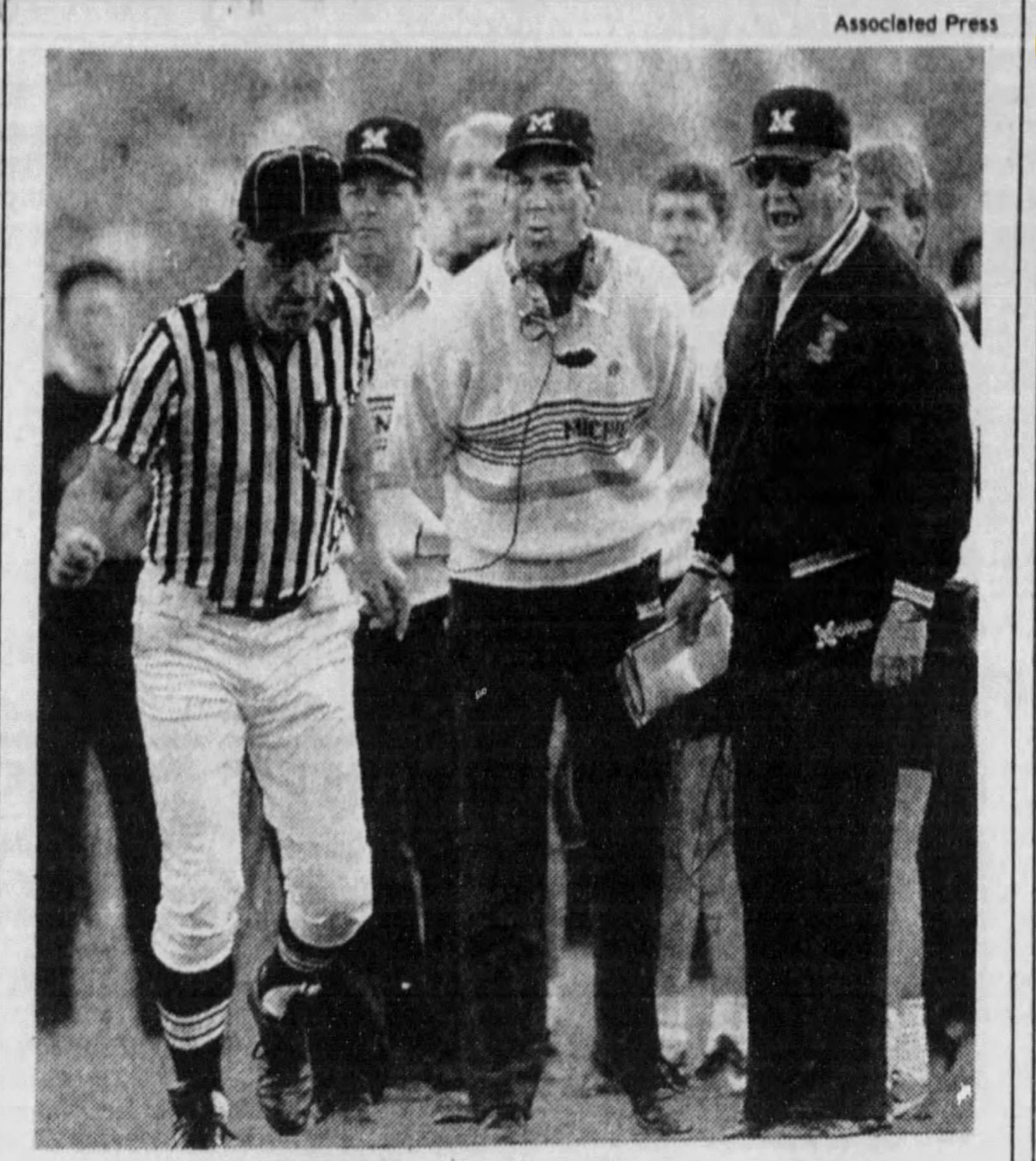


# rethink goals after losses

hawkeyes

#### **By RICK BROWN Register Staff Writer**

EAST LANSING, MICH. - Positive attitude and improvement, not a 20-victory season and an NCAA tournament bid, have become the buzz words for Iowa's basketball team. four Division I basketball teams, Earlier this week, the Hawkeyes lost leading scorer Ray Thompson and Brian Garner to academic ineligibility and Acie Earl to suspension.



