

Metro/Iowa

UI treats schizophrenia with chlozapine Poland

Psychiatric Hospital researchers study the once-banned drug

Kathryn Stevens
The Daily Iowan

A drug banned from the United States because of its potentially lethal side effect, is now being used to treat some schizophrenic patients in a study at the UI Psychiatric Hospital, said Del Miller, psychiatric resident and principal investigator of the drug.

The UI Psychiatric Hospital is one of two places in Iowa where researchers are studying the now-federally approved — but still potentially lethal — chlozapine, Miller said.

Schizophrenia is a mental illness which usually strikes people in their late teens and mid-twenties. The symptoms for the disease include a suppression of emotions, hallucinations and delusional thoughts, Miller said.

For example, schizophrenia struck Steve Judge, a UI chlozapine patient, at 21, according to his mother, June Judge.

Formerly a student in the talented and gifted programs in his high school, Judge could no longer concentrate enough to work after he developed schizophrenia, according to his mother. She added that in the past three years, no family

member has conversed with him at length.

"It was so hopeless," Judge's mother said. "He was just living in his psychosis all the time."

While a UI patient, Miller said Judge experienced auditory hallucinations and believed somebody was poisoning his food.

Judge's mother said Judge has improved since being treated for schizophrenia with chlozapine, adding that once on the medication Judge was able to converse with his younger brother for three hours.

"It was like giving him his brother back," she said.

But there are some problems with the drug as well. Patients taking chlozapine could develop a potentially fatal condition which lowers the body's white-blood count and interferes with the body's ability to fight diseases, UI psychiatrist Remi Cadoret said.

The potentially lethal side effect — called agranulocytosis — is what caused the Federal Drug Administration to remove chlozapine from the U.S. market in the 1970's, said Gilbert Honingfeld, a clinical pharmacist at the pharmaceutical company Sandoz, which manufactures the drug.

But since the early 1980's, researchers at Sandoz have developed requirements for prescribing and administering the chlozapine, Honingfeld said.

Reducing the possibility of patients developing agranulocytosis helped to get the drug federally approved, Honingfeld said.

Honingfeld said of 1,500 patients who have taken chlozapine in the U.S., only 13 have developed a low white-blood count and none have died.

"All have had normal, benign outcomes," he said of those who had developed a low white-blood count. "I mean there were no permanent white-blood cell deficiencies — counts returned to normal, although the patients have to remain off the drug."

No UI patients taking chlozapine have developed a low white-blood count, Cadoret said.

Cadoret said to begin taking the drug, schizophrenic patients must meet certain criteria.

"It's not that you can give it to everybody," Cadoret said. "People would have to have tried other medication and have failed at other medication."

Required weekly blood tests help keep the chances of death low for

Judge and the 24 other UI schizophrenic patients who began using chlozapine at UI Psychiatric Hospital, Miller said.

Only after the patient has had their blood tested for the low white-blood cell count can health workers administer the chlozapine, Miller said. The blood test will continue as long as the patient uses chlozapine, he said.

By safeguarding against the potentially fatal side effect, researchers at Sandoz have made it possible to market chlozapine, which Honingfeld called a "major breakthrough in the treatment of schizophrenia."

After taking the chlozapine, some patients were able to realize their minds were playing tricks on them, Cadoret said.

"That's like being cured — almost," Cadoret said. "Not many people achieve this, but one can hope."

Miller said chlozapine could become the first-choice drug for treating schizophrenia.

"I think it will become that within two years," Miller said. "It is not a very big risk; it is something you have to be concerned about and something the drug company is very concerned with and will regulate with weekly blood tests."

rest in the coalition.

Solidarity lawmakers went into caucus after the vote to see which of their members had not cast ballots and possibly helped Kiszczak. Many Solidarity deputies boycotted the presidential vote rather than casting "no" votes, allowing Jaruzelzki to win by a slim margin.

In his acceptance speech, Kiszczak renewed a Communist Party proposal to form a "grand coalition" in which Solidarity lawmakers would be offered some ministries. The opposition has said it will not join such a coalition.

"I will not give up efforts to attract... the representatives of the opposition circles with a hope that in the future a grand coalition government will be possible," Kiszczak said.

Communist leaders say they would like Solidarity to join the government to share in difficult decisions that must be made to reform the economy. But the party says it is not prepared to give the opposition the prime minister's job or key ministries such as defense and the interior.

In a speech before the vote, Kiszczak called for "drastic measures" to prevent economic destabilization. Among his proposals were budget cuts, re-evaluating investment policy and curbing some exports, including cattle.

Kiszczak said he hoped to form a government within two weeks. He then must tackle the economy.

