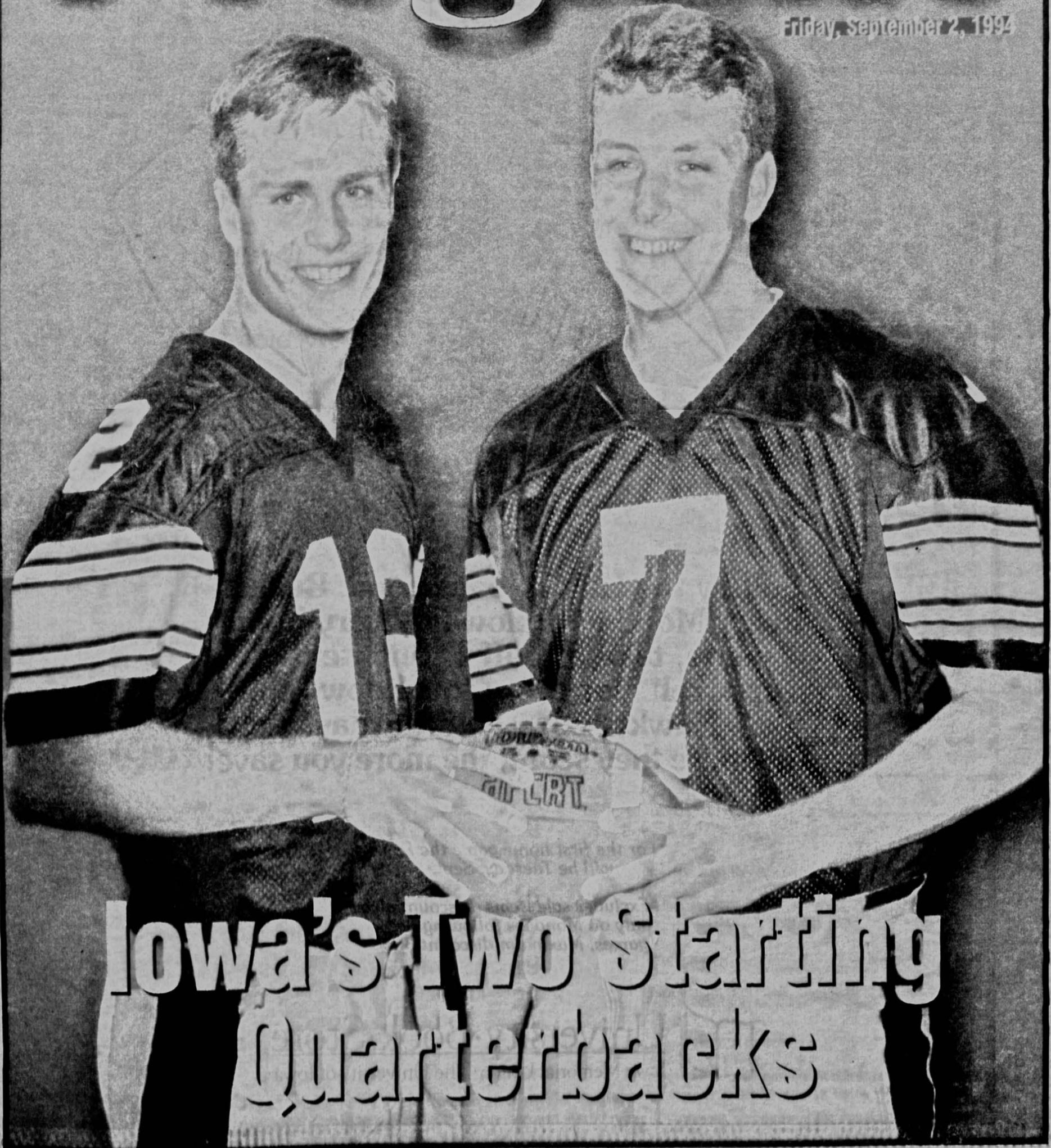


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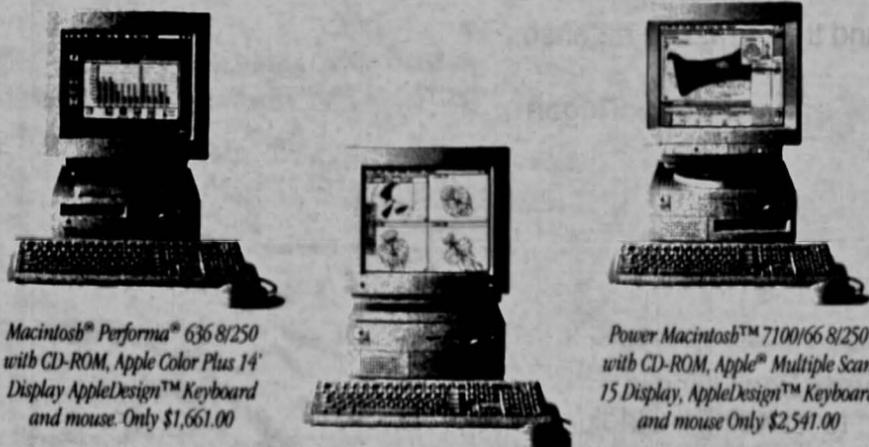
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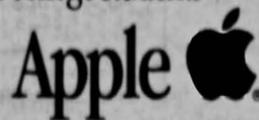


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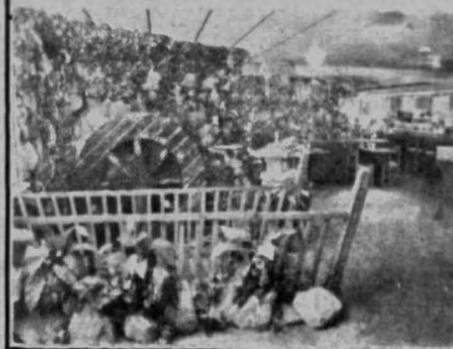
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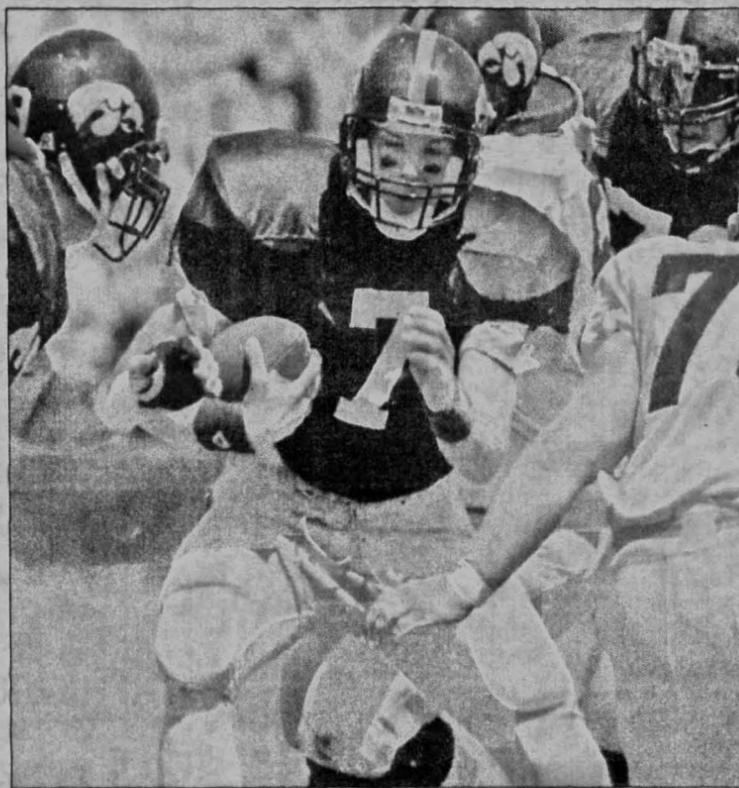
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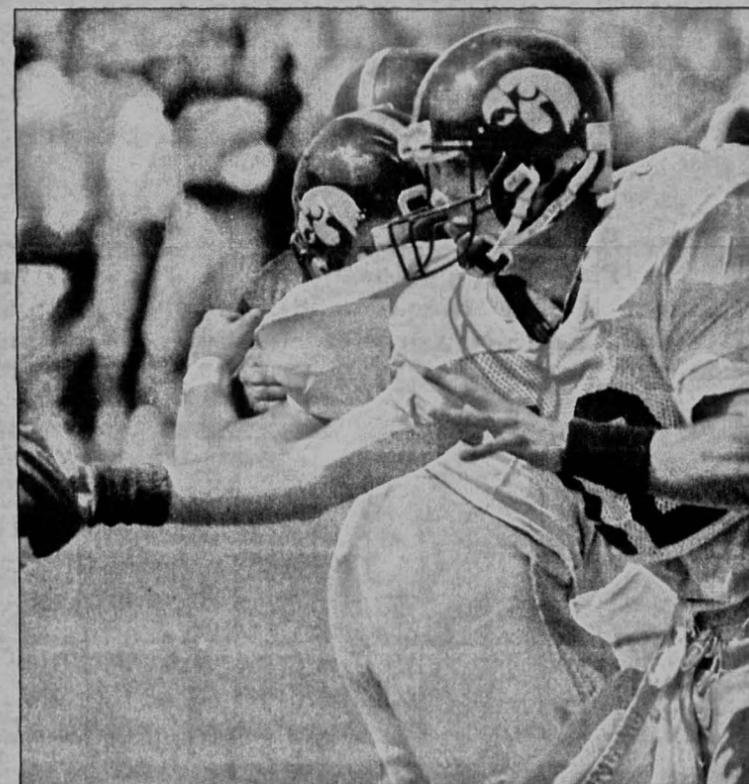
Sophomore Ryan Driscoll and freshman Matt Sherman pushed each other and gave Hayden Fry a tough decision in the race to start at quarterback



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Left: Ryan Driscoll (7) runs with the ball during April's Coca Cola Hawkeye Spring Classic. Driscoll helped lead the top squad to a 34-3 win and established himself as the front runner in the competition to start at quarterback.

Below: Matt Sherman (12) hands off the ball during last year's spring game. Sherman was listed as the No. 2 quarterback coming into this fall but has battled to tie Driscoll for the top spot.



