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No. 1 ranking for Colorado and Georgia Tech

Reporters, coaches split

From Register Wire Services

MIAMI, FLA. - The question of who's No. 1 in college football began with the first snap this season, and with the release of the season-ending polls Wednesday, the debate will likely continue until the start of next season, and beyond.

For the first time since 1978, the wire service polls crowned different champions.

The Associated Press poll of sports writers and broadcasters gave Colorado the final No. 1 ranking, while the United Press International poll of college football coaches chose Georgia Tech. In 1978, Alabama finished on top of the AP poll, while Southern California was the No. 1 choice by UPI. Colorado finished 34 points ahead

of Georgia Tech in the AP poll. Georgia Tech edged Colorado by one point in the UPI rankings.

Colorado was ranked No. 1 and Georgia Tech No. 2 in both polls before Tuesday night's bowl games. Georgia Tech walloped Nebraska, 45-21, in the Florida Citrus Bowl, while Colorado nipped Notre Dame, 10-9, in the Orange Bowl.

The margins of victory were enough to sway the UPI voters.

"We played the most difficult

AP TOP 25

(First-place votes in parentheses with	
record, points and previous ranking)	
1. Colorado (39) (11-1-1) 1,475	1
2. Georgia Tech (20) (11-0-1) 1,441	2
3. Miami (Fla.) (1) (10-2-0) 1,388	4
4. Florida State (10-2-0)1,303	6
5. Washington (10-2-0)1,246	6 8 5
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8. Tennessee (9-2-2)	
9. Clemson (10-2-0) 950 14	
10. Houston (10-1-0)	9
11. Penn State (9-3-0)	7
12. Texas (10-2-0)	3
13. Florida (9-2-0)	
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15. Texas A & M (9-3-1) 627 -	-
16. Michigan State (8-3-1) 610 2	
17. Oklahoma (8-3-0) 452 2	
18. Iowa (8-4-0) 370½ 1	7
19. Auburn (8-3-1)	-
20. Southern Cal (8-4-1)	
21. Mississippi (9-3-0) 253 1	
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23. Virginia (8-4-0)	-
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138. Syracuse 121, Colorado State 67 Southern Mississippi 48, California 37, Nort	
Carolina State 30, Alabama 13, Ohio State 7	
Wyoming 7, Oregon 6, UCLA 6, Air Force 5, Vi	
ginia Tech 5, North Carolina 4, Hawaii 2.	

UPI TOP 25

(First-place votes in parentheses with record, points and previous ranking) . Georgia Tech (30) (11-0-1) ... 847 2. Colorado (27) (11-1-1). .846 3. Miami (Fla.) (2) (10-2-0). ...763 4. Florida State (10-2-0). 677 5. Washington (10-2-0) .664 6. Notre Dame (9-3-0). .548 7. Tennessee (9-2-2). .449 8. Michigan (9-3) . 426 9. Clemson (10-2-0) 420 10. Penn State (9-3-0). . 301 11. Texas (10-2-0) ... 268 12. Louisville (10-1-1). 245 13. Texas A&M (9-3-1). 204 14. Michigan State (8-3-1). 120 15. Virginia (8-4-0) 16. lowa (8-4-0). 17. tie, Brigham Young (10-3-0) .. 41 17. Nebraska (9-3-0) .. .41 13 19 Auburn (8-3-1)

Fry, Walden debate polls

Iowa's Hayden Fry and Iowa State's Jim Walden question whether Colorado deserves sole possession of the final No. 1 ranking.

Colorado - with a 33-31 victory against Missouri in which the winning touchdown was scored on fifth down on the final play of the game - was voted No. 1 in college football by The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Fry said he thinks there are five or six teams deserving of the No. 1 status, and he still questions whether Colorado (11-1-1) deserves the No. 1

ible speed and fantastic defenses."

BUSINESS ON 5S

Washington (10-2) beat Iowa, 46-34, in the Rose Bowl and was fifth in The Associated Press poll. Miami of Florida (10-2) whipped Texas in the Cotton Bowl, 46-3, and was third.

Walden said, "If I had my way, I'd like to see Colorado share the No. 1 ranking with Georgia Tech.

"Georgia Tech played very well all season, and finished unbeaten."

Georgia Tech (11-0-1) drubbed Nebraska, 45-21, in the Florida Citrus Bowl and was ranked No. 1 in the United Press International coaches' poll. Georgia Tech edged Colorado by one point in the voting. Georgia Tech was second in The Associated Press poll, finishing 34 points behind Colorado in the voting by sports writers and broadcasters. - Buck Turnbull and Ron Maly

schedule in Division I-A and Notre Dame played the second toughest schedule," Colorado Coach Bill McCartney. "No one should have ex-

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	13. Auburn (0-3-1)		
	20. San Jose State (9-2-1) 16	25	
	21. Syracuse (7-4-2) 12	-	
15	22. Southern California (8-4-1) 9	18	
	23. Mississippi (9-3-0)	14	
	24. Illinois (8-4-0)	17	
	25. Virginia Tech (6-5-0) 5	-	
	Others receiving votes-Baylor, Louis	siana	
	Tech, North Carolina State, Ohio State.		
	Note: Schools barred from television.	post	
	season play or having lost more than 20 per	rcent	
	of their footbail scholarships are ineligible	e for	

United Press International top 25 consideration.

ranking because of its tainted victory Oct. 6 at Columbia, Mo.