## **Iowa wrestlers hand** ISU worst defeat in history of series, 32-2

#### **By STEVE CARLSON**

#### **Register Correspondent**

HAMPTON, VA. - Iowa State Coach Jim Gibbons said he was embarrassed, and rightfully so.

Not since Iowa State was shut out by Oklahoma State in a dual match Feb. 27, 1951, have the Cyclones scored as few points in a dual as they did in Friday's 32-2 loss to Iowa.

Iowa's 30-point margin of victory



hasn't happened is this: Nobody bothered to crown Northern Iowa the mythical state champ. All but Drake finished 2-1 in Big

Iowa State was one, Iowa two, North-

Much has happened since. What

ern Iowa three and Drake four.

Uncovering

'Iowa's Team'

When last we ranked the state's

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Four play. But UNI and Iowa move ahead for playing two games on the road to Iowa State's one. And Northern Iowa goes to the top of the class for beating the Hawkeyes.

As clear as a charging call. Were we painting by numbers here, we'd have a three-way tie for No. 1. We ratings services, however, are abstract expressionists.

Four football teams finished with one loss, too, but AP and UPI didn't turn mealy-mouthed and declare a four-way tie for the No. 1 ranking. So it is that This Column's 1989-90 **Big Four champion is Northern Iowa.** Congratulations, Eldon Miller. This certainly must rank as your biggest thrill in coaching.

The final polling: Northern Iowa (one first-place vote), Iowa (one second-place vote), Iowa State (one third-place vote), Drake (one fourthplace vote).

Though Big Four competition ended 10 days ago, UNI has done nothing to warrant a change in the order.

1) Northern Iowa — Truly Iowa's Team with eight home-grown players on the roster, the Panthers have the best shot of the four at making the

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Now the Hawkeyes are trying to shake a 73-69 overtime loss Thursday at Wisconsin.

Iowa tonight makes its first visit to the new Jack Breslin Student Events Center for a 7:08 game with Michigan State.

"We've got to go into this game with a positive attitude," center Les Jepsen said. "I think the attitude of the team is very good right now. We're really working hard to improve."

Coach Tom Davis has taken on the role of cheerleader for a team that will go into most of its remaining games an underdog. He said the power of positive thinking can lead to victories.

"It will be a challenge to keep their heads up," Davis said. "I've just got to try to be positive with them, and get them to pull together. I think we'll be up for Michigan State, and I think our attitude will be real good. I don't know if we can play well enough to beat them, but I'm comfortable with how this team is going to progress."

Michigan State beat Ohio State on Thursday night for the 1,000th victory in school history.

"Some people think I've been here for the whole 1,000 wins," said Michigan State Coach Jud Heathcote, in his 14th season at the school.

Guard Steve Smith, who had missed three games with a broken little finger on his left hand, returned to score five points in 24 minutes against Ohio State, even though he was fighting a 102-degree tempera-

Smith, a 6-foot 6-inch junior from Detroit, was leading the team in scoring, at an average of 21 points a game, and rebounding, at nine a game, before the injury. Everyone returns from Michigan State's team that had an 18-15 record last season and split with Iowa. The Hawkeyes won in East Lansing, 93-82, but lost in Iowa City, 83-81. Heathcote said the key to beating Iowa is not a secret. "If we can beat their press, we'll

Bo Schembechler voiced his dissatisfaction with the officiating more than once at the Rose Bowl, and Friday the Big Ten reprimanded the former Michigan coach for being "unduly critical of a game official."

### Schembechler scolded for Rose Bowl outburst

SCHAUMBURG, ILL. (AP) - Big Ten Commissioner James E. Delany publicly reprimanded former Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler on Friday for criticizing the officiating in the Wolverines' 17-10 Rose Bowl loss to Southern California.

Prior to the New Year's Day game, Schembechler had announced his retirement as coach. Earlier this week, he resigned as athletic director at the University of Michigan to become president and chief operating officer of the Detroit Tigers.

That didn't stop Delany from issuing his reprimand.

"Coach Schembechler's recent retirement from coaching after a legendary career makes this decision difficult," Delany said in a statement issued from the Big Ten's headquarters.

"However, the compelling need to support standards of sportsmanlike conduct and upholding the principle of consistent application of conference regulations requires this decision."

The statement said Schembechler was "unduly critical of a game official." Schembechler could not be reached for comment.

Bruce Madej, a spokesman for the university, said he hadn't seen Schembechler recently. Told of the reprimand and asked for reaction, Madej said, "We won't let him coach the next game, OK?"

