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this season. They trail only Baltimore
in leaving the most men on base. $\stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ Usin
$\bullet$ Being 13 th in the American
League in home runs, last in stolen bases. The Red Sox have hit into the measurably by the six they hit into in one game against Minnesota. That
will live in only slightly less infamy than the night before, when
grounded into two triple plays.
$\bullet$ Having a pitching staff that in-
cludes four men who have been re-
cludes four men who have been re-
leased by other clubs. The estarting rotation featuren Roger Clemens, , Mike
Boddicker and three refugees. They nclude Harris, cut by Philadelphia
ast year, 29-year-old rookie Dana Kiecker, and Tom Bolton, a left-hand er who has spent most of 10 years in
the minors before getting his chance. - Losing both its established clos ers in the bullpen. Lee Smith was
raded and Jeff Reardon had surgery for a ruptured disc. One prospect to
fill in was Rob Murphy, but he owns a .34 earned-run average, which he into the stands one night in Cleveland and trashing the clubhouse after an-
other bad outing in Kansas City. So now the closer is one Jeff Gray
who in April was told by the Phillie he was not even good enough to make their triple-A team.
This juggernaut is threatening to
conquer the A. Veteran outfielder Dwight Evans
said, "'There are a lot of people who said, "There are a lot of people who
put us down. But we're in first place." July 31 , though the lead is being challenged this weekend in a Skydome
showdown with Toronto. And you can see reasons for
Boston's ride at the top, if you squint. They may not pound the ball, but
they spray it enough. The Red Sox ead the league in hitting. The defense sound. And the pitchers' work has
been far better than their reputa Bolton has wo
last two months.
Harris, starting regularly for the Gray has saved four games. His calm under fire is one sign of the
healthy atmosphere in the Boston "I've always felt I could be quality
major-ague pitcher - and not just major-league pitcher - and not just
the No. 10 guy on the staff," he said.
"Now we're in te penant I'm into it as much as anybody in this
clubhouse. I've known what I've gone through to get here."
The Red Sox, of course, are well known for being hungry. You have to
be 72 years old to have been alive the ast time they won the World Series
History since then has included sever ers, and one suspects the rather unmposing facade of this team must nd wary of September, when the But confidence abounds within the having so many guys who were shunned somewhere else. be here," Harris said. "That gives you "This this team has come togeth-
er," Evans added. "Winning creates "I keep going back to the little on second, you have to move him
over. You hit a line drive to the second baseman, you're not doing the job. That's trying; trying don't get it."
No one knows that better than a Red Sox fan.

Rawlings: Freshmen can play if national reform plan passes
By TOM WITOSKY Reoister Staf Writer
University of lowa President Hunt-
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willing to drop his push to make reshman athletes at Iowa ineligibe or varsity competition if national re-
orms of intercollegiate athletics are forms of intercollegiate athletics are
adopted during the next two years. "I never wanted to do it on our
own," Rawlings said Friday after a own," Rawlings said Friday after a
luncheon speech in Des Moines to uncheon speech in Des Moines to
members of the Polk County I-Club.
II am so pleased right now with the "I am so pleased right now with the
momentum I see toward reform generally that I think it it much less of a
important question at this time." "If we get these things through would feel much more confident then about being in a good position without
having to go to freshman ineligibili having to go
ty, he said. The university president set off a
storm of controversy about a year ago when he said he was wiout a year
clare Iowa athletes inelig to decompetition during their freshma ear regardless of whether other


## taken place.

 "Over the last 12 months, I have seen quite a bit of improvement justat the University of Iowa in the ap-
proach taken proach taken toward a academics.
That gives me a lot of confidence, too That gives me a lot of confidence, too
I think things are moving well right Think things are moving well right
now and that is where I want to con-
centrate on that centrate on that
Praises Fry
He also singled out football coach
Hayden Fry for special praise Hayden Fry for special praise, par
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among college chief executives to re
form collegiate form collegiate athletics.
"Hayden's comments have been
strongly welcomed on it. I think he is strongly welcomed on it. It hink keen is
providing the leadership that is providing the leadership that is
needed among the coaches to keep it
going. In general he cant going. In general. he chean't bee iny
more supportive. It helps a lot."
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supportive of changes to reduce time
demands on athles demands on athletes through the pro-


