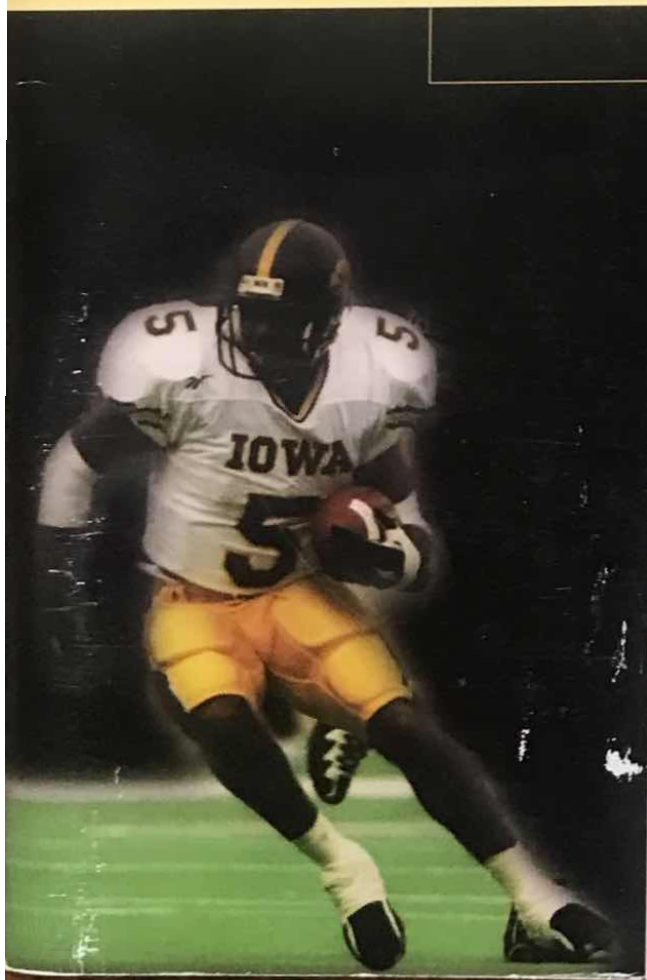




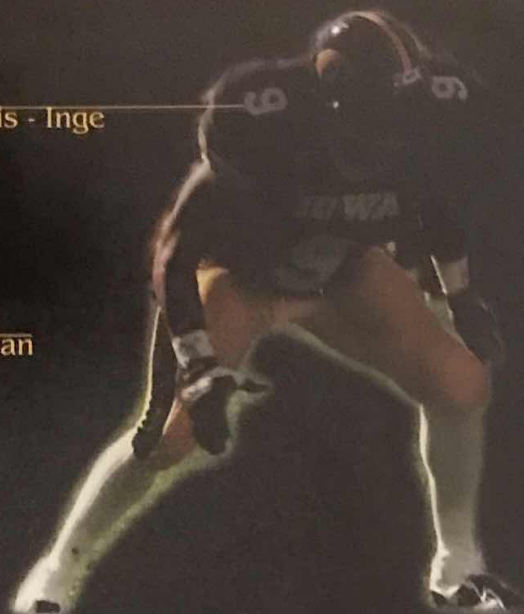
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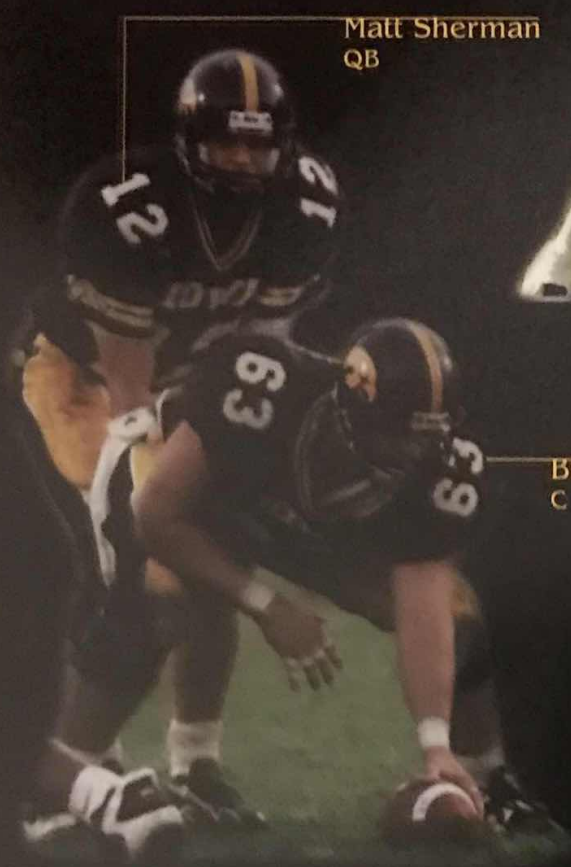
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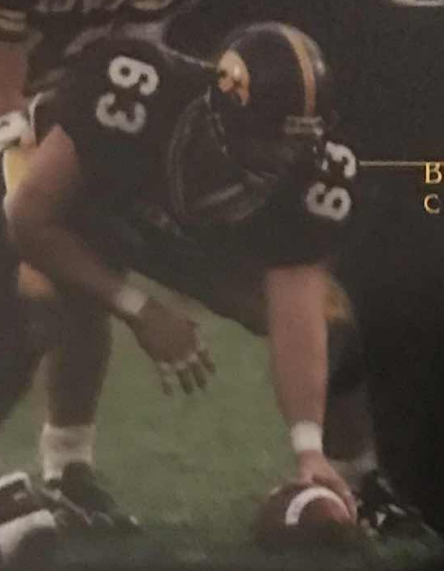
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THIS BOOKLET