Schembechler was critical of a call that proved costly to the Wolverines. With the score tied, 10-10, in the fourth quarter, Michigan

was its largest ever against the Cyclones. The previous high was 23 points in a 31-8 decision in 1982.

The intrastate rivals met more than 1,000 miles from the state's borders in the 16-team National Team Championships — the college portion of the Virginia Duals - at Hampton Coliseum.

#### **Top-ranked Teams Gain**

The top four teams in the country advanced to today's semifinal-round matches. Third-ranked Iowa (10-0) meets No. 2 Oklahoma today at 11:30 a.m. CST, while No. 1 Arizona State tangles with No. 4 Nebraska at the same time.

Semifinal winners meet in the championship match at 7:30 p.m. today.

"We've wrestled good this year, there's no doubt," Iowa Coach Dan Gable said. "I don't think a lot of teams around the country expected us to be this good. So far, we haven't had a real good test yet, but our first good test will come [today] against Oklahoma State."

Iowa State (7-3) failed to test the Hawkeyes at most weights.

"After about five matches, we didn't have anybody go out there with any intensity," Gibbons said. "I have a real opportunity to blast my team here, but I don't want to do that. I think it was just really embarrassing.

"[Iowa] has a nice, well-balanced, young and talented team. But our

66I don't think a lot of teams around the country expected us to be this good.99

> - Dan Gable Iowa wrestling coach

In a minor upset, Iowa's Terry Brands, ranked fifth at 126 pounds, knocked off fourth-rated Gary McCall, 6-1. The Cyclones' only points came on a 1-1 draw at 158 pounds between second-ranked Steve Hamilton and Iowa's Mark Reiland, rated sixth at 167.

"We're kind of on a roll right now," Oostendorp said. "I wasn't really surprised we dominated them. We've been working hard getting ready for this tournament."

What Gable liked most about his team's performance was that the Hawkeyes won the close matches, in addition to running away in a few matches with big third periods. "There were a lot of close situations," Gable said. "We didn't dominate as much as the score said."

NCAA tournament. The league tournament site — Cedar Falls — doesn't hurt their quest. At the Eldome, they've won 19 of their last 20 games. To qualify for the NCAA tournament, Northern Iowa likely will have to survive Southwest Missouri State and a pair of talented teams with backward names — Illinois-Chicago and Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Because the Panthers already have done away with Nevada-Reno this season, they will have had ample experience with hyphens.

2) Iowa — Did the preseason prognosticators who picked the Hawkeyes for 10th in the Big Ten know something the rest of us didn't?

Did they know Matt Bullard would hurt a knee for the second year in a row? Did they know Ray Thompson and Brian Garner would become academic casualties? Did they know losing Acie Earl would be more than a minor setback?

#### Must have.

That's the problem with Iowa anymore. Since Ronnie Harmon took the stand in the Norby Walters trial, you can't find a good "The Composer/Jogger/Improviser In You" course when you need one. At least you can't load up on them.

In a few years, the NCAA will require all schools to make graduation rates public. It's a move in the right direction for two reasons.

One, because athletes will be able to compare academic track records before choosing their colleges. And two, when it's time to extend the coach's contract, diplomas will be just as important as victories.

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tried a fake punt that went for a first down, but linebacker Bobby Abrams was called for holding, nullifying the play.

Schembechler threw down his clipboard and nearly tripped over a cable connecting his headset. He was given an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

That proved to be the turning point in the game. Michigan was forced to punt and Southern California began its winning drive.

"The one thing I won't miss in retirement is incompetent officiating," Schembechler said after the game, directing his remarks to line judge Charles Czubin. "It's the most unbelievable call and I got it in my last game. It was a Pac-10 official and it happens every time I come out here."

Schembechler, 60, had a 234-65-8 record as coach at Miami of Ohio and Michigan. He had 194 victories at Michigan and led the Wolverines to 13 Big Ten titles, but he had only a 2-8 record in the Rose Bowl.

guys have got to get ready and get intensity if they're going to go on the mat. We're getting beat technically and we're getting beat physically."

#### No Pins

There were no pins, but three Iowa wrestlers recorded major decisions. At 118 pounds, Chad Zaputil beat Sean Watt, 12-4. At 134, second-ranked Tom Brands handed 12th-rated Dan Knight a 13-5 loss. At heavyweight, John Oostendorp blanked Jamie Cutler, 11-0.

