-1 on a 3hitter.

• CEDAR RAPIDS (Winter 1984) — Interest in Metro boys' basketball was at its peak in the decade. The top two teams in town, Cedar Rapids Kennedy and Linn-Mar, met before a crowd of over 7,000 fans at the Five Seasons Center Feb. 20, 1984.

Kennedy topped the defending state



Chuck Long

Lorenzen played at Iowa.



Mike Boddicker



Chuck Hartlieb



Mary Cook

club should be allowed. Ironically, an opponent's rally - so similar to the ones lowa manufactured — ended the season.

The Hawkeyes pushed deadlines of Midwest newspapers to the limit in the NCAA Regional at the Kingdome in Seattle. Ic went into overtime with Oklahoma, then prevailed in the last seconds on Kevin Gamble's basket.

Next came Nevada-Las Vegas. Iowa appeared headed for the Final Four when it opened a 15-point first-half lead. But the Runnin' Rebels rallied for an 84-81 win.

• MINNEAPOLIS (October 1987) — Decibel levels at the Metrodome during the American League playoffs left a permanent ringing in the ears.

The Minnesota Twins' playoff victory over Detroit, then the World Series triumph over St. Louis, were helped greatly by the deafening noise generated at the Dome.

• COLUMBUS, Ohio (Nov. 14, 1987) — Somehow, Chuck Hartlieb and Marv Cook hooked up on a fourth down-and-forever touchdown pass that gave the Hawkeyes a 29-27 victory.

Ohio State Coach Earle Bruce was fired before the Buckeyes' final game against Michigan. Bruce became Northern Iowa's coach for the 1988 season.

There are many more moments worth recalling: Ten years covering Hayden Fry . . Iowa's domination in wrestling, and rise to the top of women's college basketball . . .

The stormy era of Jim Criner at Iowa State . . . The Cyclones reaching the Final 16 in men's basketball . . . Ronnie Harmon and Devon Mitchell getting involved with agents, and disclosure of their academic records setting off loads of controversy . . . Danny Harris, John Wathan, Dick Schultz, Dave Rummells and other Iowans making national names for themselves . . .

Hello and welcome, 1990.

## Women: Tie mark with 106 points

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tallied a school-record tying 106 points. The Hawkeyes defeated Northern Iowa, 106-61, during the 1978-79 season.

Iowa improved to 8-2 on the season, while the Tar Heels fell to

SENIOR FRANTHEA Price led the Hawkeye attack with 25 points, eight rebounds, six steals and five assists in just 22 minutes of playing time.

It was her shortest outing of the season.

Florence, S.C., native Jolette Law added 21 points, extending her double figure scoring streak to 25 games and dished out eight assists for the third time this

season. freshman Toni Foster added a career-high 16 points, eight rebounds and a schoolrecord tying four blocked shots. Junior guard Stephanie Schueler added 13 points and senior Katie Abrahamson had 10.

Price and Law were named to the all-tournament team.

Lady Harmon of Georgia was named tournament MVP as the Bulldogs downed South Carolina, 76-64, in the championship game to stay unbeaten at 9-0.

Also named to the team were Stacey Fork of Georgia and Karen Middleton of South Carolina.

The Hawkeyes were coming off disappointing 82-76 loss to No. 20 South Carolina Friday

"I knew it might be difficult for us to bounce back from last night's heartbreaker," said String-

"WE HAD LESS than 24 hours to recover and play a top-notch North Carolina team. Ours was as much a psychological, as a physical battle."

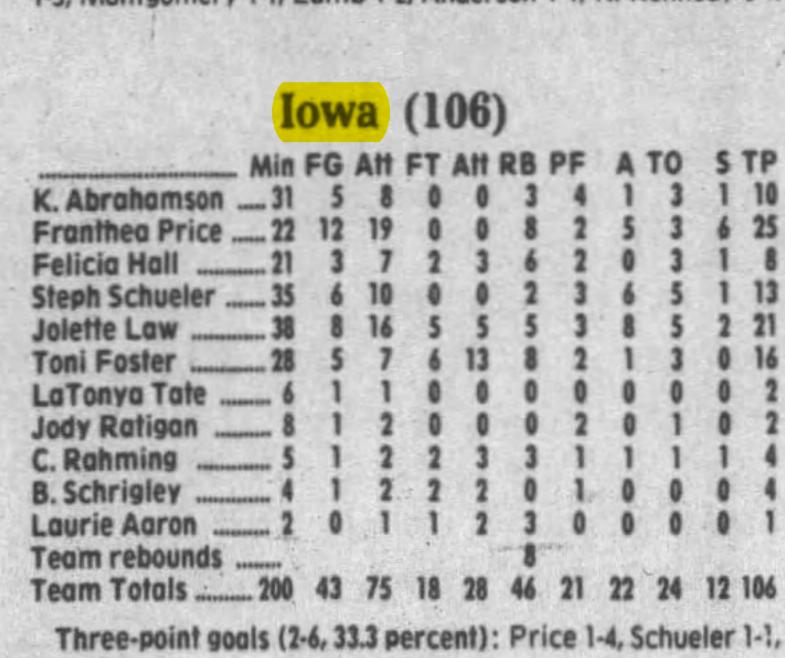
The Hawkeyes did not allow a Tar Heel basket until 15:05, when Heather Thompson made good on two free throw attempts.