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Doug Alden
The Daily Iowan

Any coach wants to have a quarterback establish himself as the starter well before the season opener. Hayden Fry is no exception, but his players aren't cooperating.

Ryan Driscoll and Matt Sherman entered fall drills as the No. 1 and No. 2 quarterbacks, respectively, and Fry expected one to rise above the other before Saturday's season opener, but both finished at No. 1.

At his weekly press conference Tuesday, Fry did not name a starter and said Driscoll and Sherman in addition to another also undetermined player will see action at quarterback. Jefferson Bates and Mike Duprey are battling for the No. 3 spot and Fry hopes someone will establish himself as the top quarterback Saturday afternoon.

"It's such a close race. We really need to see them under fire against quality opposition so we can really determine who is No. 1 and No. 2," Fry said. "There are certain things that each quarterback can do a little bit better than the other and depending on the defensive front and the coverage Central Michigan gives to us will dictate to some degree who is in the ballgame."

Driscoll and Sherman share one important characteristic in that neither has taken a snap in a college game. Sherman redshirted last season and Driscoll was on the squad but did not see any



Ryan Driscoll • QB *So.*

Year	ATT	CMP	INT	TD
1993-94*	16	9	0	1

*spring game only



Matt Sherman • QB *Fr.*

Year	ATT	CMP	INT	TD
1993-94*	12	9	0	2

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— Hayden Fry

all Hawkeye quarterbacks. Of the top four candidates competing to call the signals, only Bates has thrown a pass — an incompleting against Northern Illinois last season — in an actual game. Corby Smith, listed at No. 5 on the depth chart, has the most passing experience of any Hawkeye quarterback, completing 2 of 3 passes for 16 yards for USC in 1992.

With the lack of experience at quarterback Fry admits he is concerned but said this is one of the best possible situations a new quarterback could fall into. With

tion to an experienced offensive line, Fry is confident someone can do the job.

"They all have real good talent," Fry said. "They're all real good quarterbacks. I'm convinced with this supporting cast whoever we have at quarterback will be a good one."

Fry said he is especially confident in Driscoll and Sherman because they have show a great deal of poise and are not making the mistakes commonly made by young quarterbacks.

"When you're competing for a

make is to try to make something happen," Fry said. "Everybody wants to be impressive so they do things that really they shouldn't be trying to do."

"Both Driscoll and Sherman have done a wonderful job to this point of protecting the football. They haven't been making a lot of dumb mistakes."

Driscoll and Sherman's teammates are also confident in the young quarterbacks' abilities. Terry expects whichever quarterback is playing will add a lot to the Hawkeye offense.

"Those young quarterbacks, I think they're a lot more talented than what people give them credit for," Terry said. "Those guys are great passers. It's not like we're losing anything in our passing game. Those guys can throw the

Sherman and Driscoll's closest experience to a college game came during April's Coca Cola Spring Classic at Kinnick Stadium. Both helped lead the Black squad to a 34-3 win. Driscoll started the game and completed 9-of-16 passes for 120 yards and one touchdown. Sherman came in later and completed 9-of-12 for 139 yards and two touchdowns.

Sherman said he took a lot away from the spring game.

"I was nervous going into the game but I took the attitude where I had nothing to lose. I had to go for it and that's what I did," Sherman said.

Driscoll and Sherman have heard they lack experience plenty of times, and they said the criticism is part of the position.

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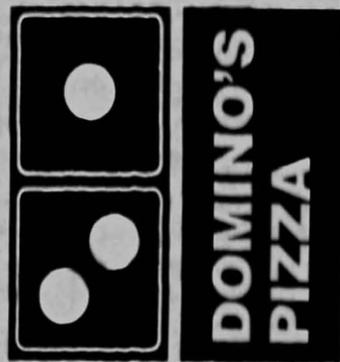
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New look for Iowa's defense

The Hawkeyes add seven new players and a new alignment to this year's defense

Patrick Regan

The Daily Iowan

The uniforms aren't the only major change for the Hawkeyes this season.

The defense gets a face lift too, with seven new starters and an adjusted scheme.

In '93 the Iowa defense gave up 24.4 points per game and 189.8 yards per game on the ground — stats good enough for 10th in the Big Ten.

As a result, the Iowa coaching staff changed the Hawkeyes' set from a 5-2 to a 4-3 to bring another linebacker into the fold.

Defensive coordinator Bill Brashier said players will have to adapt to the new system quickly.

"We throw it in fast," Brashier said. "We throw the whole package in and just let them pick it up as we go."

Defensive lineman and senior co-captain Parker Wildeman said this year's defense will take on more of an attacking style.

"Last year was more of a reading defense and it made it a little tougher on us because we had to stay on the line of scrimmage and read. That made us a little softer run defense," Wildeman said. "I think with the defense we've got now, we've got a lot of big play capabilities."

"It's a big play defense and if everybody executes defense the way (Coach Brashier) has it drawn up, then there's going to be plays made. People are playing aggressive and penetrating and that's going to make big plays."

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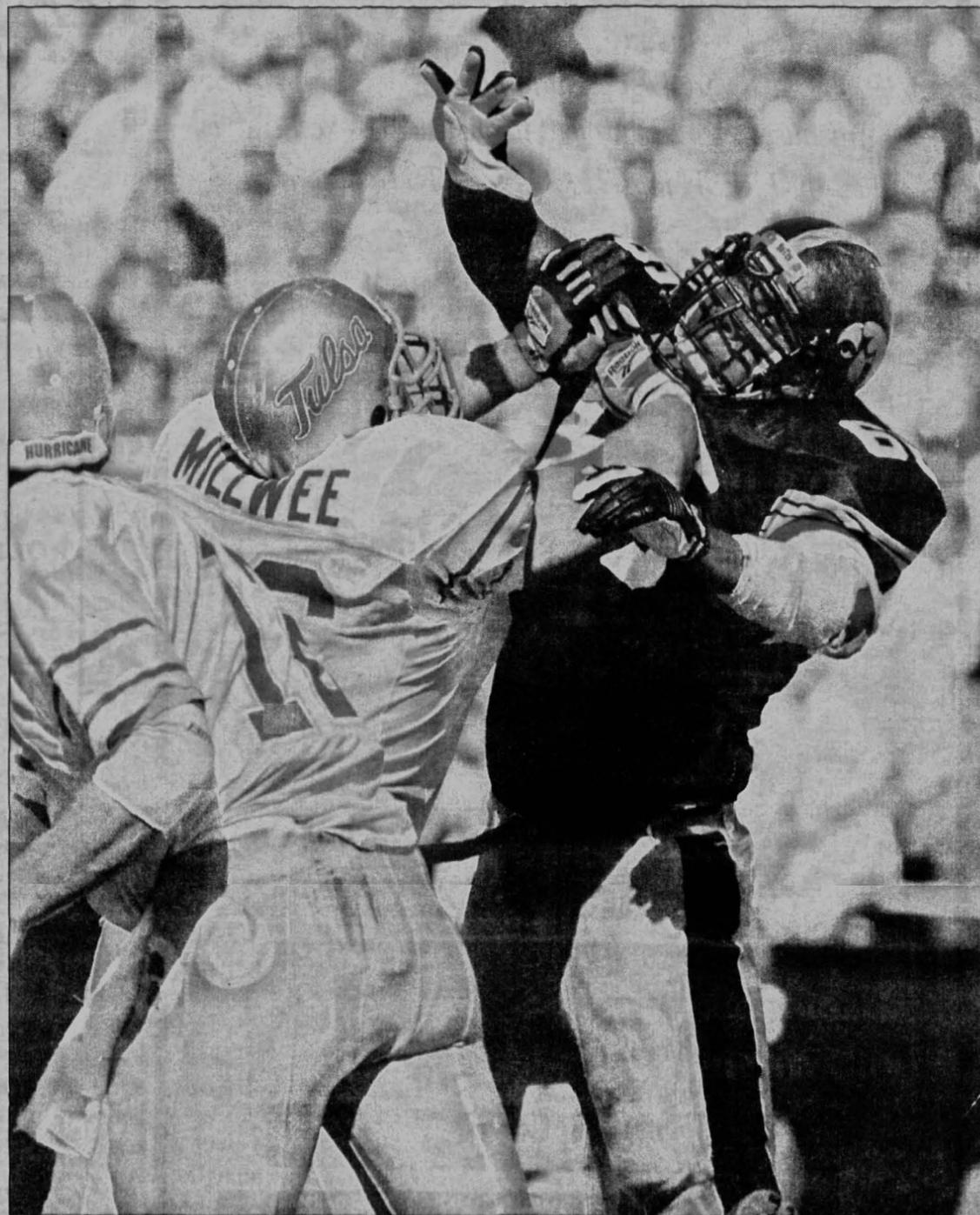
**— Parker Wildeman
Iowa defensive
lineman and co-
captain.**

Head coach Hayden Fry is optimistic that overall team speed on the defense will be able to make up for any deficiencies in experience and size.

"We're going to try to utilize their speed and quickness because this is by far the smallest defensive team we've had, maybe the smallest in the Big Ten," Fry said. "We're trying to sacrifice the size for speed and quickness."

"They all can run better than anyone we've ever had. They all have the least experience of anyone we've ever had in the two-deep."

In addition to Wildeman, the other starters back from last season's defense are linebacker and



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Lloyd Bickham (66) rushes the quarterback during last year's season opener against Tulsa. Bickham, a junior, will start on the defensive line

and is one of seven new starters on the Hawkeye defense this year. Iowa is stepping out of its traditional 5-2 defense in favor of a 4-3.

co-captain John Hartlieb, safety Bo Porter and tackle Chris Webb.

That means new faces like linebacker George Bennett, cornerback Tom Knight and tackle Bill Ennis-Inge will be thrust into starting roles.

Bennett, who saw action as a tight end last year, said he is up to the challenge.

"I have no idea where I really will fit in," he said. "I'm going to do the best that I can and hopefully I will be a key part of it."

Wildeman said having a young defense could be to the Hawkeyes advantage.

"There's a lot of enthusiasm especially with a lot of the young

players playing with a lot of emotion," he said. "We've just got to keep that up. You've got to keep building in practice and then bring it out on the field on game day."

Despite the question marks, Iowa does have something to build on after leading the Big Ten in pass defense last year. The Hawkeyes allowed only 172 passing yards per game.