"This is one season when it's nearly impossible to designate one team No. 1," Fry said. "Washington might be the best. Who knows? It would be real interesting to see Washington and Miami hook up with their incred-

BILL NEIBERGALL/The Register



found in past

PASADENA, CALIF. - You wouldn't have known it by the 77th **Rose Bowl: Every time the Hawkeyes** get to Pasadena and they can't stop anybody but themselves.

Still, the 1990 season was a sweet dream compared with '89. Don't let that fact of life get lost in the swirling cauldron of booby-trapped punts, passes and faked kicks that doomed the Hawkeyes.

Feeling down after Washington's 46-34 victory? Iowa's gallant comeback is starting to lose its magical healing power?

I have just the tonic. Simply think back to last season. Five-and-six record. New coaches coming, old coaches going. Fumbled snaps. Terrible turnover margin. No defense, no running game. Short tempers. Long season. Now think ahead to next year. See? Twenty-four hours of stewing in the juices of Iowa's third consecutive Rose Bowl disaster is enough. After sleeping fitfully on Washington's victory, it's time for Hawkeye fans to lose those Rose Bowl blues.



Late surge carries ISU past Bulldogs

21-4 run in last 8 minutes produces 86-69 triumph

By RICK BROWN Register Staff Writer

AMES, IA. - After battling favored Iowa State on even terms for more than 30 minutes Wednesday night, Drake's bas-

ketball team wilted down the stretch.

"It took us a long time to wake up," said Iowa State Coach Johnny Orr after his team beat Drake, 86-69, at Hilton Coliseum. A 21-4 spurt in

the closing minutes VICTOR turned a nail-biter ALEXANDER into a nightmare for the Bulldogs, who now have a 3-6 record. Iowa State is 4-10. Drake fell victim to the Cyclones' patented fast-break, which generated easy basket after easy basket. "We played 32 minutes of good basketball," Drake Coach Rudy Washington said. "Then we broke down. Iowa State played excellent basketball the last 8 minutes." Washington's game plan was simple. He was willing to let Iowa State center Victor Alexander score, but

It's time to think happy thoughts. Thoughts of next season.

Rose Bust III or not, that 5-6 record appears to be a mere speed bump on

As usual, the sun set over the Pacific and the Big Ten sank to the bottom.

the way to another string of bowl appearances.

Another Big Ten loss in the Rose Bowl. So what else is new? It wasn't exactly the sun rising in the west. As usual, the sun set over the Pacific and the Big Ten sank to the bottom.

The Democrats can't take the White House, the Cubs can't get into the World Series and Iowa can't make a game of it in the Rose Bowl.

For the Hawkeyes, losing three of their last four games was not the preferable way to finish after a 7-1 start. At the same time, quarterback Matt Rodgers was not spouting nonsense when he said, "We've definitely established a winning program again. And we have a lot of guys returning." A lot of all-Big Ten vote-getters like Rodgers, Rob Baxley, John Derby, Mike Devlin, Danan Hughes and Rod Davis. For the most part, the season belonged to Rodgers and seniors like Nick Bell - Big Ten Silver Football winner Nick Bell - Merton Hanks, Melvin Foster, Jim Johnson, Michael Titley, Matt Ruhland, Mike Miller, Tony Stewart and Sean Smith. Most of those guys will be heading off to NFL camps next summer. Bell might be lugging a multimillion contract behind him. But more than a few of the players with whom the Rose Bowl appearance wouldn't have been possible will be back. And more than a few of them were household no-names before the season. Rod Davis? Sure, he's the guy who came from the Harmon brothers' old high school. He turned out to be more than that. He turned out to be an honorable mention all-conference selection.

Fry: lowa not in Huskies' speed zone

Quarterback Matt Rodgers winds up on his seat after completing a two-point conversion pass to Ted Velicer to cap Iowa's scoring in the Rose Bowl.

Pacific-10 suited for run for roses

By BUCK TURNBULL Register Staff Writer

PASADENA, CALIF. - On the highway, speed kills. On the football field, speed wins.

And if you're searching for a reason why Iowa became the latest in a long line of Big Ten teams to be victimized by the Pacific-10 Conference in the Rose Bowl, speed is the place to start.

Iowa's 46-34 loss to Washington on Tuesday was the Big Ten's 18th loss to a Pac-10 team in the last 22 Rose Bowl games.

"Maybe they've just had better football teams," Hawkeyes Coach Hayden Fry said Wednesday. "On the day of the Rose Bowl, with the teams out here having so many California kids, being close to home - whether gap. We wouldn't be out here reprethat helps them, I just don't know. senting the Big Ten if we hadn't in-"But I do know that they run faster. creased our speed." That's the one definite factor I know. The total team speed is better in the Pac-10.