Iowa pushed the lead as high as 25 points in the first half and led, 54-36, at intermission.

North Carolina never got on track in the second half, falling behind by as much as 32. Eight three-point baskets, four

by sophomore Emily Johnson, kept the Tar Heels' deficit down North Carolina (81)

Three-point goals (8-17, 47.1 percent): Johnson 4-7, Williams 1-5, Montgomery 1-1, Lamb 1-2, Anderson 1-1, K. Kennedy 0-1.



Halftime: Iowa 54, North Carolina 36.

late in the game.

"We couldn't get going in the first few minutes, then we wasted some chances to get back into the game," said North Carolina Coach Sylvia Hatchell.

"IOWA HAS a really quick back court. They kept us off balance most of the time because they were able to to spurt past our first defenders or send the ball over them. Defensively they didn't give us any easy inside shots."

Johnson led the Tar Heels with 18 points.

Sophomore Kareema Williams added a game-high 13 rebounds and 16 points.

The Hawkeyes shot considerably better than they did Friday night, making 57.3 percent of their floor shots to North Carolina's 33.3 percent.

The Tar Heels, however, outrebounded Iowa, 49-46, and committed two fewer turnovers, 22 to 24.

"This game gave us an opporturity to test our character, to see if we could bounce back from a tough loss," said Stringer. The Hawkeyes open Big Ten

Conference play Friday with a 1 p.m. game against Michigan State in East Lansing. That game will be shown live on ESPN.

## Tops of '89 happened off the field of play in lowa

DES MOINES (AP) — Sports in Iowa took a different twist in 1989, when the biggest news happened off the field.

Palmer claimed the fourthlongest basketball winning streak in the country and Iowa's football team suffered its first losing season in nine years, but a university president and two Iowa State athletes charged with robbery were the top newsmakers.

Hunter Rawlings touched off an outcry early last spring when he said he was thinking of making freshmen athletes at the University of Iowa ineligible for varsity competition even if no other school followed suit.

His suggestion, which sparked a resignation threat by Iowa football coach Hayden Fry, came after testimony in a federal court case showed that former football stars Ronnie Harmon and Devon Mitchell took recreational-type courses to stay eligible.

THE ATHLETICS-ACADEMIC No. 1 sports story of 1989 in an Associated Press poll of writers, editors and broadcasters.

Iowa State basketball player Sam Mack and Cyclone football player Levin White, who were arrested for the March 30 robbery of a Burger King restaurant in Ames, became the No. 2 story.

White pleaded guilty and was sent to prison. Mack, who had been Iowa State's No. 3 scorer in the 1988-89 season, was acquitted and transferred to Arizona State.

The fourth-place story of the year also involved off-the-field events. Three Iowa basketball players, later identified as Roy Marble, Ed Horton and Curtis Cuthpert, were treated at subexpense. Although the treatment find it difficult to compete. took place in 1988, the story didn't break until February.

Palmer's success was voted the third best story of the year. The Panthers of Coach Alden Skinner extended their winning streak to 103 games — a string that dated back to the beginning of the 1985-86 season — before losing in the semifinals of the Class A state