The value of the zloty is plunging daily. Shoppers emptied store shelves last week ahead of Tuesday's sharp price increases, and discontented workers throughout the country are grumbling that the time has come to strike.

The price increases were part of a controversial "marketization" plan of Rakowski's. Authorities said the increases are needed to prompt farmers to deliver their meat and produce to market and to stabilize the level of state subsidies to the food industry.

Earlier Wednesday, the Communist Party lost a key vote for the first time in postwar Poland as Solidarity lawmakers pushed through a resolution calling for an extraordinary investigation of the activities of the Rakowski government.

Solidarity believes the government should be held accountable for the economic situation.

Wal-Mart

more signatures being disqualified, group co-chairman Jim Clayton said.

"We'll lose some more signatures, but we've got a cushion," Clayton said. "She could throw out 800 signatures, and we'll still have enough."

If, after these supplemental signatures are checked, there are 2,500 valid signatures, the issue will be placed on the council's August 8 agenda. The council then has 30 days to either repeal their comprehensive plan amendment or call a special election. Karr said the council is considering including the issue in the November elections, but the council can hold the election any time.

A representative of the plaza

developer, Joseph Co. of Peoria, Ill., said according to the city's charter, the requirements to establish a referendum were not met because only 2,104 signatures were collected and filed by July 14.

"The original deadline was not met, so we are proceeding with development," representative Michael Wisdom said.

But Iowa City Attorney Terrence Timmons said that the city had to accept the 2,104 signatures, adding the gathering of supplemental signatures is in accordance with Iowa City's charter.

City Manager Stephen Atkins said what steps the developer may take if the issue is placed on a referendum ballot and passed to repeal the comprehensive plan admend-

ment will be subject to interpretation.

The developer could still build the stores for which he has permits, but the developer could not expand on the plaza and the property value could change.

"If they have proceeded with the project, they are entitled to continue, but certain restrictions will apply," Atkins said. "There's no way of predicting how it will all come down. There are so many detailed legal issues involved."

Wisdom said they are in the process of acquiring a building permit for the Wal-Mart store, and other permits will soon follow.

He maintains that a majority of Iowa City residents support the plaza because of the increased tax

base for the city and the number of jobs the plaza will provide.

"I think a lot of people do want the Wal-Mart to come to town," Wisdom said. "The new shops will attract out-of-town shoppers and keep them in Iowa City."

But members of the opposition group disagree. Co-chairwoman Deb Gilpin cited the amount of retail shopping already available in Iowa City and the possibility of creating a decline in the health of downtown Iowa City as two reasons why a Wal-Mart would not help Iowa City.

"I want to see downtown remain thriving rather than bring in 20 more stores and close a couple downtown," Gilpin said.

Hostages

would be freed, but other officials said negotiations could be lengthy.

Iran sponsors Hezbollah, which also holds two of the three Israeli soldiers.

Israeli commandos abducted Obeid, 33, and two aides from his home in Jibchit, a south Lebanon village.

Hezbollah denies any connection with the hostages, but publicly endorsed the Oppressed on Earth group when it claimed responsibility for Higgins' abduction.

One Lebanese Shiite source said: "The Iranians probably are bringing immense pressure on their Lebanese surrogates, seeking to

defuse the crisis generated by Higgins' murder. They can do without a showdown with the United States."

Hashemi Rafsanjani, just elected president of Iran, has sought improved relations with the West in the past in hopes of aid in rebuilding from eight years of war with Iraq. He will take office Thursday.

Other Shiite sources said the emergence of Rafsanjani as Iran's most powerful politician had meant a decline in the influence over Hezbollah of a hardline rival, Interior Minister Ali Akbar Moh-

tashemi.

Analysts say the hostages' fate may be dictated by the struggle between those known as pragmatists, led by Rafsanjani, and hardliners over the direction of Iran's 10-year-old Islamic revolution.

The first Shiite source noted that Revolutionary Justice is not known to have killed a hostage, but has issued death threats in the past.

On March 12, 1987, the group said it would kill French captive Jean-Louis Normandin unless France suspended arms deliveries to Iraq. It later announced three postponements, two for 48 hours and one for a week, then said March 25 that he

would be spared.

Normandin, a TV lighting engineer, was kidnapped March 8, 1986, and freed on Nov. 27, 1987.

The Revolutionary Justice statement announcing the 48-hour postponement for Cicippio was accompanied by a picture of another American hostage it holds, writer Edward Austin Tracy, 58.

Statements from the group threatened both men's lives twice in 1988.

Cicippio, 58, was acting controller of the American University of Beirut when he was abducted from its campus on Sept. 12, 1986.