Senior Pat Boone and sophomore Billy Coats will join Porter and Knight in the secondary.

Junior Bobby Diaco will start at the middle linebacker position. Although he was not a regular starter, Diaco has the advantage of seeing significant playing time

in both his sophomore and freshman campaigns.

Lloyd Bickham a 6-foot-3 275-pound junior will anchor the interior of the line with Wildeman.

"We don't have many returning lettermen or many starters coming back, but we've got a lot of guys who really work hard," Bennett said. "I'm sure that with the people we have, the quality people and the way they work, that we are going to be a good defensive team."

"I figure a defense has to come together and play as one unit. If everyone does their job right then I guess we'll all be 'key players.'"

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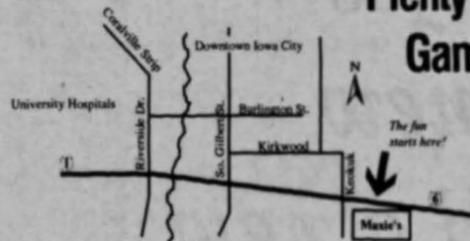
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Hawkeye home games are no-longer selling out and the University box office is attempting to bring fans back to Kinnick Stadium

Chris Snider
The Daily Iowan

When the Iowa Hawkeyes kick off their 1994 football campaign against Central Michigan, the scalpers won't be the only ones selling tickets.

As of Tuesday, about ten thousand tickets were still available for the Hawks' home opener against the Chippewas. The only game that had been sold out so far was the September 10th contest against the Cyclones of Iowa State.

Although the box office does not expect to sell out Kinnick every game this year, it does not view the lack of sales as a disappointment.

"The last couple years, the first weekend, being Labor Day, has been a tough sell," ticket manager Pam Finke said.

Last year, 66,431 fans — nearly 4,000 short of a packed house — saw the Hawkeyes escape with a last-minute victory in their home opener against the Golden Hurricane of Tulsa,

The Hawkeyes did manage to sell all 70,397 seats in Kinnick Stadium twice last season, once against Penn State and again versus Illinois, tying the team record for largest home crowd set in 1992. The mark was reached five times that year, after 177 seats were added to boost Kinnicks capacity.

Finke said that a day at the ball park is growing more expensive every year and money is a factor in the decline in sales.

"I like to think it's because people are choosing where to spend their money more wisely," Fink said.

Currently, season tickets cost \$126, with individual tickets going for \$24. Students can get general admission tickets to all six home games for \$54.

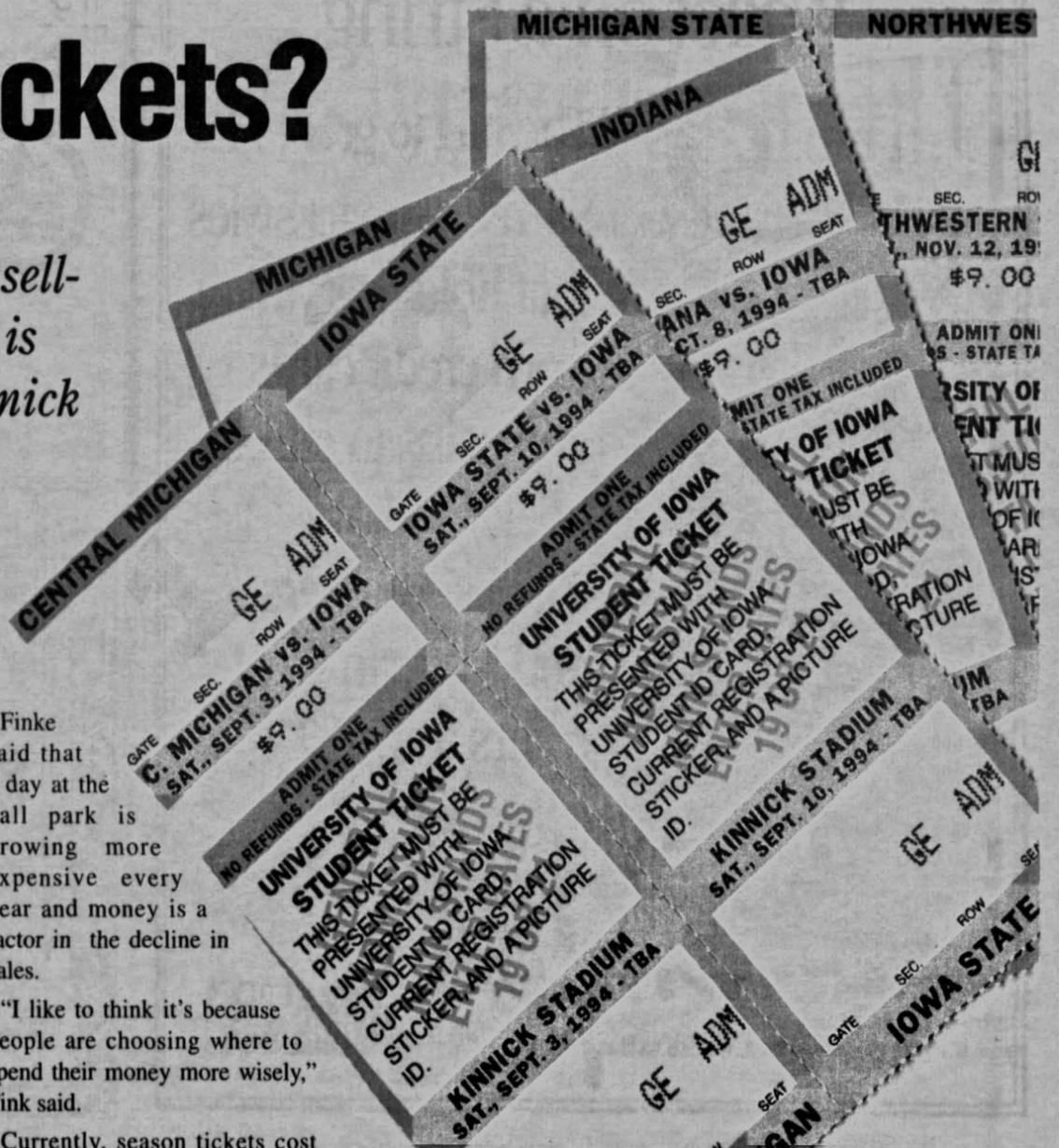
Finke also adds that with the addition of more individual ticket sales, people are carefully picking the games they want to attend, instead of going for the season ticket packages as they have done in the past.

Another addition has been group rate packages, which Assistant Athletic Director Rick Klatt said have been successful.

"For the first time in a long time, we actively solicited groups to come to football games," Klatt said. "We were quite pleased with the results."

The group rate tickets proved successful at the box office. The ticket office doubled its goal of selling 6,000 group tickets, distributing 12,000 single game tickets to over 150 different groups and organizations throughout the state, leaving Klatt very optimistic.

Groups of thirty or more were given discounted tickets to games that were less likely to sell out. These games included matchups with Central Michigan, Northwestern, Michigan State, and Indiana, which were not expected to sell quite as well as



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interstate rival Iowa State, and national powerhouse Michigan.

The fact that the Iowa State game sold out quickly shows that people are taking into consideration *who* the Hawkeyes are playing, and not just the fact *that* the Hawkeyes are playing.

In the past, no matter who the Hawkeyes were hosting, they would be playing in front of a jam packed Kinnick. In the late '80's and early 90's, the Hawks enjoyed a string of 63 consecutive home sellouts under coach Hayden Fry. Iowa annually ranked amongst the national leaders in attendance during the streak.

But a 5-7 record and no post-season appearance in 1992 and a 6-6 record last year have made Hawkeye tickets less desirable than in the past.

Athletic Director Bob Bowlsby

admits that the drop is in part a consequence of, "a couple of years when the results were not quite as good as people expected."

The fact that the Hawks are used to sellouts might be hurting this year's sales. According to Klatt many community members were not even aware tickets were still available. They naturally assumed the games were sold out.

Klatt said the box office is doing more to draw fans to Hawkeye football games this fall.

"We have done more advertising than in recent years to make people aware that tickets are available," Klatt said.

Bowlsby also mentions that the average age of season ticket holders is going up. The age now stands at 59 years old, and the



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Iowa student Molly Patel picks up her season tickets at the University Box Office last month. Ticket sales are down this year with only the Iowa State game having sold out.

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Linemen return with confidence

Iowa's offensive line returns determined to redeem themselves after a difficult '93

Doug Alden
The Daily Iowan

Coming into last season, Iowa's most noticeable flaw was the offensive line. The players lacked experience and size compared to other Big Ten lines, and just weren't up to the level of their opponents.

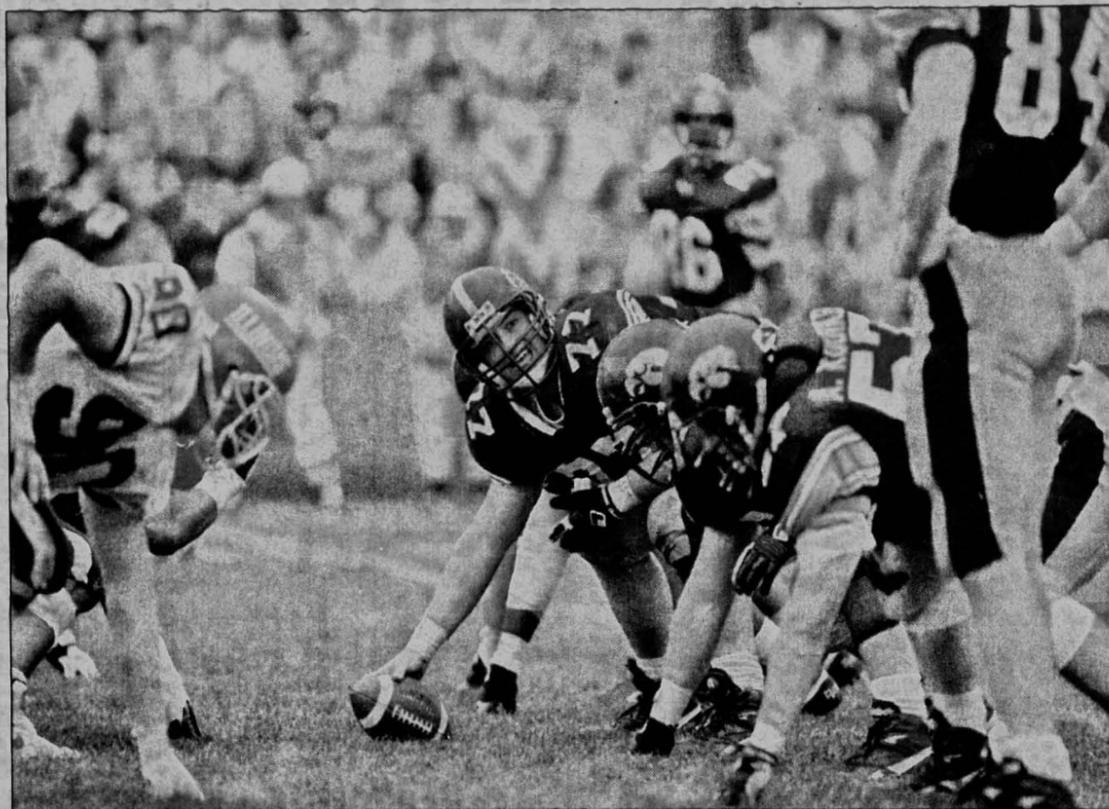
One year later, things are looking a little better for Iowa's front five.