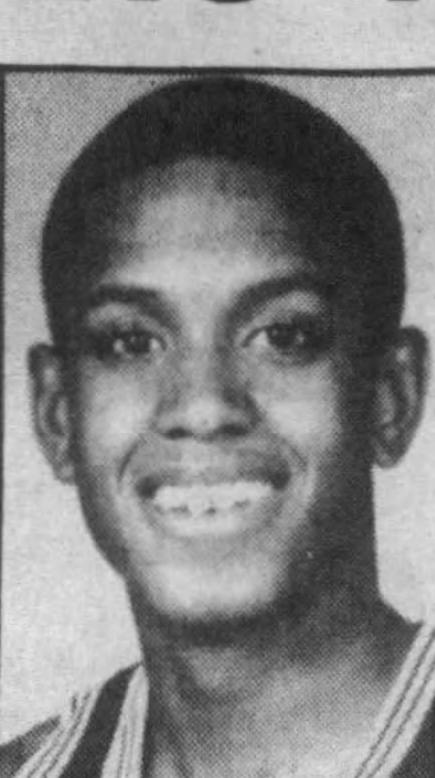
tournament. Iowa's football troubles finished fifth. The Hawkeyes were inconsistent all season, particularly on offense, went 5-6 and ended a string of eight consecutive bowl appearances. On a more positive note, Marble, Horton and teammate B.J. Armstrong all were among the top picks in the June NBA draft after strong senior seasons. That was the No. 6 story reconsideration of freshman eligiof the year.

THE DEATH OF longtime Drake Relays announcer Jim Duncan in April was seventh, and the



Blaise









success of the Iowa State football team, which went 6-5 and featured an explosive offense, was eighth.

Although he didn't play before big crowds, Simpson running back Ricky Gales rolled up some big numbers, setting national NCAA Division III records in rushing and scoring. His accomplishments

were the No. 9 story of the year. Like Division III football, cross country isn't known for drawing big crowds either, but that sport of the year — Iowa State winning the NCAA championship and producing the top two individual finishers.

Rawlings dropped his bombshell on freshman eligibility in early April.

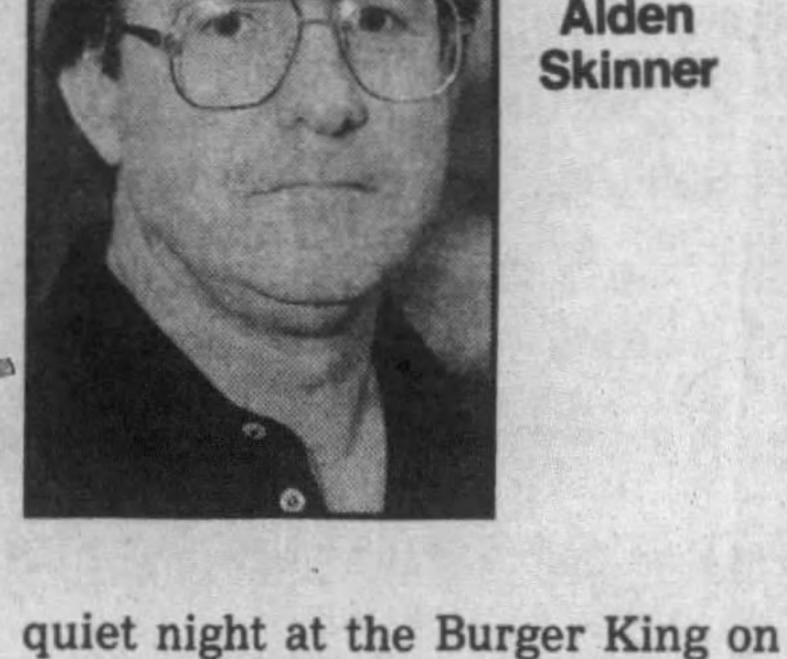
"I am going to work with the Big Ten presidents to try to bring about a change in this rule within the NCAA. But if we don't get anywhere with that process, I'll do it," said Rawlings.

Fry, baseball coach Duane Banks and swimming coach Glenn Patton threatened to resign if the university acted alone. The University I-Club and U of I Foundation said the move would seriously hamper their fund raising. Gov. stance abuse centers at university Terry Branstad said Iowa would

> RAWLINGS MADE HIS remarks only weeks after the revelations at the federal trial of sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom in Chicago. Evidence in the case disclosed that Harmon and Mitchell had taken courses such as bowling, billiards, slow-pitch softball and coaching techniques to stay eligible. Both athletes left school after Iowa played in the 1986 Rose Bowl, well short of the credits they needed for a degree.

Rawlings eventually agreed to discuss the matter with athletic department officials and coaches before doing anything. Later in the year, other university presidents, including Gordon Eaton at Iowa State, said they favored a

The No. 2 story of the year also happened in the early spring, traditionally a slow time for sports in Iowa. March 30 was a



Lincolnway in Ames until two young men entered the restaurant, one armed with a rifle, the other with a knife. They herded employees and

customers into a cooler, grabbed money from a cash drawer and fled just as police were pulling up. Both were shot and wounded as they headed out a door. THE SUSPECTS TURNED out

issue at Iowa was voted the state's was involved in the No. 10 story to be two Iowa State athletes. got worse. Mack, who had just completed his sophomore season with the Cyclones, was a starting forward and one of the team's best players. White, a defensive back on the football team, had not yet played for Iowa State since his transfer from Southern California.