Melvin Foster receives an encouraging word from a teammate Tuesday night. Foster led the Hawkeyes' defense with 10 tackles, including five solo stops.

DAVID PETERSON/The Register

About that blocked punt . . .

By BUCK TURNBULL Register Staff Writer

PASADENA, CALIF. - The most talked-about play of Tuesday's Rose Bowl may have been Iowa's attempt at a trick punt that Washington blocked and converted into a touchdown for a quick 10-0 lead.

Iowa's plan was for punter Jim Hujsak to pass from the punt formation, but that plan was thwarted when Washington sent a defender out to cover intended receiver Danan Hughes.

Hujsak saw he had to kick, but the Huskies blocked it and returned it for their first touchdown, in what was perhaps the most criti-

IOWA STATE

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Without stars, lowa women fall to Badgers

By JANE BURNS Register Staff Writer

MADISON, WIS. -- Iowa women's basketball coach C. Vivian Stringer said she knew there would come a day when she wouldn't have her upperclassmen anymore. She just didn't think it would be this week.

With a lineup depleted by injuries, Iowa lost its Big Ten Conference opener Wednesday night against Wisconsin, 78-67. It was Wisconsin's first victory against Iowa since 1985. Senior point guard Stephanie Schueler sprained her left ankle Sun-

day in the final minutes of a loss

"Rod Davis did a masterful job at nose guard," Fry said. "I didn't know

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"That's the thing we've been working on at Iowa, and we've closed the

miscues in the first half, giving the Huskies two touchdowns on a blocked

punt and a pass interception. By halftime, Washington's lead had mounted

to 33-7. But the Hawks fought back and made it respectable, scoring 20 points Iowa made a series of costly in a wild fourth quarter.

Washington went into the game

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cal play of the day. **'Iowa** was in a different kind of

against Washington. Forward Trisha Waugh has been having back spasms. Both are expected to miss six weeks. punt formation, and it kind of surprised us," Huskies Coach Don Stringer said. James said. "But we're smart

Iowa already lost center Felicia Hall with a knee injury on the team's

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Hartford	5	Vancouver	1
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ALLEN HAD CARDIAC ARREST. An autopsy has revealed longtime football coach George Allen died of cardiac arrest, his lawyer, Carl A. Capozzola, said Wednesday. Allen, 72, died Monday after collapsing at his Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., home. Shortly before his death, the Long Beach State coach had complained about a cold he said he got because he didn't wear a jacket Saturday while watching the Iowa football team practice for the Rose Bowl. Long Beach officials said Allen, who prided himself on being physically fit, had not felt well since he was drenched with ice water by one of his players after the 49ers' season-ending victory against Nevada-Las Vegas on Nov. 17.

DOUBLE SURGERY. Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman had surgeries Wednesday to remove bone chips in his right elbow and to repair his separated right shoulder. Aikman is expected to begin throwing the first week in March.

HEADED FOR WIMBLEDON. Andre Agassi said Wednesday he intended to play in the Wimbledon tennis tournament for the first time this year. Agassi, 20, has refused to adhere to the strict dress code at Wimbledon. "This year, I hope they're ready for me," Agassi said. "I've put a lot of thought into my decision, but I think you'll see me there this year."

TV Today

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	12:30 p.m. (ESN) Basketball Clemson at North Carolina State. (R)			
	6:30 p.m. (ESN) Basketball DePaul at Dayton.			
	7 p.m. 17 Basketball Iowa at Ohio State.			
-	7:30 p.m. (WGN) NBA Chicago at Houston.			
	8:30 p.m. (ESN) Basketball Alabama at Auburn.			
	11 p.m. (ESN) Basketball Brigham Young at San Diego State.			
	2:30 a.m. (ESN) Basketball Alabama at Auburn. (R)			

Quote of the Day

"I still believe what I believe. Nobody is going to fine anybody any amount of money and have them change what they know common sense and community standards in this country go by, and that is that men and women don't operate half-dressed and undressed in mixed company in any business. My stance hasn't changed and won't change." - Sam Wyche, coach of the Cincinnati Bengals, who was fined almost \$28,000 for barring a female reporter from the locker room.

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I I FGF FOOTBALL

Murray's one-liners direct praise at lowa's comeback

By BUCK TURNBULL

Register Staff Writer

ing nice things about Iowa? Can that possibly be?

Murray, veteran columnist for the Los Angeles Times. has had his share of fun writing barbs about the Hawkey after embarrassing Rose Bowl losses in 1982 and 1986.

At halftime Tuesday, with Washington leading Iowa 33-7, one question in the press box was how bad Murray would lower the boom this time.