Reaction

these who hold the hostages and call on it to do so," Tutwiler said.

She also welcomed a statement by a top aide to Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat criticizing the execution of Higgins.

Meanwhile, Pentagon officials said

the USS Belknap, the flagship of the U.S. 6th Fleet, and the fleet's commander canceled a scheduled visit to the Soviet port of Sevastopol to be "at the beck and call" of Bush in case he needs them.

The aircraft carrier USS America

also cut short a visit and left the port of Singapore, officials said.

"We're prudently planning," Bush said of the military moves.

Bush, posing for pictures in the Oval Office with the visiting fore-

ign minister of the Persian Gulf nation of Bahrain, Sheik Mohammed bin Mubarak al-Khalifa, said the administration was dealing with the hostage crisis "with a heavy heart" because of Higgins' reported death.

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Nation/World

46 indicted for illegal trading

CHICAGO (AP) — Federal indictments announced Wednesday charged 46 people with hundreds of counts of illegal trading schemes and tax fraud following an undercover investigation at the nation's two largest futures exchanges.

The 2½-year federal investigation at the Chicago Board of Trade and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange resulted in allegations that traders systematically conspired with one another to skim profits from customers' accounts, and often tried to hide the profits from the Internal Revenue Service.

The activity uncovered at these exchanges — the largest of their type in the world — cannot be tolerated," U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh said at a news conference announcing the charges.

U.S. Attorney Anton Valukas said traders broke the law and the rules governing business at the exchange by arranging deals with one another before and after the pits were open for trading.

He said the alleged activity involved hundreds of customers and thousands of trades. No dollar amount was given for the alleged fraud but Valukas said it was "significant."

Officials said the investigation was continuing and indicated more indictments were possible.

Nineteen indictments were returned for activities in the soybean pits and three in the U.S. Treasury bond pits at the Board of Trade. At the Chicago Mercantile

"The legitimate activities of these exchanges, involving everything from grains to government bonds and foreign currencies, impact upon farmers, consumers, businesses and governments." — U.S. Atty. Gen. Dick Thornburgh.

Exchange, 21 indictments were in the Japanese yen pits and three in Swiss franc pits.

The government said directors of the Board of Trade and the Mercantile Exchange were not involved in the illegal activity and had cooperated in the investigation.

"The legitimate activities of these exchanges, involving everything from grains to government bonds and foreign currencies, impact upon farmers, consumers, businesses and governments," said Thornburgh, who was joined by Valukas, FBI director William Sessions and Wendy Gramm, head of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission at the news conference.

"I want to assure all parties that public confidence in the honest functioning of the marketplace will be vigorously protected," Thornburgh added.

Valukas said the illegal schemes involved pre-arranged trades at prices below what the traders' customers actually paid for a commodity. The traders involved would

then share the illegal profit, he said.

At the close of business, traders frequently agreed among themselves to change prices on their cards to increase their profits and correct bad deals, the prosecutor said.

Valukas cited specific instances during the summer of 1988 — when soybean prices were rising rapidly because of the drought — where brokers routinely withheld orders from the market and then doled them out to favored traders, cheating the customer out of a fair market price.

"What we are talking about here are hundreds of customers involving thousands of trades for which fraud was perpetrated and losses incurred by those customers because of this scheme," Valukas said.

The FBI investigation, disclosed in January, also centered on allegations that brokers sent false reports to customers to hide the skimming of profits or overcharges.

Court concludes KAL was at fault in 1983 incident

WASHINGTON (AP) — Korean Air Lines committed willful misconduct when one of its planes flew off course and was shot down by the Soviet Union with the deaths of all 269 people aboard, a federal court jury decided Wednesday.

The decision by the jury of three men and three women allows families of victims of the Sept. 1, 1983, disaster to seek damages in excess of a \$75,000-per-passenger limit set by international treaty.

Several family members clapped their hands when the verdict was announced, and one woman in the front row wept.

George Tompkins, a lawyer for the airline, said the company will appeal Wednesday's verdict.

The jury in U.S. District Court continued deliberations on whether to award the families punitive damages and if so, how much.

The jury concluded that the actions by KAL's crew were one of the causes of the shootdown of Flight 007 by at least one missile from a Soviet fighter plane.

Wreckage from the disaster was found in the Sea of Japan, hundreds of miles from the plane's scheduled flight path over the Pacific Ocean.

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Officials look into charges that Boeing overbilled government

SEATTLE (AP) — The federal government is investigating allegations that the Boeing Co. overcharged and double-billed the Department of Defense millions of dollars for repairs of buildings leased for secret military work.