Both recovered from their gunshot wounds. White pleaded guilty to a robbery charge and is serving a 25-year prison sentence. Mack pleaded innocent and was acquitted in a highly publicized trial in July. The jury believed his defense that he went along with the robbery only because he was afraid of White and feared that White would shoot someone in the restaurant.

Mack said he wanted to continhad been expelled from school after the robbery and wouldn't have enough credits to be eligible. He transferred to Arizona State to try to make a fresh start.

On the court, Palmer had long been the terror of Class A basketball, winning three consecutive state championships and going undefeated each season. The Panthers kept it up during the 1988-89 season and took a 102-game winning streak into the state tournament last March.

THE STRING ENDED with a 60-56 loss in the semifinals to Keota, which went on to win the state title. Palmer went out a winner, though, beating Rockwell-Swaledale 50-45 in its last game as Palmer. The school has since Oberg and running back Blaise consolidated with Pomeroy. The first big story involving off-

the-field events occurred in Feb-

ruary, when it was disclosed that

three Iowa basketball players had

undergone substance abuse treatment at centers in Minnesota and Florida at university expense. University records did not list

their names, but word later leaked that the players were Marble, Horton and Cuthpert. The latter two refused to comment, as did Iowa coach Tom Davis. But Marble admitted in a candid interview he had developed a drinking problem following the 1987-88 season and sought help before it

Iowa football fans who had been spoiled by the Hawkeyes' success in the 1980s learned to appreciate those good times during the 1989 season, the 100th year of Iowa football.

The Hawkeyes, relying on number of young players, lost to Oregon 44-6 in their opener and it was a struggle the rest of the way. They had a chance to salvage a winning season against Minnesota in the last game but fell apart in the fourth quarter and lost 43-7.

The problems that Marble and Horton encountered didn't impair their ability on the court or with pro scouts. After leading the Hawkeyes to a 23-10 record, those two plus Armstrong went in the top 39 players selected in the ue to play for Iowa State, but he NBA draft. Armstrong went to the Chicago Bulls and Marble to the Atlanta Hawks in the first round, Horton to the Washington Bullets in the second.

No one who ever attended the Drake Relays could forget the enthusiastic, knowledgeable voice calling the races. Jim Duncan was as much a part of the Relays as the athletes themselves, and Drake even named its track after

**DUNCAN SUFFERED** a heart attack while eating lunch at a Des Moines restaurant in March and died in April.

Iowa State enjoyed its third winning football season of the decade, thanks to a high-powered offense led by quarterback Bret Bryant. Bryant set school rushing and scoring records for a season and was voted Offensive Newcomer of the Year in the Big Eight "Conference.

The Cyclones finished fourth in the league at 4-3 and almost

pulled off a major upset. They piled up 609 total yards in a 43-40

Gales, a senior from West Des Moines, racked up the yardage while Simpson rolled up the victories this fall. Simpson finished 8-3 and Gales set NCAA Division III season records for rushing (2,035 yards), scoring (166 points) and touchdowns (26).

loss to Oklahoma, the most yards

ever given up by an Oklahoma

THE IOWA STATE track and cross country program blossomed in the '80s under Coach Bill Bergan, and the Cyclones capped the decade by winning the NCAA cross country title at Annapolis, Md. Iowa State's John Nuttal was the individual champion and teammate Jonah Koech finished second.

Other headline events that didn't get into the Top Ten:

• Iowa basketball player Ray Thompson, the Hawkeyes' fourthleading scorer, was suspended just before the NCAA tournament in March. He was declared aca-

demically ineligible even though he had met Big Ten and NCAA standards. Iowa officials said only that Thompson was ineligible under university standards and refused to elaborate.

Iowa lost to North Carolina State 102-96 in double overtime during the second round in the tournament.

• Former Northern Iowa star Terry Allen succeeded Earle Bruce as the school's football coach and guided the Panthers to an 8-3 record.

 Drake's Kevin Little won the 200- and 400-meter dashes at the Drake Relays. Ankeny's Dick Rasmussen

became the first coach to win three girls state basketball titles when he guided the Hawkettes to the six-player championship. • The Iowa State basketball team recovered from the loss of

serve center Darryl Spinks to get into the NCAA tournament and finish 17-12. Decorah became only the second school to win three consecutive state football titles, beating

Harlan in Class 3A.

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