But then came Iowa's comeback, which earned it a salute from Murray that many may find hard to believe:

"For those of you who clicked off the TV in Ottumwa and Van Meter, the Hawkeyes didn't win the 77th Rose Bowl, but they gave the ones who did fits," Murray wrote. "Listen! Do you like fighters who, when they're hurt and bleeding and the referee is looking at them strangely and the crowd is yelling 'Stop it!' and their corner is looking for a towel to throw in, they get up and carry the fight to their opponents?

"Do you like guys who, when they're asked if they want to quit, reply, 'Nuts'?

"You'd like the Iowa football team in Pasadena New Year's Day. These guys didn't lose. Time ran out on them. "They were lying on a slab by the middle of the second quarter. Any doctor in the country would have pulled the sheet over their faces. A pulse was undetectable. "But reports of their death, like Mark Twain's, were greatly exaggerated. The score was 33-7 at halftime. Prognosis: terminal.

PASADENA, CALIF. - What's this? Jim Murray writ- to this square dance with those who brung him, and that's exactly what he did. As they say back in our nation's breadbasket, you don't fix what's not broken. A pig in the poke is worth two in the slop.

> "When it was only 3-0 Washington in the first quarter, the Iowans faced a fourth-and-1 situation on their 35-yard line. Fry had his man, Jim Hujsak, shift from the regular blocked-punt formation to the short blocked-punt formation, and it worked like a charm."

> • Randy Youngman, Orange County Register - "Nicest thing I can say about Iowa is that it has a great marching band. Oh, yeah, and an NFL-quality running back in Nick Bell, a 6-3, 255-pound battering ram with power and moves like Earl Campbell in his prime. . . .

> "Just wondering: Did Iowa Coach Hayden Fry get his game plan from Hayden Fox?"

> • Ron Rapoport, Los Angeles Daily News - "Who's No. 1 now that this wild and crazy college football season is finally over? Out in darkest Iowa they couldn't care

> "All they know in Council Bluffs and Iowa City and Des Moines, in Sioux City and Ames is that being No. 1 in the Big Ten is less an honor than a curse. It's a ticket to Pasadena on New Year's Day and the certain humiliation that awaits.... "And if ending an otherwise praiseworthy 1990 season with three defeats in its last four games isn't bad enough, Hayden Fry's team must also live with the knowledge that its performance in the 46-34 drubbing it took from Washington will provide the distributors of those Football Follies films enough material to make them rich. ... "The remarkable thing about all this is that Fry, whose trademark dark glasses may have been more than simply a prop Tuesday, seemed to know intuitively that his team couldn't win playing straight-up football that matched his team's strengths against Washington's.... "But Iowa did not lose this game because of razzle dazzle that failed. When Fry sits down to study the fine-print report of this contest, he will discover to his horror that all six Washington touchdowns were a direct result of Iowa failings. "There was a return of that blocked punt that put Washington up, 10-0. There was a return of a pass interception for 19-7. A 29-yard punt return to the Iowa 39 set up the touchdown that made it 26-7. "A sack of Matt Rodgers to the 10-yard line forced a punt from the end zone and moments later Washington led. 33-7. "Having been fooled by one pass from someone other than the Iowa quarterback, the Huskies were waiting to pick off a second one and soon were leading, 39-26. And when an Iowa onside kick failed, Washington quickly went ahead, 46-26." • Ron Flatter, in a television review for the Pasadena Star-News - "Maybe the end of the game offered some excitement. But strictly speaking, Tuesday's Rose Bowl was as much a TV disaster as just about every other New Year's Day blowout."

Who's No. 1?



Colorado's James Hill, above, holds up the No.1 sign as he embraces David Arterberry Tuesday night after the Buffaloes escaped Notre Dame, 10-9, in the Orange Bowl. The Associated Press pollsters endorsed his beliefs on Wednesday. But quarterback Craig Erickson, right, also received some support for his claim as the New York Times computer rankings proclaimed his Miami of Florida team as the best college football team in the land. The Hurricanes mauled Texas, 46-3, in the Cotton Bowl. Below, Coach Bobby Ross is carried off the field by his Georgia Tech players after the Yellow Jackets stung Nebraska, 45-21, in the Florida Citrus Bowl. Georgia Tech was saluted as No. 1 in the United Press

Hawkeyes land 6-8, 270-pound Illinois prep

By DAN JOHNSON Register Staff Writer

Associated Press

Attention Iowa City: Santa Claus is coming to town, and he'll arrive in August.

Troy Foster, a 6-foot 8-inch, 270pound lineman who played Santa Claus for disabled children, said Monday he will play football at Iowa

Foster became the subject of a recruiting battle while playing for Lake Park High School in Illinois, but his roots are in Iowa. He lived in Des Moines until 1980, when his father. Robert, was transferred to a firm in suburban Chicago.

"I kind of had my heart in Iowa the whole time," Foster said. "I love it there. It was tough to change. ... When I went to visit, I just thought I'd fit in real well."