The investigation by two defense agencies, a congressional panel, and reportedly, the Department of Justice's criminal division, was sparked by a Boeing electrical engineer and inspector, Kevin Kelly, who was fired Friday.

But it has gone beyond his allegations, said an investigator for a congressman looking into the case. The investigation appears to have started with Boeing's lease of buildings under government contract from millionaire Seattle developer David Sabey, according to an internal Boeing memorandum obtained by The Associated Press.

The buildings were built to Boeing's specifications by Sabey, but Kelly says three buildings at one office park were substandard and required \$3 million in electrical and other repairs and improvements and that Boeing billed the government for the work, rather than Sabey.

Boeing spokesman Paul Binder confirmed Tuesday that an investigation was under way and read a statement:

"Mr. Kelly noted some items that he concluded did not meet building and electrical codes. The items he noted were thoroughly investigated by Boeing, and corrective actions were taken where appropriate. Additionally, the buildings were inspected and approved by the appropriate local government agencies."

Binder, Boeing's director of public relations, declined further comment on the investigation and Kelly's firing.

Sabey was unavailable, his secretary said. Sabey Corp. attorney Don Berdick said the firm would have no comment.

The leases with Sabey include buildings at two office parks used by Boeing Advanced Systems for military work. The Boeing division has defense contracts and subcontracts that range from work on the B-2 Stealth bomber to guided-missile systems and avionic research.

Kelly contends he was fired for alerting federal officials to Boeing billing the Defense Department for the repairs at the Oxbow office park.

He says Boeing ignored his early warnings that electrical work in the buildings was substandard. In a July 18 letter to Boeing Chief Executive Officer Frank Schrontz, Kelly complained he was "effectively quieted" by Boeing management" and "I have not been able to

intelligently and satisfactorily discuss with supervisors the substandard workmanship."

Schrontz's secretary said her boss would not comment.

"People in management have been covering up," Kelly asserted Tuesday. "Not one man in that whole group had the courage to stand up and tell Sabey the buildings were substandard. Instead, they said 'let the taxpayer pay for it.'"

Kelly said he has given investigators stacks of records over the past year, some copies of which he gave to the AP when he learned he was to be fired, including blueprints and other documents he contended reveal substandard electrical work that "clearly violated not only Boeing's specifications of what they wanted in the Oxbow buildings but national and state electrical and building codes."

The internal memo, from Boeing attorney S.W. Barclay to department heads, describes the scope of a recent Defense Department subpoena of company records. Most of the materials subpoenaed, ranging from "leasehold improvements, repair and maintenance" to internal company audits of leases, refer specifically to the Sabey Corp. Barclay admonished officials to destroy nothing that might relate to the subpoena.

Investigations by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and the Defense Contract Audit Agency began in mid-1988 with allegations from Kelly.

Kelly said the Justice Department also is investigating, although Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce Carter of Seattle declined to confirm that, as a matter of policy.

An investigator for Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.) said Dingell's Energy and Commerce Committee also is looking into Kelly's allegations. The staffer, speaking on condition of anonymity, also said the Justice Department is investigating.

Air Force Sgt. Michael Grinnell, spokesman in Washington for the Air Force investigations office, said: "I can confirm that we do have an ongoing investigation concerning mischarging of facility repair costs for leased buildings. By mischarging, we mean overcharging, double-billing."

Kelly said that when Boeing went to repair some of the problems, it had to "fix some of them a second or third time. I'm told by the AFOSI that the taxpayers pay for all of these repairs, not Sabey."

Grinnell and Philip Rogers, a spokesman in Washington for the Defense Contract Audit Agency, both declined to discuss Kelly's specific allegations or other elements of their investigations.

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INSIDE SPORTS

The NFL Players Association has completed drug testing of players from all 28 teams to protect the participants from inaccuracies. See Sportsbriefs

Nobody's picking Iowa this season

The Associated Press

The stars who had been counted on to do so much for Iowa's football team in 1988 are gone, but so are other things.

Like lofty expectations. A year ago at this time, the national publications were raving about Iowa's Chuck Hartlieb, Marv Cook and Dave Haight and how they were going to have the Hawkeyes challenging for the Big Ten Conference title.

Many had Iowa in their preseason Top Ten and Sport magazine even picked the Hawkeyes No. 1.

What followed was disappointing, injury-marred 6-4-3 season.

This year Hartlieb, Cook, Haight and several other top-flight performers no longer around, and the forecasters are backing off on the Hawkeyes.

Of eight publications surveyed, only three put Iowa in their preseason Top Twenty and none had the Hawkeyes in the Top Ten. Michigan is the overwhelming favorite to win the Big Ten, with Iowa pegged anywhere from second to fifth.