#### **Brothers Square Off**

One of Iowa's close victories came in the first collegiate meeting between Hawkeye redshirt freshman

#### WRESTLE

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### Road-weary Cyclones face Davidson at home

#### By RON MALY

#### **Register Staff Writer**

AMES, IA. - Before Iowa State and Davidson College play their basketball game tonight, several questions require answers:

• Will the fans be able to find Hilton Coliseum?

• Will the pep band still know how to play "He-e-e-re's Johnny?"

• Will the Cyclones remember what their home uniforms look like? Except for a Dec. 30 exhibition against Marathon Oil, tonight's 7 o'clock game will be Iowa State's first in Ames in nearly a month. It was on Dec. 16 that the Cyclones defeated Northern Iowa, 92-80, to push their record to 4-3.

Probable Lineups DAVIDSON (1-9)							
F	23	Gaines	6-4	Sr.	12.7	5.4	
F	45	Schmitt	6-8	Sr.	7.4	5.0	
C		Musch	6-11	Fr.	7.8	5.1	
G	4	Denmond	6-3	So.	15.9	4.8	
G	22	Hunter	5-10	Sr.	5.5	1.9	
10	WAS	STATE (4-7)					
	No.	Starter	Ht.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.	
F	43	Doerrfeld	6-7	Jr.	6.4	3.5	
F	23	Collins	6-1	Jr.	12.4	5.6	
C	52	Alexander	6-9	Jr.	20.6	9.0	
G	4	Woods	5-9	Sr.	17.6	3.6	
G	24	Thigpen	6-2	Fr.	9.5	3.6	
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## Women's team plans walkout; coach replaced

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. (AP) -Mickey Clayton was removed as Illini. women's basketball coach Friday at Florida A & M to head off a team walkout that could have forced cancellation of the rest of the season.

Athletic Director Walter Reed said he made the decision after meeting with the coach, team members and the university president.

"We felt in light of the players' concerns, which are being checked into at this time, that it would be best if Coach Clayton were to be reassigned," Reed said.

Illinois' Thomas still hopes to play this season

CHICAGO, ILL. (AP) - Deon Thomas, the Illinois freshman basketball player sidelined by an ongoing NCAA investigation, still carries hopes of playing this season for the

know something concrete about form." what my status is with the NCAA," Thomas told the Chicago Sun-Times for Friday's editions.

"I realize we have a chance to go all the way and I want to be part of possible 5.0. it," said Thomas, a 6-foot 9-inch center from Chicago.

Illinois (11-1) is ranked eighth nationally. Coach Lou Henson has said he hopes the investigation will be concluded by the end of January so that Thomas might join the team. Until then, Thomas refuses to practice with the team, but he is working

Just being in Assembly Hall and knowing I can't play is the most depressing thing I've experienced in my life.

"Mentally, I know I'm ready to play," he said. "Physically, it will "But I won't step on the court until take two to three weeks to get into top

> Thomas said the only positive thing about the situation was the 3.7 grade-point average he accumulated in the first semester out of a

"I came down her to play basketball and get an education and I'm being deprived of one-half of it because of some unscrupulous things," Thomas said. "And I'm not guilty of anything other than bad judgment." The bad judgment apparently resulted from a telephone conversation taped by Iowa assistant coach Bruce Pearl and turned over to the NCAA. In the course of the conversation, Thomas says Pearl tricked him into saying Illinois had offered him \$80,000 and a Chevrolet Blazer to

... Make that one reason.

3) Iowa State — Humiliated at Indiana and at Michigan, the Cyclones have partially redeemed themselves sort of — by close losses at Kansas State and Houston. They've yet to prove they can win on the road, but they've shown they can be competitive, given the proper opponent.

Mark Baugh, a tough kid, is a greater loss than first thought. With Baugh, another guy who didn't make grades, Iowa State wouldn't turn quite so soft in the hard-scrabble situations.

Meanwhile, it should be a tight race to see who wins the first league road game, the Cyclones or Hawkeyes. With Nebraska wobbling into view Jan. 27, Iowa State appears to have the edge.

As for Iowa, the Hawkeyes have a shot at Michigan State tonight. After that, however, Northwestern doesn't enter the picture until Feb. 22.

And even Northwestern hasn't been playing like Northwestern. At both Brigham Young and Vanderbilt, the Wildcats lost by a single point.