A two-way player in high school, Foster said he plans to play offensive tackle at Iowa. He played varsity football for three seasons but didn't become a starter until last season. "He's a super kid and a good student," Lake Park Coach Robert Monken said. "He has good strength, and he runs well for a kid his size." Monken said the recruiting efforts were the most intense he had seen in 27 years of coaching. Foster said he received six to 10 phone calls a night from recruiters. "It was like a big burden was lifted off my back," Foster said. "At first it was fun. You kind of get a big head. Then the reality hits you. In the middle of August, you start preparing for school and football." Foster also participates in track and was 11th in the shot put in the state Class AA meet. He works with disabled children and says he will major in behavioral disorders. Foster said he has canceled a scheduled recruiting trip to Illinois. He said he decided to attend Iowa in December, and a 46-34 loss Tuesday to Washington in the Rose Bowl game didn't dissuade him. "I loved the game, even though they lost," Foster said. "They looked like a team that never gives up, and that's the way I am."

"They came off the death bed snarling and spitting.

"In a way, Washington didn't win the game. The Huskies got it handed to them....

"The end of the game was like Rocky vs. Apollo Creed. Iowa kept throwing those crazy rights. They kept wiping the blood off and coming back for more. ...

'Iowa was gallant, undiscourageable. It kept handing touchdowns to Washington - the blocked punt, an intercepted pass for a touchdown where the only receiver who could possibly have caught the football was in the purple and gold of Washington. They gave up four interceptions in all. They made more mistakes than a guy who stops in a disco on his way to his wife's birthday party.

"But if you like fighters who get up, if you like guys who keep fighting when they're surrounded, who keep shooting when they're wounded, you got to go for the Hawkeyes. They had their guns out and were yelling 'Charge!' when the lights went out. You have to salute them."

Other California writers weren't so kind, however. Here's a sampling of their views:

• Steve Bisheff, Orange County Register - "Once again, that was some other odor, not the scent of roses, that came wafting up from this picturesque old saucer on New Year's Day.

"Once again, a robust Pac-10 champion almost routinely bowled over a poor, overmatched representative from the not-so-Big Ten. ...

"Nothing much added up for Iowa on this day, even if the Hawkeyes did have the single, most impressive athlete on the field.

"Write Nick Bell down into your NFL future book, and look him up on draft day in April.

"He well might be the very first player selected. He is a 6-3, 255-pound running back with startling speed and terrific hands. He could play tailback. He could play tight end. He could play just about anywhere you need him."

• Bob Verdi, Chicago Tribune - "Maybe we should try the tractor pull. Or milking cows. Or horseshoes. "Football, we can't handle. At least not in this stadium, on this day. Every year, we hicks come to the West Coast from America's midsection, and we get punched in the stomach. We want to smell some roses, the natives warn us not to step on our pitchforks as we leave town. We force a friendly smile, they laugh at the corn niblets stuck in our teeth. They tell us we not only can't block and tackle, but we don't floss well, either.... "We began this year the way we begin most years, my fellow pork bellies. We got our combines cleaned again in the 77th Rose Bowl Tuesday.... "Say this for the Iowa Hawkeyes. They've got the blocked punt down to a science. They let Michigan score on one earlier this season and Minnesota, too, and Ohio State used it to forge an upset. Coach Hayden Fry said he was going