"In hopes of reducing injuries to the team this year, Iowa has installed a natural playing surface at Kinnick Stadium," wrote Sport magazine's Mike Francesa, who made the Hawkeyes No. 1 last year and has them 15th this time.

"In the hope of keeping my reputation intact through the entire season, I have placed Iowa in a somewhat less lofty position."

Iowa State, meanwhile, is tabbed for a second-division finish in the Big Eight by all of the publications, and most put Northern Iowa in the second division of the Gateway Conference.

Athlon's, however, called Iowa State "a sleeper that could slip into the first division" after going 5-6 last year.

Sport has Iowa the highest in the preseason rankings. Coach Hayden Fry's Hawkeyes are 17th in Street & Smith and 19th nationally in Athlon's. The Sporting News has Iowa 39th in its Top Forty.

Game Plan, Football Digest, Don

Iowa in the Polls	
magazine	rank
Sport	15th
Street & Smith	17th
Athlon's	19th
The Sporting News*	39th
Game Plan	-
Football Digest	-
Don Heinrich	-
Inside Sports	-

* Based on Top 40 teams; all others out of Top 20 teams.

Heinrich and Inside Sports do not have Iowa in their national lists.

Still, the consensus is that Iowa will finish in the Big Ten's first division and make its ninth consecutive bowl appearance.

"Iowa has finished in the Big Ten's first division in each of Fry's 10 seasons," Football Digest said. "They should keep that streak alive."

Football Digest picked Iowa to finish fifth in the Big Ten, behind Michigan, Illinois, Ohio State and Indiana. The Hawkeyes also are tabbed for a fifth-place finish by The Sporting News, which notes, "With an excellent recruiting class the future is bright. The present is less rosy."

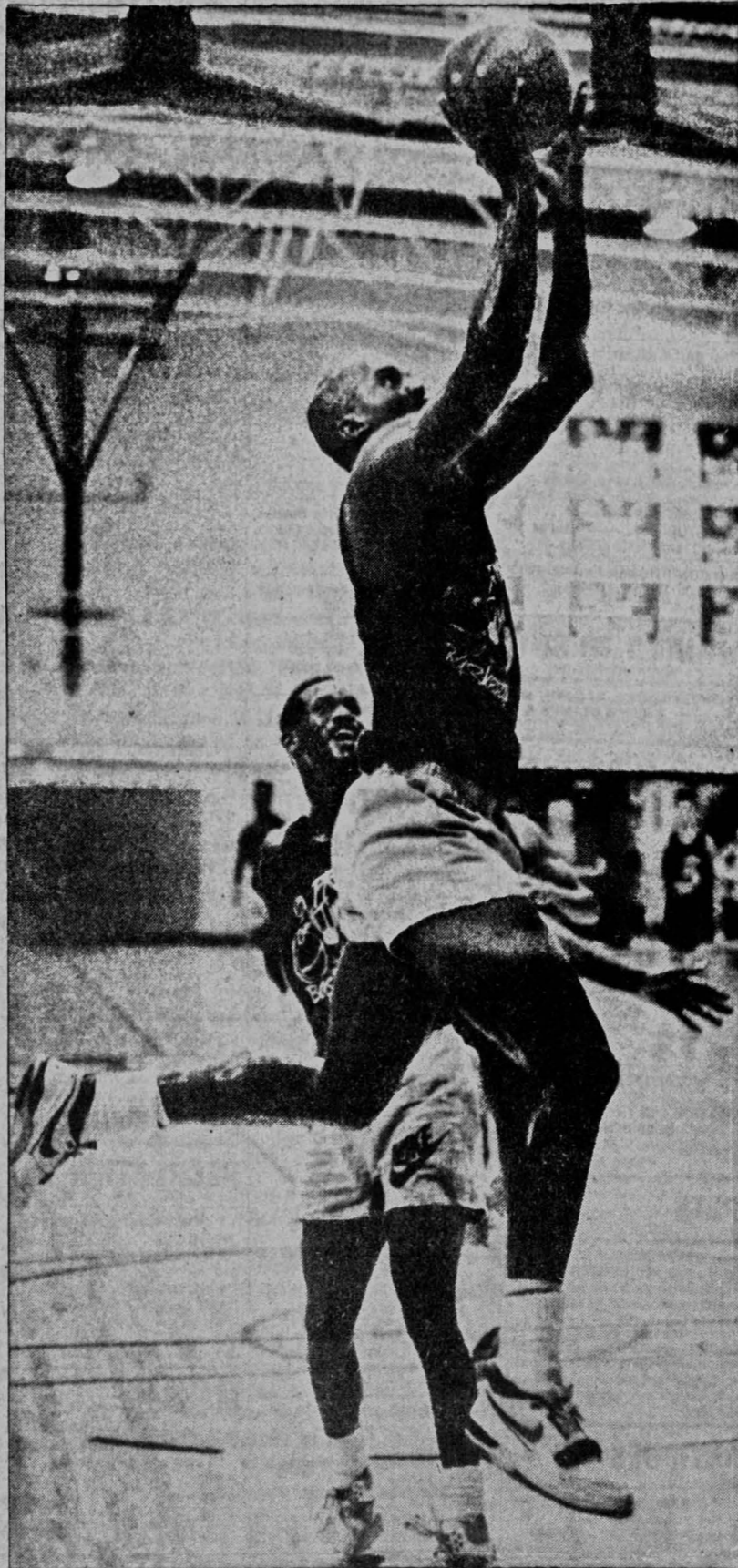
Game Plan and Inside Sports pick Iowa fourth, Street & Smith has the Hawkeyes third and Athlon and Don Heinrich forecast a second-place finish. Sport doesn't have conference previews.