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GAME DATA

Iowa (8-3, 6-2) of the Big Ten Conference will meet Texas Tech (7-4, 5-3) of the Big 12 Conference in the fourth annual Builders Square Alamo Bowl. The game will be played Sunday, December 29 at 7 p.m. CT in the Alamodome (65,000). ESPN will televise to a national cable audience with Brad Nessler, Gary Danielson and Adrian Karsten calling the action.

RADIO BROADCASTS

Iowa games are broadcast by 67 stations on two networks. Iowa games carried by the Learfield (KHAK, Cedar Rapids) and Palmer (WHO Des Moines) Networks are broadcast on stations in Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska and Texas. WMT Cedar Rapids also broadcasts all games.

FRY IN 18TH SEASON

Hayden Fry will conclude his 18th season at Iowa in the Alamo Bowl. Fry holds a 132-76-6 record with the Hawkeyes. Overall Fry is 221-165-10 in 34 years as a head coach. Fry is fifth among Div. I active head coaches in career wins. Fry is one of 15 Division I coaches to total over 200 career wins and he has coached more games (396) than any active Division I coach.

Fry has guided the Hawkeyes to 14 first division finishes and three Big Ten titles and Rose Bowl appearances and he has been voted Big Ten Coach of the Year three times (1981, 1990, 1991). The Hawkeyes are making their 13th bowl appearance under Fry, all in the last 16 years.

Fry has guided three Hawkeye teams to a school-record 10 victories in a season (1985, 1987, 1991) and his Iowa teams have won at least eight games 11 times. Fry is 5-6-1 in bowl games at Iowa and 6-8-1 in 15 career bowl games. Fry is 4-7 vs. Texas Tech in his career, all while at SMU. 1-0 while at Iowa, and he is 2-1 vs. Texas Coach John Mackovic.

IOWA CLOSES WITH TWO WINS

Iowa (8-3, 6-2) completed its regular season with a 43-24 win at Minnesota Nov. 23. The Hawkeyes tied for third place in the Big Ten with Penn State and defeated the Nittany Lions at Penn State. Iowa won three of its last four games and it's only conference losses came at the hands of co-champions Ohio State and Northwestern.

Iowa was 2-1 in non-conference games, defeating Arizona and Iowa State and losing at Tulsa. The Hawkeyes won their first three Big Ten games before losing to Ohio State. After winning at Illinois and losing to Northwestern, Iowa closed the season with wins over Wisconsin and Minnesota.

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IOWA IN THE RANKINGS

Iowa is ranked 21st by both the Associated Press and the CNN/USA Today Coaches poll. Iowa appeared in the top 25 or was listed among teams receiving votes each week throughout the season, with a high ranking of 19th in both polls Sept. 16.

IOWA BOWL HISTORY

Iowa is competing in its 15th bowl game and has a 7-6-1 overall bowl record. Iowa is playing in its fifth bowl game of the 1990's and in its 13th bowl game in 16 years.

Iowa is making its second appearance in the Alamo Bowl, having lost a 37-3 decision to California in the inaugural Alamo Bowl in 1993. Iowa has competed in the Rose Bowl (5 times), Holiday Bowl (three), Peach (two) and the Gator, Freedom and Sun once each.