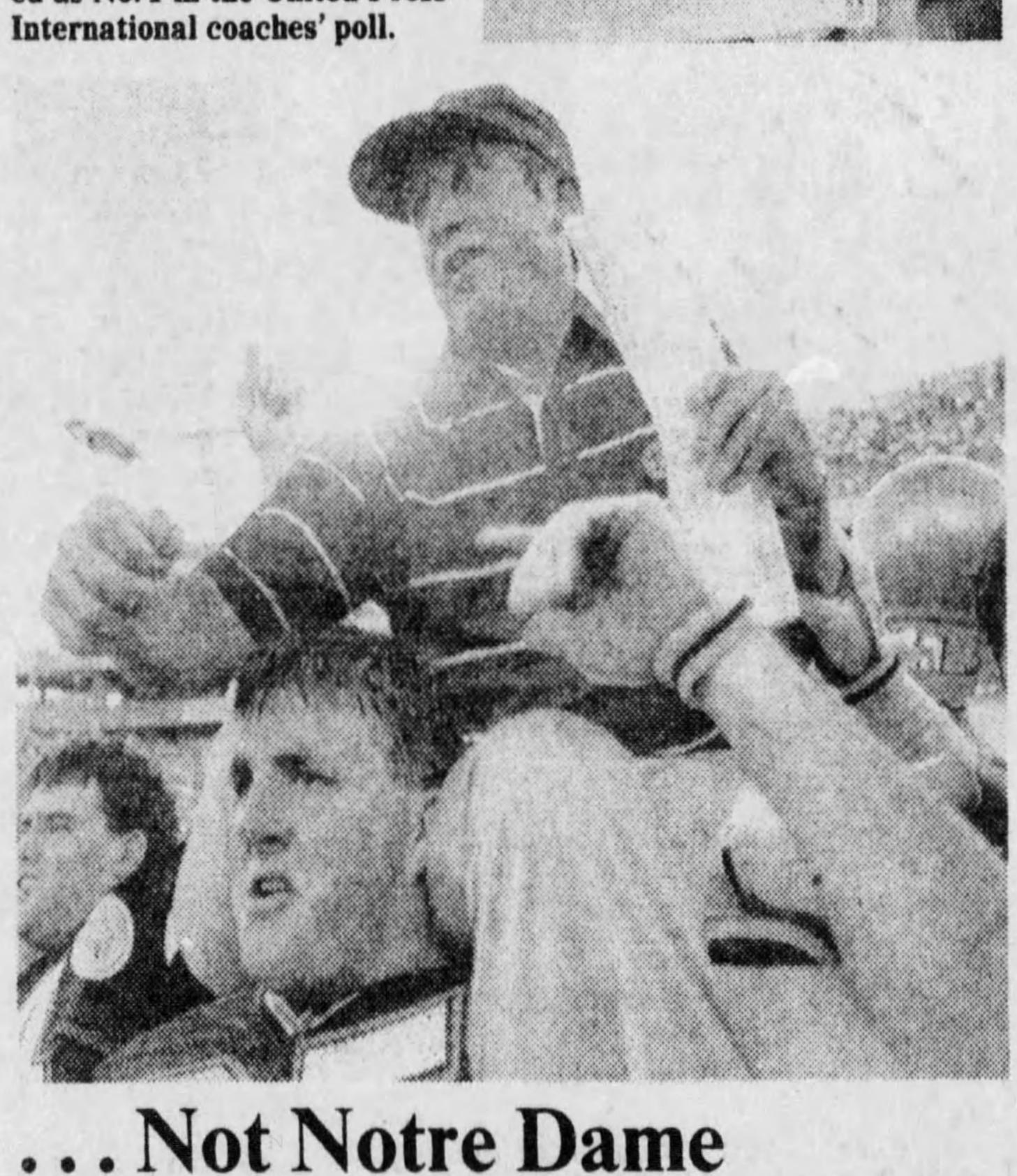
• Pete Danko, The Press-Enterprise, Riverside County - "The Huskies handed Fry his third Rose Bowl defeat in

three appearances. This puts Fry on track to challenge the greatest of the Big Ten losers, Bo Schembechler, whose Michigan teams dropped eight of 10 games here.

"A couple of things about Hayden, though. His teams are more fun to watch than Bo's were. And he's a lot nicer



After defeat, Iowa's future found in past HANSEN



Run for roses: Edge in speed helps Pac-10

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with the nation's No. 1 rushing defense, but Iowa wound up outgaining the Huskies, 454 yards to 385. The lawkeyes managed 193 yards on the ground.

"I never dreamed that we would score 34 points, or that it would be such a high-scoring game," Fry said. The 80-point total set a Rose Bowl record.

Fry said the two critical first-half errors - Jim Hujsak's block_d punt and Matt Rodgers' intercepted pass that gave the Huskies two scores and a 19-7 lead - were demoralizing and proved to be the difference in the game.

afterward.

"No reporters or photographers whatsoever were cursed or assaulted in the interview room."

• Karen Crouse, Orange County Register - "The final score wasn't an accurate representation of the carnage the Huskies wrought.

"Through 45 minutes, Washington dominated every significant category. The Don James Gang outrushed the Hawkeyes, 169-55; outpassed them, 132-118, and outscored them, 39-14.

"Most of Washington's first-rate, first-team players, including tailback Greg Lewis, the leading rusher in the Pac-10 Conference, and tackle Steve Emtman, co-Pac-10 defensive player of the year, were on the sidelines when Iowa scored 20 points in the final quarter to transform a rout into a respectable finish."