The publications are unanimous in their view that Iowa's passing game is expected to drop off this year following the departure of Hartlieb, who passed for more than 3,000 yards in each of the last two seasons, and two of his favorite targets — Cook and Deven Harberts.

But they also point out that Iowa's running game should be solid, particularly if Tony Stewart is fully recovered from his knee operation.

"While the Hawkeyes will still

See Iowa, Page 7



The Boston Celtics Kevin Gamble drives to the basket Wednesday night for one of his 28 first half points in the PTL championship game. Gamble, named MVP of the league, led Iowa State Bank to the title in a 111-109 victory over Fitzpatrick's.

The Daily Iowan/Scott Norris

ISB dethrones Fitzpatrick's for PTL crown

Gamble wins MVP honors

Mike Polisky
The Daily Iowan

Boston Celtics guard Kevin Gamble pumped in 42 points, 28 in the first half, Wednesday leading Iowa State Bank to the Prime Time Basketball League championship over Fitzpatrick's, 111-109, at City High Gym.

Gamble's heroics overshadowed a dramatic second-half comeback by Fitzpatrick's. Fitzpatrick's trailed by 19, 65-46, at halftime.

"We went from totally cold in the first half, to super red-hot in the second," Fitzpatrick's guard Troy Skinner said. "They have a great team, but if we played them again, things might have gone the other way."

Fitzpatrick's, the league's defending champion, turned the apparent blowout into a nail biter after rediscovering its 3-point touch.

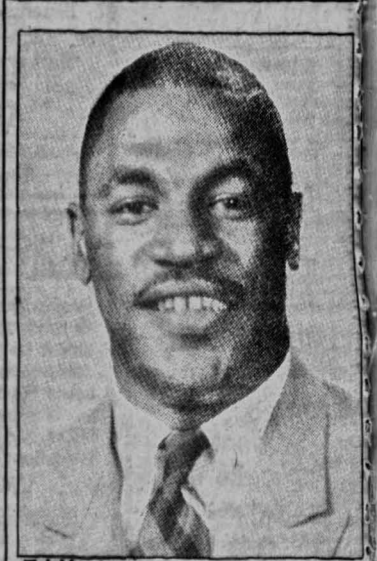
Skinner of Iowa, Dean Kessler of Iowa Lakes Junior College, Frank Molak of the University of Kansas City, Nick Nurse, formerly of UNI and Maurice Newby from the European League, connected on nine 3-pointers in the second half.

"We knew that we would have to guard them tough on the perimeter," Iowa State Bank coach Steve Bergman said. "But even though we were out on them, they still stuck those shots."

"Give them all the credit in the world for their great comeback."

Kessler opened the second half with two 3-pointers, cutting the lead to 70-58. Gamble countered the attack, as he did the entire game, hitting two free throws and a 15-footer to extend the lead back to 15.

Fitzpatrick's long-rang guns
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Horton named camp MVP

Mike Polisky
The Daily Iowan

Former Iowa basketball player Ed Horton was chosen the Most Valuable Player in a recent Washington Bullets mini-camp for rookies and free agents.

Horton, the 12th pick of the second round of last May's NBA Draft, has overcome the disappointment of not being chosen in the first round — as he was projected by many.