4) Drake already has notched a handsome road victory. Winning at Wichita State, even to a flagging Shocker team, is never easy. But then the Bulldogs spoiled it by coming home and losing to Illinois State.

This team has more mood swings than junk defenses. And no excuses; everybody's academically eligible.

Four-Game Losing Streak

Since then, they've lost four straight games, the last three by a total of six points.

"I'm not upset with my players - I feel sorry for them," Iowa State Coach Johnny Orr said Friday. "Doggone it, we should have won Wednesday night's game at Houston, but

didn't quite get the job done."

Radio-Cyclone network.

um, Ames.

Houston won, 83-82, after the Cyclones had rallied from a nine-point deficit in the final minutes.

"We've played well on the road re-

**IOWA STATE** Please turn to Page 4S | place Clayton on an interim basis.

Reed would not discuss the complaints against Clayton or say what

his new job would be. The players, who met Monday with

Clayton, boycotted daily practices this week. Johnnie Williams, an assistant football coach at the school, will re-

out on his own.

"Emotionally, it would be too hard for me to work out with the guys, then come game time not be able to play," said Thomas. "This is the only way I can resolve the situation with myself. attend Illinois instead of Iowa.

### **MORNING REPORT**

TIDEBACK ENROLLS AT IOWA. Basketball standout Molly Tideback enrolled at the University of Iowa Friday, ending several days of indecision. "I'm a Hawkeye now," she said. Tideback decided during Christmas break that she did not want to return to UCLA, where she had been the starting center. She was released from her UCLA scholarship commitment last week. Tideback must sit out a year of competition under NCAA rules. However, Iowa Coach C. Vivian Stringer does not have a scholarship available for when she does become eligible. That is expected to change. Tideback, from Waterloo Columbus, had been recruited by Iowa.

BO BACK IN COLLEGE. Bo Jackson of the Kansas City Royals and Los Angeles Raiders has registered for the winter quarter at Auburn University, where he lacks about 12 credit hours on his degree.

PREPS SUSPENDED. A total of seven boys' basketball players from Centerville and Davis County missed high school games Friday night because of their roles in a postgame fight that occurred between the two teams last Saturday night. A 12second fight broke out after Centerville beat Davis County, 68-65, in a South Central Conference game at Bloomfield. Four

Centerville players were suspended for a game against Grinnell, and three Davis County players had to sit out a game at Knox ville.

DODGERS JUGGLE LINEUP. Los Angeles Dodgers Man ager Tommy Lasorda says he wants to look at free-agent signed Hubie Brooks at third base during the spring, which doesn't si well with incumbent Jeff Hamilton. "I guess this is what happens when you finish in fourth place," said Hamilton.

**DOLPHIN DEALINGS.** Tim Robbie succeeded his late father as president of the Miami Dolphins on Friday and said re-signing Coach Don Shula, whose contract has ended, will be a top priority. Team founder Joe Robbie, 73, died Sunday. Three other children of Joe Robbie will also assume new roles - Dan and Janet Robbie as executive vice presidents, and J. Michael Robbie as executive vice president of Robbie Stadium Corp.

DOUBLE WINNERS. An administrative law judge Friday declared Park Avenue Joe and Probe co-winners of the 1989 Hambletonian, but allowed the owners of Park Avenue Joe to keep the majority of the winner's purse. The horses finished in a dead heat in a raceoff on Aug. 5.

#### **TV** Today

11 a.m	n. (ESN) Basketball Alabama-Birmingham at Xavier.
Noon	(CBS) Basketball Georgetown at DePaul.
Noon	1) Basketball Wisconsin at Ohio State.
1 p.m.	(ABC) Basketball Missouri at Nebraska.
1 p.m.	13 Basketball Texas at Oklahoma. (joined in progress)
1 p.m.	(ESN) Basketball Virginia at North Carolina.
	(CBS) Sports Saturday Skiing, men's World Cup slalom and giant om (Tape); World Cup ski jumping (Tape).
2 p.m.	17 Basketball Minnesota at Michigan.
2:30 p	.m. (NBC) College Football Hula Bowl.
3 p.m.	(ABC) Basketball Oklahoma State at Kansas.
3 p.m.	(CBS) Basketball Maryland at Duke.
3 p.m.	ESN Golf Tucson Open, third round.
7 p.m.	17 Basketball Iowa at Michigan State.
7 p.m.	WGN Basketball Illinois at Northwestern.
9 p.m.	ESN College Football Japan Bowl.
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