Blocked punt was supposed to be a pass

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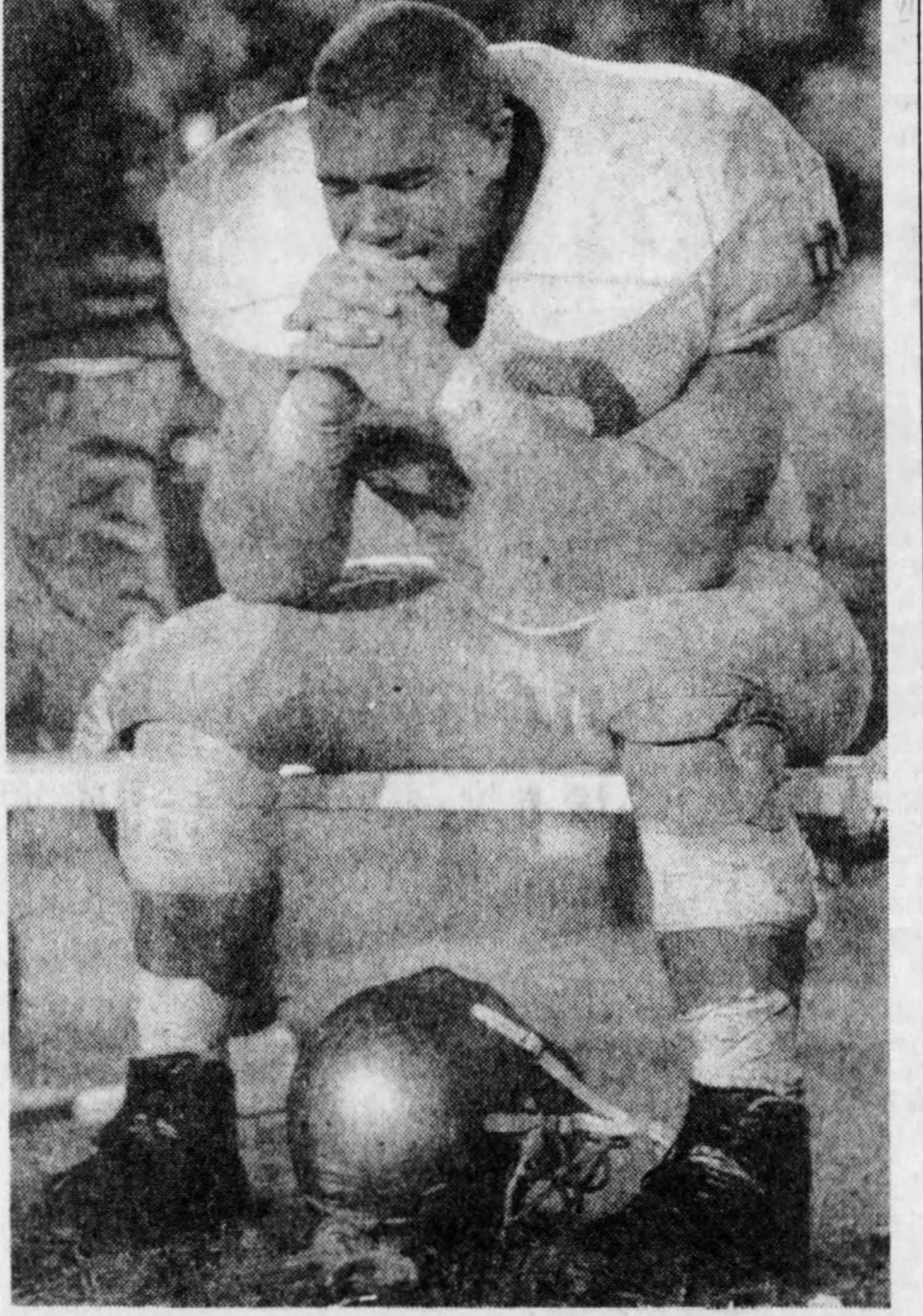
enough to cover eligible receivers. We work on that in practice." James paused, then added, "We

also work on onside kickoffs."

Iowa recovered two onside kicks in the closing minutes, and one led to'a touchdown.

The blocked punt was the fourth Iowa punt blocked this season and the third returned for a touchdown.

"We had to do something," Fry said of the trick play. "We've been terrible on punt protection, punting the ball, all year long and Washington has one



Notre Dame nose guard Chris Zorich wears a somber expression Tuesday night after the Irish saw their chances of receiving the final No. 1 ranking evaporate with a loss to Colorado in the Orange Bowl.

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how good he'd be at the start of the season."

John Derby? Shoulder rehabilitation kept him out of spring practice after playing behind Brad Quast the year before. But second-team all-Big Ten in 1990?

It wasn't what you'd call the lock of the year. But Derby turned out to be Quast Revisited and Fry's most pleasant surprise.

Mike Devlin started seven games at center the season before. He turned into another second-team all-Big Ten choice.

The greatest area of improvement this season came on the offensive line, and Devlin was the unmovable anchor.

Ed Podolak, the former NFL running back who follows the Hawkeyes as WHO's analyst, was mesmerized by Devlin's play this season. After viewing a replay of the Illinois conquest, Podolak was stunned by Devlin's domination of Illini all-American Moe Gardner.

"Devlin," Podolak said, "is absolutely the best offensive lineman, at this stage of his career, I've ever seen at Iowa."

Added Fry: "We've never had a greater leader. Some of the players were talking about what they'd get, the rewards they'd receive for going to the Rose Bowl. And Devlin said, 'What are you talking about? It doesn't make a damned bit of difference if we don't get anything. We're going to the Rose Bowl.'

"And I'll have Mike for a couple more years." After falling apart in 1989, Iowa football fell back together in 1990 long enough to snare a share of the Big Ten championship. Fry, still hurting from the death of George Allen and the quashing of his Rose Bowl quest, should find relief in visions of the future.



Hayden Fry "We've closed the gap"

"The things they do are very confusing."

In both cases, he said, the errors were the fault of others, not the kicker or the quarterback.

"We had emphasized the whole kicking game so much, we'd worked our tails off," Fry said, "and then to have a guy in the middle of the line not even block his man - that's inexcusable."

Actually, the early punting situation was to be the first of many trick plays lowa used in the game, which is an indication of the respect Fry had for Washington's defense. He felt the Hawks had to resort to trickery.