The Hawkeyes come into this season with eight returning lettermen up front after losing only three. The two deep includes veterans Ross Verba at left tackle, Matt Purdy at left guard, Casey

Wiegman at center and Fritz Fequiere and Hal Mady at right guard.

The linemen are optimistic going into the season and are ready to put 1993 behind them. Iowa finished eighth in the Big Ten in passing offense, 10th in rushing offense and last in total offense last year. Despite the poor numbers, Hayden Fry said the line learned a lot from last year's 6-5 regular season campaign as well as in Iowa's 37-3 loss to California in the Alamo Bowl.

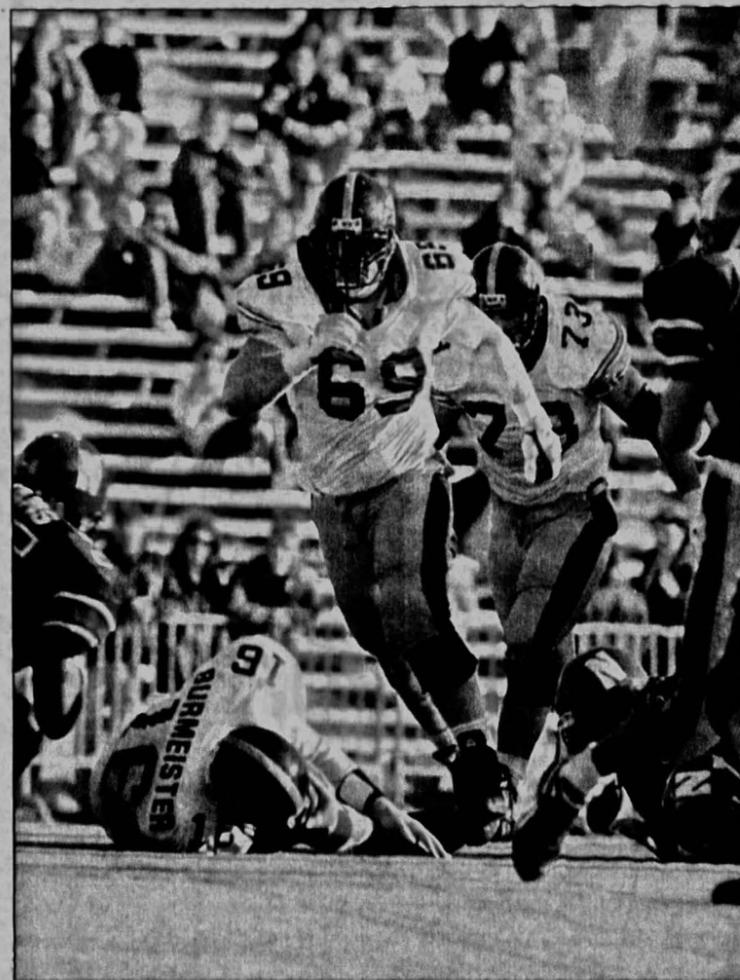
"All those big linemen who got kicked around last year are back. They have a wonderful attitude," Fry said. "They played against



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Hawkeye senior Hal Mady (77) calls out the blocking scheme during last October's Iowa-Illinois game. Mady moved from tackle to replace

starting center Casey Wiegman who missed six weeks in the middle of the season with a knee injury.



T. Scott Krenz/ The Daily Iowan

Offensive guard Matt Purdy (69) steps into the play after quarterback Paul Burmeister (16) goes down during Iowa's win over Northwestern last season in Evanston, Ill. The Hawkeye offensive line is determined to reduce the number of sacks it allows in 1994.

one of the best teams in college football in California. That shows them the level that they have to get up to to be a real fine football team."

Fry added the line showed a lot of character in rebounding from a five-game losing streak in the middle of the season. The Hawkeyes scored a total of 30 points during the streak, but came back to close the regular season with four consecutive wins.

Offensive line coach Frank Verducci said the experience will definitely help up front.

"Experience is a premium in the Big Ten," Verducci said. "The teams that have won year in and year out have all had experienced ball players."

While the linemen agree the experience will help, Purdy said it won't take any pressure off the offense.

"We have a lot more experience and a lot more confidence in ourselves. There is just as much pressure there, but the pressure is different. This year the pressure is to become a quality offensive line," Purdy said. "People are actually expecting a little bit more from us this year."

As much pressure as the line feels from the media and fans, Verducci said more comes from

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— Matt Purdy Hawkeye guard

within the players themselves.

"I don't think the fan's or the media's expectations can come anywhere near their own individual expectations. We've got guys who want to go out and succeed," Verducci said. "I don't think they have anything to prove to the fans or need the fans for any type of motivation — It's about being a competitor and wanting to win."

In addition to the veterans, the Hawkeyes have some new faces up front. Freshmen Mike Goff and Jeremy McKinney have cracked the two deep at left guard and right tackle respectively. At 6-6 and 275-plus pounds, they give the Hawkeyes some much-needed size up front.

With the Hawkeyes opening the season without an experienced quarterback, Purdy said the line will have to play even better to

allow the quarterback time as well as to establish a strong running game.

"That's a major priority with us — giving the quarterback all the opportunity we possibly can to become a quality quarterback," Purdy said. "Whoever is back there from the senior down to the freshmen, if they don't have time, they're not going to have a chance to get that valuable experience they need."

As one of two quarterbacks slated to start in Saturday's season opener, freshman Matt Sherman is not worried about the offensive line letting up.

"The offensive linemen worked harder than anyone else this summer and I think they're excited because they can feel it — they're on the verge of something big," Sherman said.

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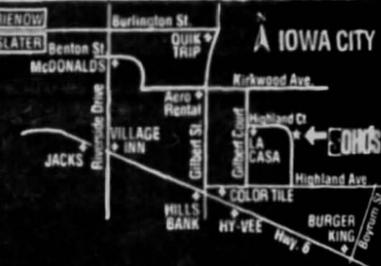


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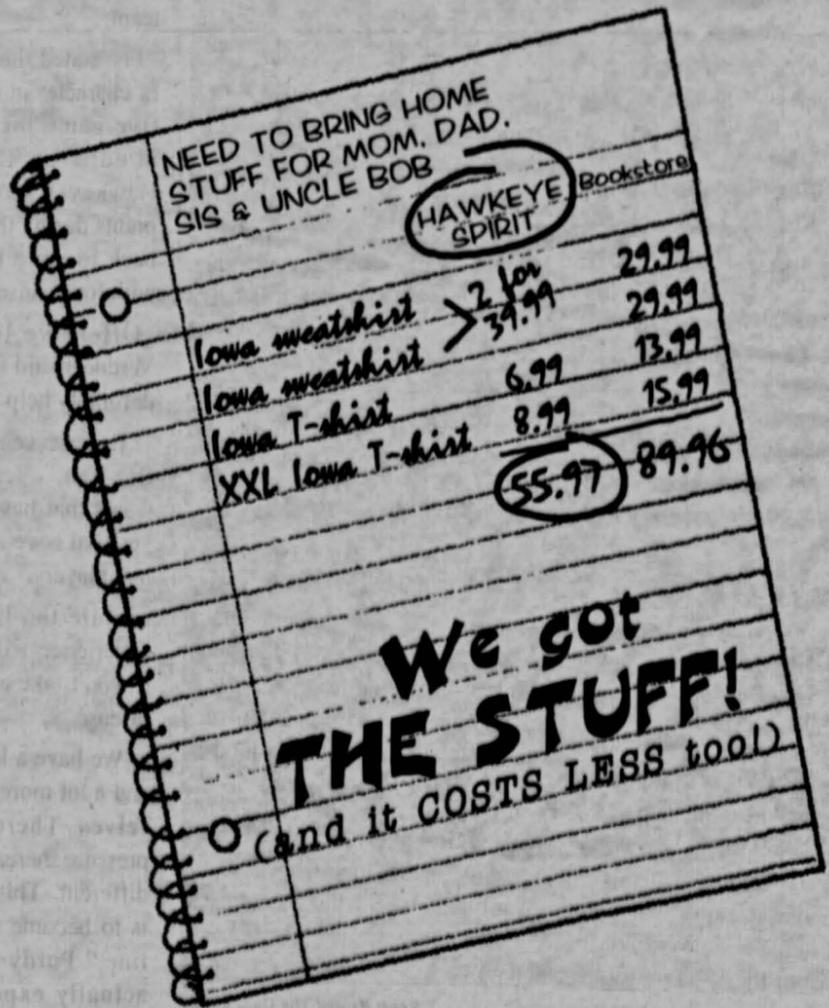
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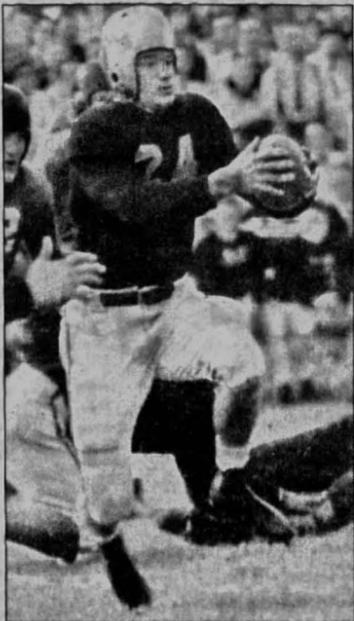
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The black and gold changes again

A brief history of the the evolution of the Hawkeye uniform



The Daily Iowan

The Hawkeyes' uniforms have gone through some changes over the years. Above: Nile Kinnick in Iowa's uniform of the late 1930's.