"I'm in the NBA," he said. "As long as I'm there I'll go anywhere and play hard. I'm happy. I don't care which round I went in. I want to prove to everyone what I

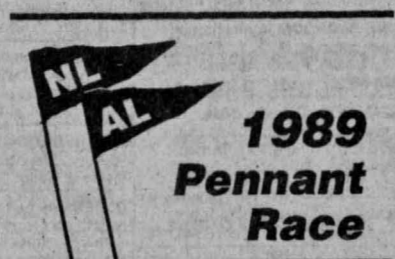
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Sliding Orioles fighting to stay on top in weak AL East

BOSTON (AP)—The young Baltimore Orioles insist they're not panicking, but the pressure is beginning to show in a severe slump.

After setting a major league record by losing their first 21 games in 1988, the Orioles did a turnaround this season.

Rebuilt under the leadership of Roland Hemond, they took command in the weak AL East. They moved into first place past the Boston Red Sox in late May and



gradually padded their lead.

When they left home on July 19, after a loss, they were 7½ games in front. They've been on the skids

ever since.

On a two-week trip, the Orioles lost 13 of 14 games. Their division lead was at stake in the road windup Wednesday night against Boston, which closed from nine games back on July 19 to one game behind.

Many baseball observers, including Cleveland general manager Hank Peters, feel that "Baltimore has definitely been over-achieving."

Manager Frank Robinson out-

wardly disagrees, insisting that all the Orioles need is "a couple of wins and we'll start playing like before."

However, Baltimore has shown signs of total collapse both on offense and defense.

The Orioles scored just 35 runs in the first 13 games on the disastrous road trip. The pitching has faltered and the defense has broken down, committing seven errors in 9-6, 5-3 and 6-2 losses to Boston.

"It's happening, I see it, we all see

it," Robinson said. "But it's not going to go away until we make it go away."

Baltimore's problems on offense reached a peak in the first game of a doubleheader Tuesday. It had 16 base runners in the first eight innings, but managed to score just three runs.

"We're missing on scoring opportunities," Robinson said. "We're getting men on base and not driving them in."

Robinson was trying to keep things

in perspective.

"I'm not going to go crazy, and I hope they don't go crazy," he said.

"You can't make excuses and feel sorry for yourself. Every ballclub I've ever been on has gone through this — maybe not as long, but there's always a slump."

The Baltimore slump recalls other

major collapses in the second half of the season. In 1974, the Red Sox led Baltimore by seven games on Aug. 23, then finished third, seven behind the Orioles.

American football steals the show

Cunningham and Kosar take top billing in England

TOKYO (AP) — Star treatment was never quite like this for Roger Craig, a TV hero come to life for football followers in Japan.

Craig and other marquee players from the San Francisco 49ers and Los Angeles Rams are getting a royal reception so far from their enthusiastic, but polite fans. The Japanese may not understand a backfield in motion, but they know a celebrity when they see one.

"It's great — they really look up to us," the 49ers' record-setting running back said Wednesday. "We're their heroes. We're like big-name entertainers here."

Craig and Rams quarterback Jim Everett got a taste of Japan's

passion for sports in March when they made a promotional visit for Sunday's NFL preseason game, dubbed the American Bowl. And the powerfully built, 214-pound Craig finds himself surrounded by youngsters for more than one reason as he makes the rounds as part of an endorsement contract with Mizuno Corp.

"I'm like Santa Claus, always giving away shoes and things," he said with a chuckle. "Everybody wants shoes."

On the teams' first full day here, a slender running back from Seijo University hunched over in playing position and beamed as he posed for a photograph with Craig in the

muggy Tokyo Dome.

Then he shamelessly admitted his higher aspirations for stardom: playing quarterback.

"I think it's more exciting," said 20-year-old Jun Iida, whose weight is one-half of the 49ers' Bubba Paris.

The 49ers' dramatic Super Bowl victory over Cincinnati last January made a big impact on sports fans here; Japan was one of eight countries to televise it live. Iida and his teammates from the Tokyo school, where American-style football has been played since 1956, rose to watch it at 5 a.m.

Members of the media quizzed an American reporter during the

49ers' workout in the Dome on Wednesday, and Montana was the main topic. How, they wanted to know, did the "magic man" make the miracle pass that won the Super Bowl?

It was Craig, though, who stuck around after practice to pose with the impressed young fans.

"Their speed was great," said the 155-pound Iida. "They got muscles, they got everything. ... This is everyone's dream to see them in person."

Craig is giving clinics for teams like Seijo, but knows it's tough to turn inexperienced lightweight into polished heavyweights.

Japanese fans give NFL players star like reception

LONDON (AP) — Meet Randall Cunningham and Bernie Kosar, travel agents. They may not book airline tickets and hotel rooms, but they know how to take people to faraway places.

As two of the NFL's top quarterbacks, Cunningham of the Philadelphia Eagles and Kosar of the Cleveland Browns are among the best-known players in Britain, where football has caught on big in recent years.