IOWA IN THE ALAMO BOWL

Iowa is competing in the Alamo Bowl for the second time in four seasons and is playing a bowl game in Texas for the third time. Iowa lost to California 37-3 in the 1993 Alamo Bowl and defeated Washington 38-18 in the 1995 Sun Bowl in El Paso.

ABOUT THE RED RAIDERS

Texas Tech is 7-4, including a 5-3 record in the Big 12 Conference. Tech placed second in the South Division of the Big 12 and carries a two-game win streak. Tech is ranked 29th in the CNN/USA Today Coaches poll and 30th by the Associated Press.

Coach Spike Dykes holds a record of 63-51-1 in 10 seasons at Texas Tech and has guided the Red Raiders into a school-record fourth straight bowl game.

Tech features junior RB Byron Hanspard, who won the Doak Walker Award, which recognizes the top running back in the nation. Hanspard rushed for 2,084 yards to rank second nationally and he is just the sixth running back in NCAA Division I history to rush for over 2,000 yards in a season.

COMPARING THE STATISTICS

Category	Iowa	Texas Tech
Record:	8-3, 6-2	7-4, 5-3
Scoring Offense:	28.4	29.4
Scoring Defense:	22.1	18.6
Rushing Offense:	176.1	273.2
Passing Offense:	180.1	156.6
Total Offense:	356.2	429.8
Rushing Defense:	148.1	141.9
Passing Defense:	169.3	205.6
Total Defense:	317.4	347.5
Third/Fourth Down Conv.:	71-178 (.399)	83-209 (.397)
Penalties-Yards:	66-517	95-848
Turnover Margin:	+8	+10

FIRST MEETING

Iowa and Texas Tech are meeting on the football field for the first time.

GAME NOTES

Iowa holds a 60-54-3 all-time record against current members of the Big 12 Conference, with the majority of those meetings coming against Iowa State (32-12) . . . Iowa is 0-1 in the Alamodome, while Texas Tech is 2-0 in the facility. Tech defeated Houston in the Alamodome in both 1993 and 1994 . . . Iowa is 5-4 indoors, including a 5-3 mark in the Metrodome in Minneapolis and an 0-1 record in the Alamodome . . . Iowa's most recent game against a member of the Big 12 was a 38-13 win over Iowa State this season. Other than Iowa State, Iowa's last game against a Big 12 member was a 28-12 loss at Colorado in 1992.

FACING THE BEST

Iowa's defense this season has been tested by some of the best running backs in the nation. Including Tech's Byron Hanspard, Iowa will have played against running backs who rank first, second, fourth, seventh, 11th, 12th, 16th and 19th in the final national rushing statistics. All but one were held below their season average by the Iowa defense and Iowa won five of the seven games.

Included in that list are Hanspard, Iowa State's Troy Davis and Northwestern's Darnell Autry, who recently finished as the three finalists for the Doak Walker Award, which was won by Hanspard.

Following is a list of those players and how they performed against Iowa:

Rank	Player, School	Avg.	Vs.	Iowa
1.	Troy Davis, Iowa State	198.6		20-152
4.	Ron Dayne, Wisconsin	155.3		17-62
7.	Darnell Autry, Northwestern	138.6		31-240
11.	Pepe Pearson, Ohio State	124.8		27-94
12.	Alex Smith, Indiana	124.8		17-81
16.	Robert Holcombe, Illinois	116.5		25-106
19	Curtis Enis, Penn State	110.0		23-81

COACHING CONNECTIONS

Iowa Coach Hayden Fry is a native of Odessa, TX, he played college football at Baylor and he was the head coach at Southern Methodist (11 yrs.) and North Texas (6 yrs.) before becoming Iowa's head coach in 1979 . . . Don Patterson, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks and receivers coach, and Gene Jones, recruiting coordinator and assistant wide receivers coach, are also native Texans. Patterson was born in Corsicana and Jones is a Houston native.

Tech Coach Spike Dykes took his first coaching job at Eastland (TX) High, the hometown of Iowa LB Matt Hughes . . . Dykes was an assistant coach at the University of Texas when the Longhorns defeated Hayden Fry's SMU squad 17-9 in 1972 and when Texas defeated Fry's North Texas State team 17-14 in 1976 . . . Tech defensive backfield coach Dean Campbell was the secondary coach at Texas when Iowa defeated the Longhorns 55-17 in the 1984 Freedom Bowl. Chuck Long, Iowa's current secondary coach, passed for 461 yards as Iowa's quarterback in that game.