Mike Triplett

The Daily Iowan

It's a new season. The offense will be led Saturday by a new quarterback, the coach has a new mustache and the team has new uniforms.

The last time a new twist was thrown into the black and gold of the Iowa Hawkeye football uniforms was 1979 and it represented change.

A coach by the name of Hayden Fry was brought in from North Texas State in an attempt to revive a program that hadn't seen a winning record in 17 years.

Fry came in saying, "We have only one place to go and that's up." He promised a "competitive, tough and colorful" team.

Earlier that year the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers, decked out in a familiar pattern of black and gold, won their fourth Super Bowl of the decade. Fry, intent on change and winning at his new school, chose to dump the yellow-gold helmets and orangish-gold stripes of the Iowa uniforms in favor of a look similar to pro football's best.

The now famous Tiger Hawk emblem was placed on new black helmets and the Hawkeyes went



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Sophomore defensive back Damien Robinson sports the

uniform the Hawkeyes wore to three Rose Bowls.

on to their 18th straight losing record, followed the next season by their 19th. In his third season at Iowa, Fry turned the program around. The Hawkeyes went 8-4, earning them a share of the Big Ten title and the first of three Rose Bowl bids under Fry.

Ten winning seasons later, the Hawkeyes are once again in the middle of the pack.

Iowa posted a 5-7 record in 1992 and followed it up with last season's 6-6 campaign.

Coming into this season, Fry decided it was time for a change. The uniform the Hawkeyes wore throughout Fry's reign at Iowa was scrapped in favor of a modern design.

Sunday night, Fry revealed the new look of his Iowa Hawkeyes. Iowa hired Apex which designed yet another variation of black and gold.

The Hawkeyes' uniforms have come a long way in Iowa's 105-year football history.

Hawkeye football began in

1889 when the University's football team issued a public challenge for a game with any other team in the state. Grinnell was the only taker that year and the Hawkeyes were off to an ominous start, losing 24-0.

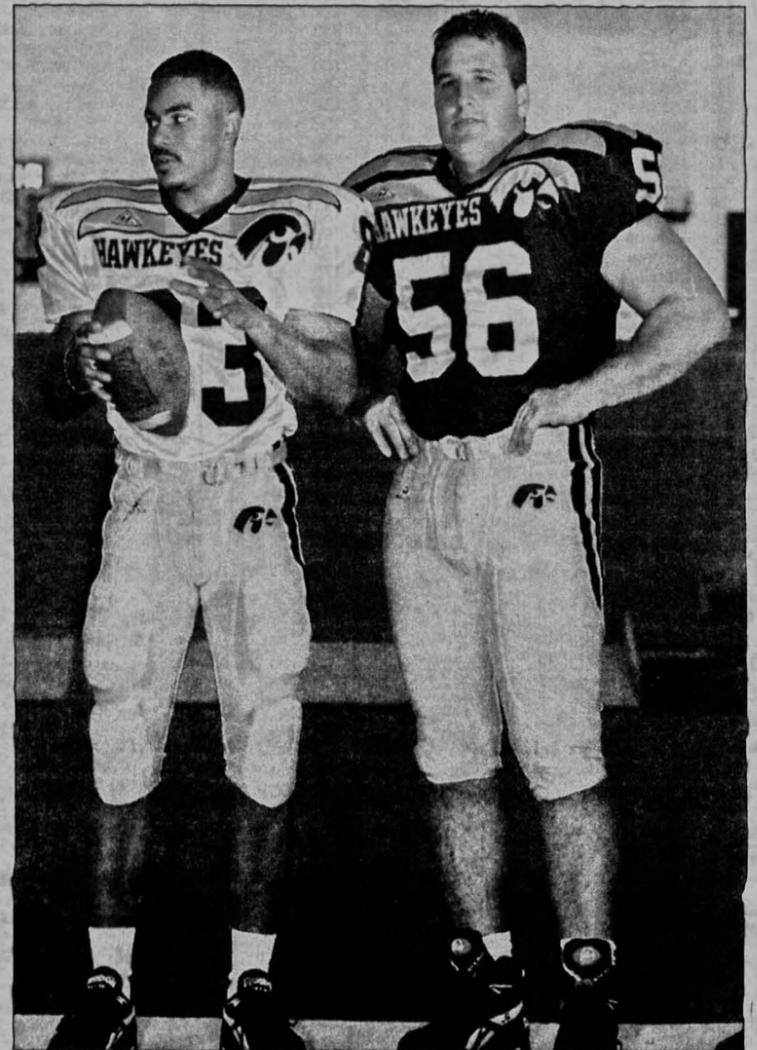
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The following season the Hawkeyes still went without helmets and managed their first win. Iowa went 8-0-1 that season and didn't give up a single touchdown.

The Hawkeye football program was off and running despite being without helmets, numbers, yellow stripes or even the Tiger Hawk logo.

1920 — The Hawkeyes won the first of two consecutive Big Ten championships and are in the midst of a 20-game winning



Al Goldis/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye captains Harold Jasper and Parker Wildeman

streak.

The players were wearing helmets by this time and the 1922 team picture shows gold stripes on the otherwise plain, black long-sleeved jerseys.

1926 — The Hawkeyes' jerseys remained the same but their success did not, as Iowa posted a 3-4 record.

1939 — For the first time, the Hawkeyes are pictured with gold numbers across their chests.

Iowa lost just one game that year and managed a stunning 7-6 upset of previously undefeated Notre Dame.

1944 — The jersey's hadn't changed, but once again Iowa's success had. The Hawkeyes went 1-7.

1960 — Iowa got modern and successful. The Hawkeyes wore stripes on their sleeves and solid colored helmets as they captured the Big Ten championship with

model Iowa's latest uniforms at Kinnick Stadium Sunday.

an 8-1 record.

It was the last time the Hawkeyes won more than five games in a season until the Fry era.

1972 — The Hawkeyes switched to black helmets with a picture of a hawk on the side and added the hawk emblem on the sleeve.

1973 — The changes didn't seem to help. Iowa went 0-11.

1974 — The Hawkeyes returned to solid helmets and striped sleeves.

1994 — Hawkeye fans will have to get used to another new look. New uniforms alone will not return Iowa to the Rose Bowl, but a change helped turn things around in previous years...

— 75 Years With the Fighting Hawkeyes, by Dick Lamb and Bert McGrane provided background information for this story.

Fry optimistic going into opener

There are a great many comparisons to be made between the '93 Iowa football team and the Hawkeyes of '94.

One big one is nobody is expecting much from them, and that's just fine with Hayden Fry.

Like last year, the Hawkeyes are a young team which lacks experience in several areas. Last year the inexperience was primarily with the offense, this year it's with the defense.

The Hawkeyes return only four starters to their defense which finished first in the Big Ten in pass defense and third in quarterback sacks.

Fry said he's not as worried as last year because it's easier for players to learn defense than offense.

"Defense is easier to coach. You line them up and you go after the guy with the ball. It's not quite that simple, but compared to offense it's a lot simpler," he said.

Fry also said this year's defense is the fastest he's had at Iowa and he hopes the speed can make up for the inexperience.

"They all can run better than anyone we've had. They all have the least experience of anyone we've ever had in the two deep," Fry said. "If you get them pointed in the right direction, as fast as they run, we'll be okay, but if they make a mistake then we're in trouble."

As for the offense, Fry said the Hawkeyes are certainly in better shape than they were going into last season, but warned Iowa fans to be patient.

"We're going to have problems, obviously, but not as many as we had last year because we have a better supporting cast on offense," he said.

The Hawkeye offense returns experienced players on the line, in the backfield and at the ends and Fry hopes its enough to carry a young quarterback.