When the NFL decides each year which teams will play its preseason-opening American Bowl in Wembley Stadium, two factors



are most important — success the previous season for the team and playing overseas but that going against Cunningham would be nothing special.

"It doesn't make a bit of difference," he said. "Basically, every week in the NFL you play against a good quarterback, and as a

quarterback you concentrate on the opposing defense."

The teams practice against each other this week, but there won't be much time for Cunningham and Kosar to check each other out.

"We'll probably be on the field at the same time, or we'll be in meetings while Randall is in practice," Kosar said. "There will be too many things going on."

The fans might not get much more at least one readily recognized star on each squad. If that player is a quarterback, so much the better.

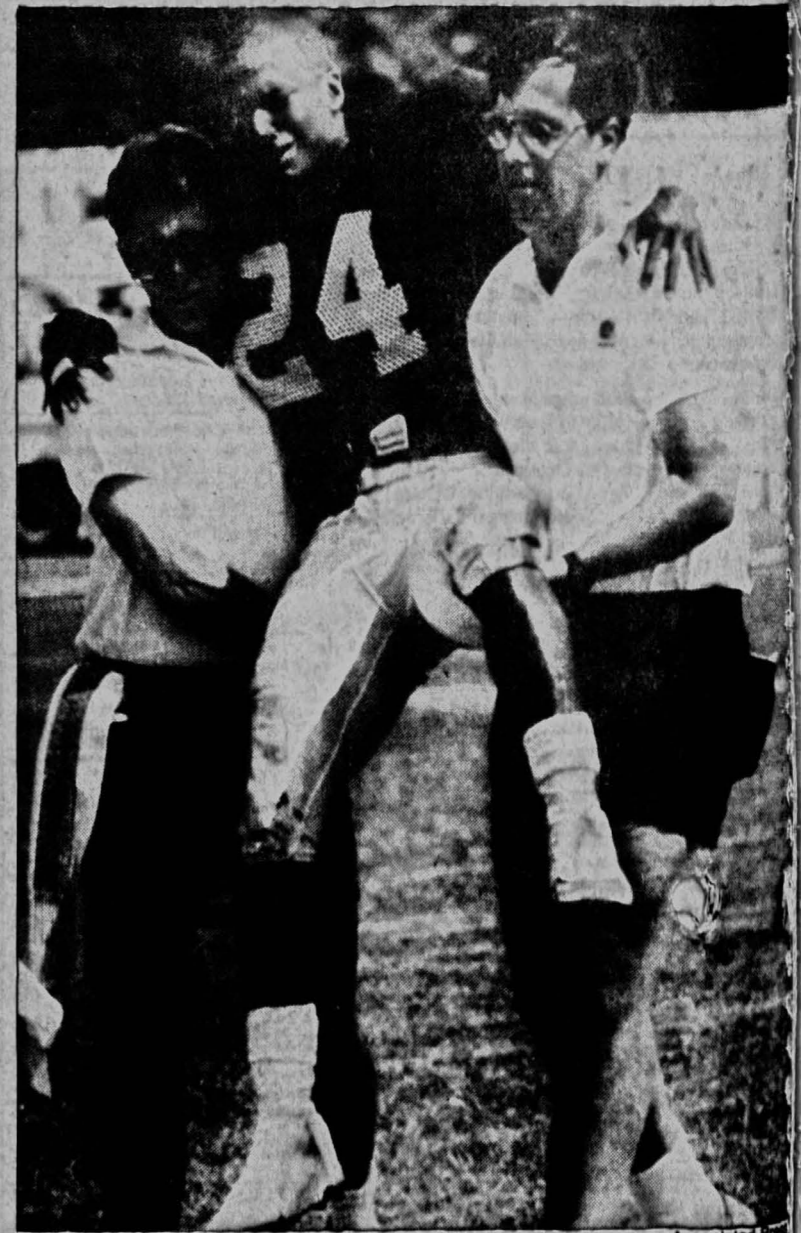
So, instead of sweltering college campuses in Pennsylvania and

Ohio, the Eagles and Browns — both playoff teams last season — are working out in London this week for Sunday's game.

And the two key players said they were pleased with the switch.

"It excites me, it really does," Cunningham said. "The hype that's built up around this game is good. Bernie is a great quarterback and to play again him is an honor. We should give the English fans something to watch."

"We will be playing to win, but we will play a lot of people," Eagles coach Buddy Ryan said.



Tony Blaylock of the Cleveland Browns is hoisted from the field Wednesday after suffering an injury in a scrimmage against the Philadelphia Eagles. The teams are in London, England, preparing for an exhibition game Sunday.

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