Cincinnati's Eric Davis (44) is greeted by Paul $\begin{aligned} & \text { O'Neill } \\ & \text { after Davis clouted a solo homer Friday night. Davis was }\end{aligned}$ (-for-4 and scored all four runs as the Reds beat Pitts-
burgh, $4-3$, in a battle of National League dvision leaders.
Davis leads Reds past Pititsburgh, 4-3


 games between the division leaders
last weekend in Cincinnati, then won the seventh off reliever Rob Dibble. the opeener of in Cincinnati, then won weenend's four- But the Reds broke the tie in the
eighth after Bob Kipper relieved Dra
 game lead in the night with a 5 5he.
singled to center for his fourth
Pirates led the N.L. East by the
straight hit. Paul 0 'Neill, who hadn't
hit the ball ames, their the N.L. East by four hit the ball out of the infield in three games, their biggest margin since
June 21.
previous at-bats, then lined a run-
scoring double to left-center field. Davis broke a $2-2$ tie with a solo homer leading off the sixth against scoring double to left-center field.
Kipper, who was 50 in his last 21 his 17 th victory. Drabek got off the
 Rawlings says 12th Big Ten feam unlikely
By TOM WITOSKY Reosiser Sthy Writer
Further expansion of the Big Ten Further expansion of the Big Ten
Conference is unlikely at least partially because there isn't another institution as attractive as Penn State to become the 12 th conference mem-
ber, University of Iowa Presiden Hunter Rawlings said Friday.
"There wera a loto of reasons to tak "There were a lot of reasons to take
Penn State," Rawlings told members Penn State," Rawlings told members
of the Polk County I-Club. "But, we don't see another institution out there
that looks quite like that at the curthat looks quite like that at the cur-
rent time. As a result, we would not rent time. As a result, we would not
be in such a strong position to go to a 12th school."
Rawlings was a supporter of expanding the conference membership in football and member of the Atlantic-10 Conference in other
sports. Penn State was granted adsports. Penn State was granted ad-
mission to the Big Ten last July and is expected to be in full competition
with other Big Ten schools by the mid-1990s.
But the move to expand has
prompted criticism and controversy prompted criticism and controversy
within the Big Ten with several ath within the Big Ten wint several ith it
letic directors complaining that
wasn't necessary. Rawlings said that controversy took a toll. "Adding the 11th was so hard that
we don't want to go through that any we dont want
time soon," Rawlings said, "There
was a sense of exhaustion once Penn was a sense of exhaustion once Penn State was resolved."
As a result, Rawli Ast a result, Rawlings said, it is unto expand prior to the end of a fouryear moratorium on expansion ap-
proved at the time. Rawlings also proved at un ikely the conference
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would try to raid another conference. would try to raid another conference.
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Rawlings said another impediment Rawlings said another impediment
to further expansion in that a number of the Big Ten schools are opposed to
going to divisional play - something necessary with a 12 -team conference.
"There are presidents who favor divisional play, but not very many",
Rawlings said. "We also had a couple who don't under any circumstances
want tog oto to divisional play Given
that we decided it was probably wise want to go to divisional play. Given
that, we decided it was probably wise to stay the way we are."
He added he personally doesn't
have strong feelings about it, but he said a break-up of some traditional rivalries would be necessary. "There would be controversies
over who would be in what division
and what rivalries would be dis. turbed. By the time you did it, you would mess up some traditional rival-

## Boston pads

 A.L. East lead to two gamesGammen nown sence
TORONO, ONTARIO - This is how to win a division:

- In his last start against Baltiwas blown away in the first inning
and never retired a batter. But Friand never retired a batter. But Fri-
day in the second game of a weekend day in the second game of a weekend
showdown with Toronto, he threw
eight innings of shutout baseball for a ${ }_{2-0}$ victory.
- The Red Sox had nine hits Fri-
day. All of them singles. But four them came in the ninth inning when they broke open a scoreless duel. soston moved two games ahead in
the American League East one base at a time.
And this is how to lose a division:
- With a game and a tie in to get a lead in the Jays stranded runners in scoring iue
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## MORNING REPORT

Baseball
american league


- IOWA AIDE TO OREGON STATE. Mark Johnson, assistan coach at Iowa, has been named wrestling coach at Oregon State.
Johnson has been an assistant at the University of Iowa since Johnson has been an assistant at the University of Iowa since

1982. Johnson was the 1986 NCAA Assistant Coach of the Year.

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■LOBOS' INFRACTIONS. Academically ineligible athletes were allowed to compete by former University of New Mexico track coach Del Hessel, the school's athletit director said. Hessel
was fired July 11 and Athletic Director Gary Ness confirmed
this week the school had uncovered several violations by the



- CONFERENCE DISCUSSION. Atlantic Coast Conference and Florida State officials will meet Sept. $2-3$ in Tallahassee Fla, to discuss whether the school should become a league mem-
ber, university president Bernard Sliger said Friday. Florida State officials want to decide about future conference affiliation
- NOT LEAVING. Texas and Texas A $\& M$ will remain in the Southwest Conference, the presidents of the two schools said Fri-
day. That ended speculation the schools would leave to join some day. That ended speculation the schools would leave to join some
other conference. The en peculation started when Arkanas decidthe commissioner of the Southwest Conference, said the league i

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 2 p.m. (8) Baseball New York at Los Angeles.
3 p.m. 5 . Wide World of Sports Little League World Series, semifinals. $\square$.
 4 p.m. (ESN) Golf U.S. Amateur Championship, third round.
6 p.m. WCr) (TBS) Baseball Chicago at Atlanta.

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