■ FRESHMEN SENSATIONS

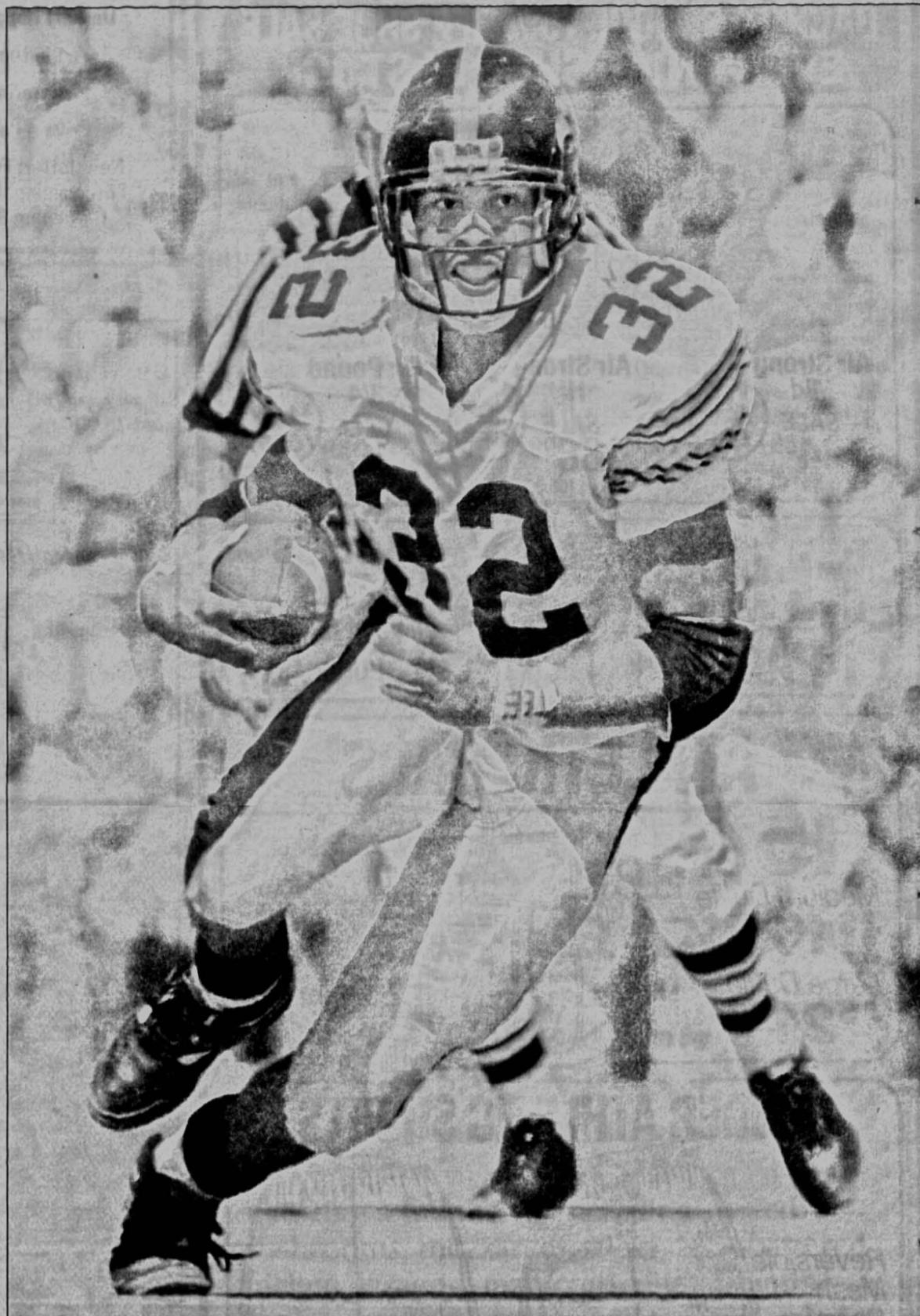
For the past two years in a row Fry has landed Iowa's top high school recruits in Bettendorf's Tavian Banks in 1993 and Iowa City City High's Tim Dwight this year.

Both have already cracked the two deep on special teams and Fry said he expects them to see some action Saturday.

"They very well could be out there to receive the opening kickoff — both of them at the same time," Fry said.

Banks and Dwight displayed tremendous open-field running ability in high school and Fry hopes they can do the same at the college level and provide the Hawkeyes with a big play threat.

Hawkeye freshmen in the two deep aren't only running backs.



Al Goldis/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye captain Ryan Terry carries the ball during Iowa's 31-28 win over Iowa State at Ames last Sep-

tember. Terry or Sedrick Shaw will start at running back for the Hawkeyes in Saturday's opener.

Left guard Mike Goff and right tackle Jeremy McKinney are backups on the Hawkeye offensive line. Goff is 6-6 and is listed at 278 lbs. and McKinney is 6-6, 275. Fry expects them to also make an immediate impact with the team.

■ NOT-SO-HEALTHY HAWKEYES

Fry said his most pleasant surprise coming out of fall camp is a low number of injuries.

While the Hawkeyes enter the season with some much needed depth, there are some key injuries coming from the offensive lines.

The Hawkeyes biggest lineman Ian Davis, a 6-7, 307 lb. tackle, is out for 5-6 weeks with a fractured heel.

■ KICKING GAMES

Despite having the Hawkeyes' only preseason all-Big Ten pick in punter Nick Gallery, the Iowa kick-

ing game is not yet settled. Back-up punter and place kicker Brion Hurley is confusing the situation.

"You could say that the walk-on from City High in Iowa City named Brion Hurley has really had an impact in all departments of our kicking game," Fry said.

Hurley will kick off for the Hawkeyes and is listed as Gallery's back-up at punter and Todd Romano's back-up at place kicker.

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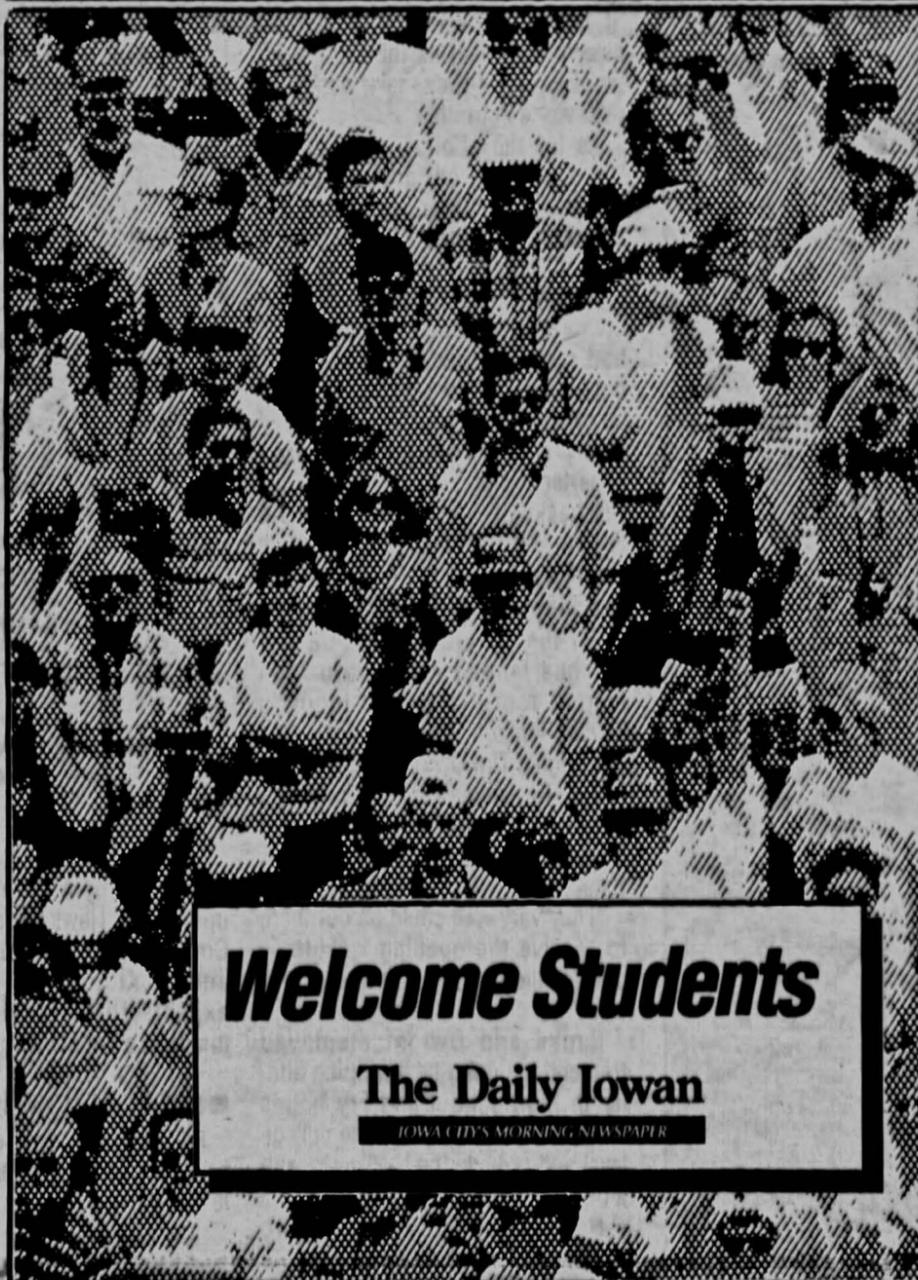


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Chippewas looking for Big Ten upset

Chris Snider
The Daily Iowan

Whatever it is that has first year Central Michigan head football coach Dick Flynn excited, when his team takes the field against Iowa on Saturday, they'll be ready.

"I'm excited. I don't know whether it's butterflies, nervousness, or what that has all the adrenaline pumping, but I'm really looking forward to that first football game," Flynn said.

Flynn, who has been the Chippewas' defensive coordinator for the past sixteen years, was a three-year letterman at Michigan State University. He made the jump to head coach when veteran coach Herb Deromedi moved into the athletic director position.

Although he has never faced the Hawkeyes, Flynn knows making his head coaching debut against Iowa will be no easy task.

"We view it as a great challenge," Flynn said. "We're playing one of the real fine football teams in the Big Ten. It's going to be a great challenge for our young men."

The Chippewas, 5-6 overall last year, finished fourth in the Mid-American Conference with a 5-4 record. It was CMU's second straight losing season after a string of 27-straight non-losing campaigns.

Offensively, senior running back Brian Pruitt promises to be one of the best backs in the conference this year. He was second team all-MAC as a sophomore and again as a junior, breaking the 100-yard barrier nine times in those two years. The conference's returning leader in rushing with 944 yards last year, Pruitt has a chance to be the team's first 1000-yard rusher since 1991. Pruitt, along with senior tailback Eric Johnson, give the Chippewas the best offensive backfield in the

MAC.

At quarterback, Erik Timpf should have little trouble filling the shoes of two-year starter Joe Youngblood. A fifth-year senior, Timpf gave a preview of his talent in his lone start last year. In a near-upset of Michigan State, he completed 16 of 26 passes for 214 yards and rushed twelve times for 147 more, accounting for three touchdowns and earning MAC Player of the Week honors.

"Brian Pruitt is a fine athlete. He throws the ball well, and he's capable of running.... He's a young man who has been behind two outstanding quarterbacks (CMU record holders Jeff Bender and Youngblood) the last four years, and he's really prepared himself well," said Coach Flynn. "We have a lot of confidence in his leadership ability."

On the other side of the ball, CMU returns nine starters to a defense that managed very little success last season. The

Chippewas allowed an average of 4.7 yards-per-rush and a .500 pass completion percentage in '93.

How much this defense has improved over the course of the year remains to be seen and Flynn expects the Chippewas to be tested Saturday.

"I think offensively (Iowa has) great talent. I know there's a question mark at quarterback, but I also know that Iowa has a tradition of great quarterbacks. I think the thing that concerns me the most will be how well they can run the football on us," Flynn said.