IOWA ALL-AMERICANS

Junior WR Tim Dwight and sophomore DT Jared DeVries earned All-America honors for their play this season. Dwight was named first team kick returner by the Football Writers Association of America. Dwight ranks second nationally with a 19-yard average on 22 punt returns after leading the nation for several weeks. Dwight also is Iowa's top receiver with 45 catches for 646 yards.

DeVries was named third team defensive tackle by Football News. DeVries leads Iowa in tackles for loss (19-120) and QB sacks (11-92) and ranks sixth in tackles with 38 solo stops and 23 assists.

FOOTBALL NEWS HONORS

Along with Jared DeVries earning third team All-America honors, Football News named DeVries, senior offensive lineman Ross Verba and senior defensive back Damien Robinson to its first team All-Big Ten squad.

ALL-BIG TEN HONORS

Five Iowa players, including RB Sedrick Shaw, OL Ross Verba, P Nick Gallery, DB Damien Robinson and DT Jared DeVries, were named first team All-Big Ten. All are seniors except DeVries, who is a sophomore.

Second team honors went to QB Matt Sherman, WR Tim Dwight and DB Tom Knight, while DB Plez Atkins, TE Chris Knipper, C Bill Reardon, DE Bill Ennis-Inge, LB Vernon Rollins and LB Matt Hughes earned honorable mention recognition. Knight, Reardon and Ennis-Inge are seniors, Sherman, Dwight and Atkins are juniors and Knipper, Rollins and Hughes are sophomores.

ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN

Ten members of the Iowa football team earned Academic All-Big Ten honors, including RB Trevor Bollers, FB Michael Burger, DE Bill Ennis-Inge, FB Aaron Granquist, LB Matt Hughes, DL Aron Klein, OL Matt Reischl, OL Derek Rose, OL Ted Serama and RB Rob Thein.

TEXAS HAWKEYES

Iowa has 17 players on its roster from the state of Texas, in addition to the above mentioned coaching connections. they include DB Plez Atkins (Bartlett), LB Raj Clark (Baytown), DB Damien Robinson (Dallas), DE Paul Moten (DeSoto), LB Matt Hughes (Eastland), LB Brandon Phearse (Garland), DB Billy Coats (Grand Prairie), DL Corey Brown, WR Damon Gibson and DL Evan Wardell (Houston), DB Kerry Cooks (Irving), DE Tariq Peterson (Kempner), OL Shalor Pryor (Stephenville), FB Rodney Filer (Waco) and OL Justin Craun (Weatherford).

BIG TEN GOES BOWLING

Seven teams from the Big Ten Conference are competing in bowl games. Iowa posted a 3-2 record against five of the teams, but did not play Michigan. Iowa's most impressive win was a 21-20 victory at Penn State, a team that is playing in the Fiesta Bowl. Iowa also defeated Michigan State (Sun) and Wisconsin (Copper) and lost to Ohio State (Rose) and Northwestern (Citrus).

IOWA ON THE TUBE

Iowa is 74-47-5 on television since 1953, including a 54-41-5 mark under Hayden Fry since 1979. Iowa is 7-3 on television (2-0 in ESPN, 3-0 on ESPN2) this season as all but the Indiana game were televised.

HAWKEYE SENIORS

A total of 17 Iowa seniors will close out their Hawkeye careers in the Alamo Bowl. They are DE Brett Chambers, DB Billy Coats, QB Ryan Driscoll, DE Bill Ennis-Inge, FB Rodney Filer, P Nick Gallery, FB Aaron Granquist, PK Brion Hurley, DB Tom Knight, LB Mark Mitchell, WR Demo Odems, DL Jon Ortlieb, C Bill Reardon, DB Damien Robinson, OL Ted Serama, RB Sedrick Shaw and OL Ross Verba.

Additional seniors include managers Travis Rew, Chad Hanson and Brandon Scholl and student trainers Tracy Ripperda, Eric Turner and Nathan Twedt.