Hujsak was supposed to pass if wide receiver Danan Hughes was left uncovered, but when the Huskies didn't let that happen, it led to the disastrous punt.

In the second quarter, Hughes broke the wrong way on a pass pattern, and when Rodgers threw the ball to the outside, Washington's Charles Mincy had clear sailing on a 37-yard interception return into the end zone.

'I felt sorry for Rodgers," Fry said. "That happened to him three times, and two ended up being interceptions.

'But you've got to give credit to Washington's defense," he added.

lowa had five turnovers, which is getting to be an unlucky number for Fry's teams in the Rose Bowl. The Hawks also turned the ball over five times in Rose Bowl losses to Washington, 28-0, in 1982 and to UCLA, 45-28, in 1986.

"At the half, I was really down," Fry said. "But I was extremely proud of the way we fought back, with all the exotics and things, big play after big play, and recovering two onside kickoffs.

"I'm encouraged, because so many of these guys are returning next season. There is an awful lot of spirit and fight among them."

JOHNSON'S ABSENCE. How important was the loss of Jim Johnson to Iowa's defense?

The all-Big Ten tackle injured a knee in practice last week and had to watch the game on crutches.

"There's no way to evaluate that," Fry said. "But he's been our best defensive lineman for two years, and he would have helped us put more pressure on those people. We only had two sacks for minus-13 yards."

Mark Brunell, Washington's sophomore quarterback, accounted for four touchdowns - two rushing, two passing - to tie a modern Rose Bowl record. He was voted the game's outstanding player.

of the finest specialty teams in the country.

"So this was new, all the shifts. We had four different ways to do it. We had to do something to let them know we came to play so they wouldn't give us a rush."

The play, which puzzled viewers more than it puzzled the Washington defense, started when Hujsak went into punt formation in a fourth-andinches situation at the Iowa 35-yard line in the first quarter.

Hujsak shifted from deep punt formation to within about 10 yards of the line of scrimmage.

"Hujsak was going to pass," Fry said, "but you have to hand it to Washington. They went out and covered our eligible receiver, and if they did that, then Jim was supposed to punt.

Unfortunately for Hujsak, Andy Mason of the Huskies came through the line virtually untouched and blocked the punt. Teammate Dana Hall picked up the ball and raced into the end zone, giving Washington the 10-0 lead and tremendous momentum.

"That was really discouraging," Hujsak said. "We were hoping to catch Washington off guard, but they went out and covered Danan Hughes, and when they did that, I had to go ahead and kick."

Georgia Tech, Colorado No. 1

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pected us to beat them decisively. They're just too good. But we won, and that's what counts."

Georgia Tech finished the season with a 11-0-1 record. Colorado closed with 10 consecutive victories for an 11-1-1 mark.

The Yellow Jackets' unbeaten record didn't hook AP voters.

"I look at it this way," said George O'Leary, Georgia Tech's defensive coordinator. "If most sports writers were any good at what they did, they would be novelists instead of sports writers."

Said Georgia Tech senior Joe Siffri: "The reason they hire football coaches is because they know a lot about football. And that is why they picked Georgia Tech."

The split decision seemed a fitting end to Colorado's season.

The Buffaloes started the season with a 1-1-1 record, and then there was that fifth down.

A foul-up by the game officials allowed Colorado to score the winning touchdown against Missouri on

the extra down.

"We don't apologize for that victory," McCartney said. "It's just unfortunate the error was made, but I don't feel we capitalized on the error."

Colorado finished as the top team for the first time in any sport except skiing, where the Buffaloes have collected 12 titles.

This is the second time that an undefeated Georgia Tech team ended up No. 2 in the AP poll. The Yellow Jackets were ranked behind Michigan State in 1952 when both schools had perfect records.

The only blot on Georgia Tech's record this season was a 13-13 tie with North Carolina midway through the season. Colorado tied Tennessee, 31-31, in the first game and lost to Illinois, 23-22, in the third game.

Miami, which demolished Texas, 46-3, in the Cotton Bowl, rose from fourth to third in both polls. But the Hurricanes finished No. 1 in the New York Times computer rankings. The computer listed Georgia Tech No. 2 and Colorado No. 3.

That will give college football fans something more to talk about before next season.

Which is something nobody was saying last year at this time.

Consider: In 1990, Fry held out five true freshmen he says would have helped him this season.

Recruiting has never been better.

Watercolorgate and the attendant tightening of academic requirements didn't devastate the program the way some feared. Maybe the higher recruiting aim even helped.

A few years ago, Norby Walters used former Hawkeyes Ronnie Harmon and Devon Mitchell to drag Iowa's academic reputation through the mud of federal court.

"Other schools used that against us," Fry says. "All we had to do was explain to the moms and dads that Harmon and Mitchell were never ineligible under conference rules.

"People have forgotten that mess. Thank gosh."

Someday even Washington's 33point first half will fade from memory. We can only hope.