Led by senior defensive backs Tim Banks and Malcolm Thomas, Central Michigan looks to regain the reputation as a defensive powerhouse that it was in 1990, when the Chippewas led the nation in scoring defense, giving up just 8.9 points per game.

Central Michigan has never played against Iowa, but has had

some recent success against Big Ten opponents. The Chippewas are 2-3 against Big Ten teams with both wins coming against intrastate rival Michigan State.

On September 14, 1991, CMU completed possibly the biggest victory in school history, dominating the 18th ranked Spartans 20-3.

One year later, the Chippewas repeated the feat by pulling out a 24-20 win in East Lansing.

Quarterback Joe Youngblood earned MAC Player of the Week honors, connecting on 17 of 22 passes for 163 yards. Split end Bryan Tice caught six of those passes for 78 yards, including two first half touchdown receptions in the upset.

Last September Central Michigan fell just short of making it three years in a row. The Chippewas had come back to tie the Spartans at 27 early in the fourth quarter, only to fall apart at the end and lose 48-34.



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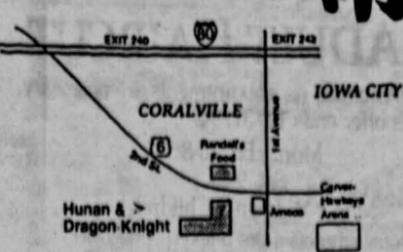
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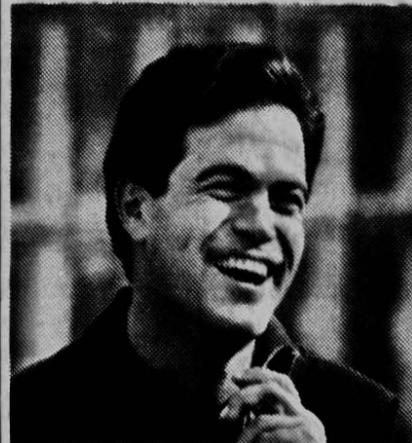


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'93 was year of streaks for Iowa

Terry Collins
The Daily Iowan

Despite making their third bowl game appearance in four seasons, the 1993 Iowa Hawkeyes definitely had its share of ups and downs while compiling a 6-6 record.

"Everything we do at Iowa this year, we have to fight like it's the end of the world," said coach Hayden Fry during the 1993 campaign.

A sign of what was to come took place in the season opener as the Hawkeyes underestimated a Tulsa Golden Hurricane team that allowed Iowa to pull off a last minute 14-play, 96-yard touchdown drive in a 26-25 comeback win. Iowa running back Ryan Terry scored from two yards out and quarterback Paul Burmeister found tight end Scott Slutzker for the winning two-point conversion.

Terry ran for 88 yards on 22

carries, as the bright spot for Iowa was placekicker Todd Romano's four field goals, tying a school record. Coach Hayden Fry breathed a sigh of relief afterwards.

"We made a lot of mistakes on both sides of the ball," Fry said. "But, we also made the big play, and that's why we won."

Week two found the Hawkeyes playing intrastate rival Iowa State in Ames hoping to extend their winning streak against the Cyclones to 11 straight. After scoring on five of their first six possessions and racing to a 31-7 lead, Iowa fought off 21 unanswered points to win 31-28. Battling winds of more than 20 mph, the Iowa running game was intact as Terry rushed for 107 yards on 21 carries and a seven yard touchdown. Fellow running back Sedrick Shaw also scored a touchdown from two yards out while running for 82 yards on 17 carries.

The Hawks sealed the win as with 1:25 remaining, a fumble by Iowa State from scrimmage recovered by Hawkeye linebacker Mike Dailey gave Iowa a 2-0 record heading for their Big Ten opener against Penn State.

Fry said the victory assured the Hawkeyes came into Ames with "the attitude to show that we're the best team in the state."

The unbeaten streak didn't last long as the Nitany Lions, making their first visit to Iowa City since 1984, blanked the Hawkeyes 31-0 in front of a capacity crowd at Kinnick Stadium. Penn State running back Ki-Jana Carter ran wild on the Iowa defense for 144 yards on 19 carries. The inexperience of the Iowa offensive line showed as they only managed to muster 226 total yards, 176 of those yards came from the arm of Burmeister who also threw three interceptions and sack nine times. He was later replaced by backup QB Matt Eyde.

"I'm not going to make any excuses for myself or my team," Burmeister said. "Penn State played a great game on defense and they deserved all the credit."

Fry thought the offensive line was making considerable improvement the last couple of weeks but said they looked "terrible." Things would only get worse as the Hawkeyes would go on to lose the next four games making their five game losing streak the longest since 1978.

"We knew that we had to have something magical to happen to win against this Michigan team," Fry said after the Wolverines beat the Hawkeyes 24-7. Michigan's Tyrone Wheatley ran for 113 yards and scored two touchdowns as Iowa's only points came from a 12-yard pass from Burmeister to fullback Kent Kahl.

Key injuries and a suspended player hurt Iowa as they came up short, losing 16-10 to Indiana in Bloomington, Ind. Burmeister

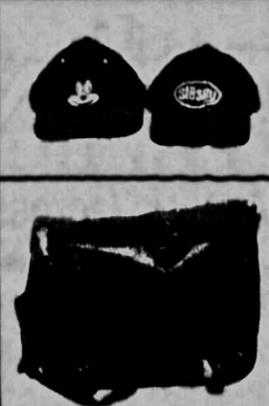
was sacked four times and threw for only 129 yards as the Hoosiers controlled the ball for more than 38 minutes during the game.

The Iowa defense fared slightly better in the game as three Hawkeyes had double digits in tackles led by Matt Hilliard with 11, Maurea Crain and Mike Dailey had 10 apiece. Defensive back Scott Plate said the losses were frustrating and most of it was mental as Iowa fell to 0-3 in Big Ten action for the first time since 1973.

No inflammatory depictions of Chief Illiniwek this time around as the only team doing the chopping was the Fighting Illini. Illinois spoiled Iowa's Homecoming beating the Hawkeyes 49-3. Illinois scored 33 points off four Iowa turnovers which included two fumbles and two interceptions and a safety. The Illini totaled 475 yards in

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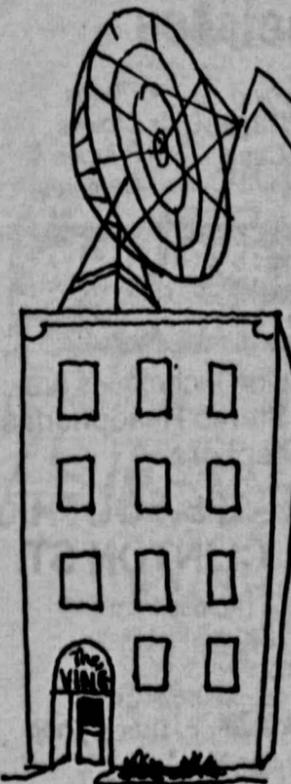
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offense including 279 on the ground.

The loss led to fans braving a cold rain to stage for the first time in the Hayden Fry coaching era, a pep rally for the Hawkeyes on the Pentacrest prior to their game versus Michigan State in East Lansing.

"We're fighting for our lives now just to win a game," Fry said. "I don't know how many games we can win, but I still have faith in this ball club. I think they'll bounce back."

The Hawkeyes had a "moral victory," but still lost to the Spartans 24-10. Burmeister had his best game as a Hawkeye so far, passing for 249 yards to nine different receivers adding, "one thing we can feel good about is that we've improved."

Improvement came the following week as the Hawkeyes beat Purdue 27-16 at home for their

first Big Ten win of the season. They had scored only 30 points in their five previous outings. Wide Receiver Harold Jasper led the way with six catches for 129 yards and two touchdowns. Defensively, linemen Mike Wells and Larry Blue had two sacks each. Linebacker Mike Dailey had 10 tackles and an interception.

"I think we played aggressive on them (Purdue)," Blue said. "I think they were scared about the outside rushes and they were very aware of me and Wells coming from outside."

Punter Nick Gallery also contributed to the win. He averaged 49 yards on 3 attempts, one a 70-yarder surpassing his personal best of 69 yards set in week one against Tulsa.

Fry hoped the victory would be the start of a winning streak as he had to rustle his troops together to stop the explosive running of Heisman Trophy candidate LeShon Johnson, nicknamed

Cowboy. Johnson ran wild for 306 yards, but Iowa's tandem of Sedrick Shaw and Ryan Terry each rushed for 145 and 107 respectively as the Hawkeyes stomped Northern Illinois 54-20 at Kinnick Stadium.

"No. 42 (Johnson) kind of motivated our backs to run a little harder," Fry said. "I haven't seen Shaw run that hard all year and Terry ran very hard." The victory improved the Hawkeyes record to 4-5 and hoped that Northwestern would be an easy foe.

Iowa won for the third straight time and defeated the Wildcats 23-19 in Evanston, Ill., to even their record at 5-5. Northwestern jumped to a 6-0 lead, but the Hawkeyes scored 20 unanswered points before the Wildcats scored with eight seconds left in the game.

Quarterback Paul Burmeister threw for 234 yards and a touchdown to tight end Scott Slutzker, who had seven catches for 85 yards. Fullback Cliff King led

Iowa in rushing with 69 yards on 14 carries and he ran for 42 of them on an 11-play touchdown drive in the third quarter.

Larry Blue led a Hawkeye defense with two of its five sacks and Mike Dailey had 12 tackles while Parker Wilderman and Matt Hilliard added 11 apiece. Talks of a possible bowl bid begin to emerge as Fry downplayed the notion...for the moment.

"College football is so screwed up today because there's so much parity," Fry said. "Normally a 6-5 team goes to a bowl game."

To reach that goal, the Hawkeyes would have to beat a Minnesota Gopher team to not only go to a bowl, and bring back that infamous pig, Floyd of Rosedale. More importantly, the victory would give Fry his 200 career victory, the 13th coach in NCAA history to accomplish the feat.

On a dream day at Kinnick, the Hawkeyes, led by their defense

beat Minnesota 21-3. The Iowa defense collected five interceptions as three players had double digits in tackles led by Jason Olejniczak with 12. Offensively, fullback Cliff King had a pair of one-yard touchdown runs.

Fry was given a commemorative trophy for reaching his 200th win as well as an invitation to the inaugural Alamo Bowl versus California in San Antonio, Tex., on New Year's Eve. He was very appreciative for all the Hawkeyes went through in the season.

"For them to lose five straight, and among all the adversity and the criticism and certain people surrendering, giving up on us, they stayed together," he said.

Iowa's yo-yo season came to an end after losing to California 37-3 in the Alamo Bowl. The Hawkeyes lone score came on a 42-yard field goal from Brion Hurley. The game marked Hayden Fry first return to coaching in his home state of Texas in 15 years.

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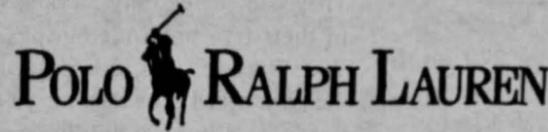
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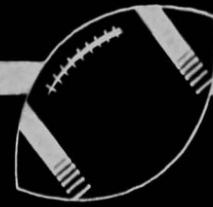


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University of Iowa coach Hayden Fry has yet to settle his quarterback problem, and no matter who he chooses, the winner won't enter Saturday's contest with game experience.

Without an experienced quarterback the Hawkeyes can not afford to take their Mid-America Conference opponent lightly. Central Michigan has a nose for upsets, having defeated Michigan State twice in the last three years.

CMU coach Dick Flynn is in his first year of coaching, and will no doubt have his team motivated.

Fry is considered by some to be on his way out, this possibly being his last season in black and

gold.

Central Michigan has the best offensive backfield in the MAC.

Iowa's run defense ranked 10th in the Big Ten last season.

On paper, this game has all the makings of an upset. Fortunately for the Hawkeyes, Saturday's football game won't be played on paper, but rather on the turf at Kinnick Stadium.

Iowa has not lost a home opener since 1992 when it was over-matched against Miami. Central Michigan is no Miami and no matter who emerges as the Hawkeyes top quarterback Saturday — whether it's Ryan Driscoll, Matt Sherman or even Tim Dwight— they will guide

the Hawkeyes to their first victory of the season.

The Chippewa defense has far too many holes in it to handle the Hawkeye backfield. With Iowa returning four starters on the offensive line, expect big numbers on the ground from the Hawkeye running backs.

Defensively, don't expect CMU quarterback Erik Timpf to repeat the performance he had against Michigan State last year. Paced by free-safety Bo Porter, the Hawks secondary should have little trouble stopping the Chippewa passing attack.

Iowa ranked sixth in the nation in pass-efficiency defense last season, and should remain

amongst the leaders in that area again this year.

Another area Iowa has the advantage is in special teams, where we may see the future of Hawkeye football (Dwight and Tavian Banks) strut their stuff on Saturday.

What Iowa needs to worry about is the Central Michigan running game. Iowa allowed nearly two hundred yards a game on the ground last year. Add to that the loss of all-Big Ten tackle Mike Wells, and you may see a lot of big gains by CMU backs Brian Pruitt and Eric Johnson.

Saturday's game should be

close. The two teams have never played each other, but they did share a common opponent in Michigan State.

Both teams fell to the Spartans, but both were in the game towards the end. Neither is the same team as a year ago, but both are similar.

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Penn State at Minnesota

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Last season's game in Happy Valley saw the Gophers hang tough before falling 38-20 in Penn State's first ever Big Ten game as a conference member.

Look for another high-scoring affair as Minnesota returns seven starters on an offense that led the Gophers to a 4-7 record in '93. The Gophers are capable of scoring in bunches which is evident by the 59 points they scored last year against Purdue.

Penn State has only three starters back on defense from last year's 10-2 team. However, the Nittany Lions should be able to move the ball with quarterback Kerry Collins and tailback Ki-Jana Carter Jr. returning.

The Nittany Lions finished



Penn State Sports Information
Joe Paterno

strong last season with a 31-13 victory over Tennessee in the Citrus Bowl.

Penn State has had a year to get used to play in the Big Ten and head coach Joe Paterno is eyeing a conference championship.

Iowa head coach Hayden Fry calls Penn State his "sleeper" team to win the Big Ten this year.

Cincinnati at Indiana

Indiana opens the '94 season at home against the Bearcats of Cincinnati. The teams have not met since 1963. The Hoosiers lead the all-time series 6-3-2.

Cincinnati should be no match for Indiana who will try to reload after losing 25 letterman from last year's squad that went 8-4 and earned a berth in the Independence Bowl.

The Hoosiers will rely on quarterback John Paci to put up big numbers. Look for the defense to struggle early with only two starters back.

Boston College at Michigan

Michigan will be without Heisman hopeful Tyrone Wheatley when Boston College

invades Ann Arbor.

The Wolverines return the nucleus of last season's 8-4 squad and are primed for a run at the Rose Bowl.

Michigan will have momentum on its side having won its last four games in '93 including a 28-0 drubbing of Big Ten co-champion Ohio State.

Boston College is not the same team that went into South Bend and upset Notre Dame at the end of last year. The Eagles graduated several key players most notably quarterback Glen Foley.

Michigan will get its difficult non-conference schedule off to a good start with a win.

Notre Dame vs. Northwestern at Soldier Field in Chicago

The Wildcats return 17 starters from last year's 2-9 team, but the big question is who will replace

standout quarterback Len Williams.

Coach Gary Barnett will have history working against him as Northwestern has lost 36 of 45 meetings with Notre Dame including a 27-12 loss at South Bend in '93.

Notre Dame will showcase highly touted quarterback Ron Powlus in the nationally televised contest.

Lou Holtz is claiming his team isn't as good as people think. It won't show Saturday night. Tailback Lee Becton could get a quick start on his second consecutive 1,000-yard rushing season.

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QUARTERBACKS

Continued from Page 5 "You have to have a thick skin and brush it off," Driscoll said. "Sure you'll think about it. You've just got to deal with it and go on."

Quarterback controversies are often viewed as a problem for teams, but Fry said the competition among his quarter-

backs is healthy. Sherman agrees with Fry.

"I think in any team the first three quarterbacks all pretty much work as one. If you're No. 3, then you're two plays away from starting," Sherman said. "As the second or third guy you have to prepare as you're going to be the No. 1 guy. If you do that you're going to make the No. 1 guy

better and the No. 2 guy better."

While both players enjoy working together and learning from each other, Driscoll and Sherman don't want to share the starting job.

"I think we all have a good chance," Sherman added. "I'm going to worry about

myself. I'm going to improve on a couple of things each day to get to that No. 1 guy."

If all goes well for Fry, either Driscoll or Sherman will get the job for good. If no one does, the competition will continue next week against Iowa State.

TICKETS

Continued from Page 9 university is starting to see a little bit of a turnover in that respect. A younger generation of season ticket holders has yet to step forward.

According to Bowsby, the university has implemented dozens of incentive programs for prospective ticket buyers besides the group rates.

With ticket sales declining, the ticket office started selling single game tickets on the first of July this year. In the past, they didn't begin to sell single game tickets until the first week of August.

According to Klatt, it made sense to begin selling season tickets earlier.

"Very few season tickets are sold in July and August."

The ticket office also began taking phone

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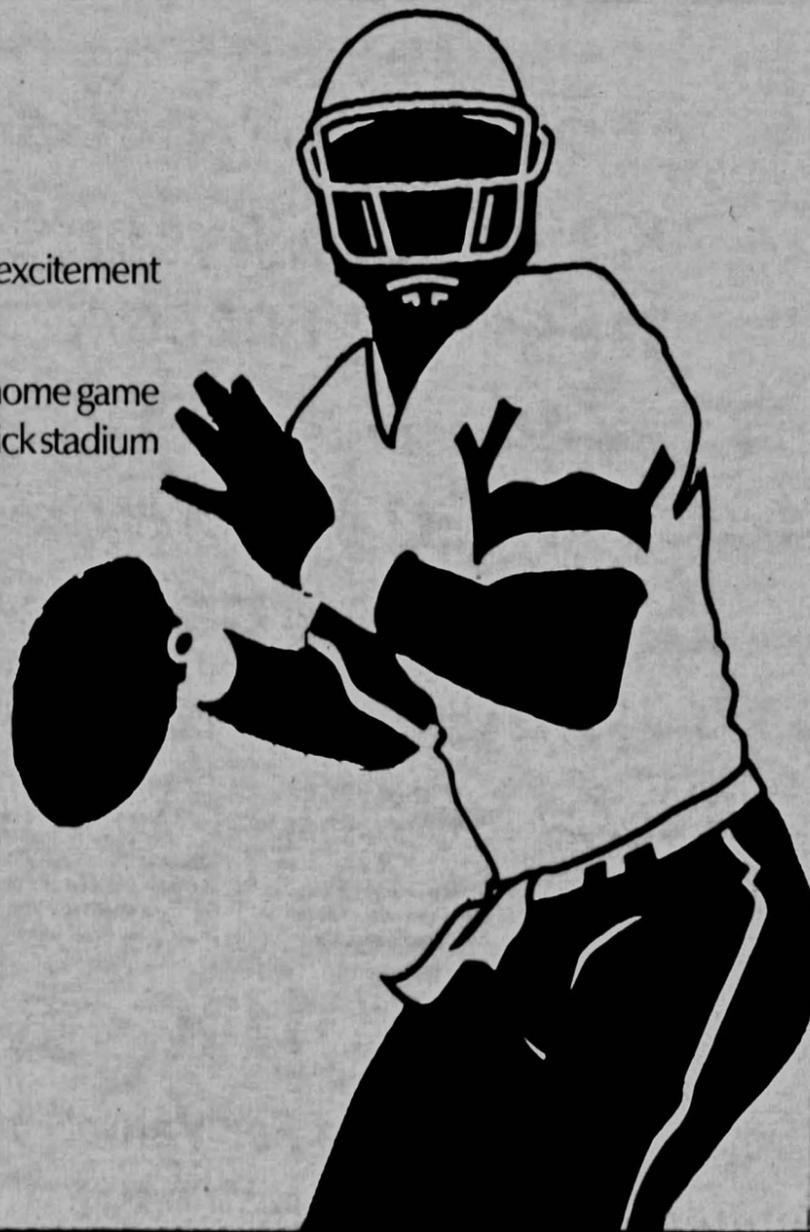
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