MINNESOTA NOTES

Rushing for 108 yards, RB Sedrick Shaw became the eighth player in Big Ten history to rush for over 4,000 career yards and the eighth Big Ten player to rush for over 1,000 yards in three seasons . . . Shaw became Iowa's all-time leader with 34 (32 rushing and two receiving) touchdowns . . . Brion Hurley's 50-yard field goal was the sixth of his career of at least 50 yards . . . Tim Dwight scored his third rushing touchdown of the season and his fourth receiving TD. He also had two touchdowns on punt returns . . . Matt Sherman completed his first 11 passes after completing his first 10 the previous week vs. Wisconsin . . . Damien

1996 RESULTS

Iowa (8-3, 6-2)

Sept. 7	Arizona	W	21-20
Sept. 14	Iowa State	W	38-13
Sept. 21	at Tulsa	L	20-27
Oct. 5	Michigan State	W	37-30
Oct. 12	at Indiana	W	31-10
Oct. 19	at Penn State	W	21-20
Oct. 26	Ohio State	L	26-38
Nov. 2	at Illinois	W	31-21
Nov. 9	Northwestern	L	13-40
Nov. 16	Wisconsin	W	31-0
Nov. 23	at Minnesota	W	43-24

Texas Tech (7-4, 5-3)

Aug. 31	at Kansas State	L	14-21
Sept. 7	Oklahoma State	W	31-3
Sept. 21	at Georgia	L	12-15
Sept. 28	Utah State	W	58-20
Oct. 5	Baylor	W	45-24
Oct. 12	at Kansas	W	30-17
Oct. 19	Nebraska	L	10-24
Oct. 27	at Texas A&M	W	13-10
Nov. 9	Texas	L	32-38
Nov. 16	Southwestern LA	W	56-21
Nov. 23	at Oklahoma	W	22-12

Robinson's sixth interception of the season ties for sixth best in a season at Iowa and his 14 career thefts ranks third ... Richard Willock scored the second touchdown of his career, with his first coming against Minnesota in 1995.

IOWA ROAD WINS

Iowa posted a 4-1 road record and the Hawkeyes are 9-3-1 in their last 13 road games. Iowa has won five straight Big Ten road games, dating back to a 31-20 loss at Northwestern in 1995. Iowa was also perfect in Big Ten road games in 1991 when the Hawkeyes won games at Wisconsin, Purdue, Ohio State and Northwestern enroute to a 10-1-1 overall record. Iowa also won four road games in 1995.

Iowa has had a winning record away from Iowa City in 14 of 18 seasons under Hayden Fry. Fry at Iowa is 69-34-3 at home and 63-42-3 outside of Iowa City.

STRONG IN THE FOURTH

Iowa outscored its opponents 155-105 in the second half, including 61-31 in the final period. The Hawkeyes did not allow a fourth quarter touchdown until the eighth game of the season and only one team (Northwestern) scored more than seven points in the fourth quarter.

SHAW IN BIG TEN

Iowa RB Sedrick Shaw has etched his name in the Big Ten record books in several categories. Shaw ranks sixth in career rushing attempts (817) and eighth in rushing yards (4,043). Shaw's 316 attempts in 1995 ranks 10th best for a single season.

With 1,003 yards this season, Shaw became just the eighth player in Big Ten history to rush for over 1,000 yards in three seasons.

The others to rush for over 1,000 three times include:

Tyrone Wheatley, Michigan, 1992-94

Jamie Morris, Michigan, 1985-87

Archie Griffin, OSU, 1973-75

Darrell Thompson, Minn., 1986-87, 1989

Billy Marek, Wisc., 1973-75

Anthony Thompson, Ind., 1987-89

Tico Duckett, Mich. St., 1990-92

SHAW SETS TD MARK

Senior RB Sedrick Shaw is Iowa's career record holder with 34 touchdowns (32 rushing, two receiving). Shaw broke the career touchdown mark of 32, which was held by Ronnie Harmon (1982-85). Shaw ranks fourth in career scoring with 208 points. Shaw is the highest scoring non-kicker at Iowa and is Iowa's career leader in rushing attempts (817), rushing yards (4,043) and rushing touchdowns (32).

In 10 games Shaw rushed 204 times for 1,003 yards (4.9 avg.). Shaw rushed for over 100 yards five times this season and has 18 100-yard games in his career.

Shaw in 1995 set a single game record with 42 attempts vs. Michigan State. He set single season records for attempts (316), yards (1,477) and rushing touchdowns (15). When Shaw did not play at Penn State (bruised ribs) it marked the first time in his career he missed a game.

DWIGHT IS ALL-PURPOSE

Junior WR Tim Dwight continued his late season charge in the win at Minnesota with seven catches for 134 yards. Dwight had a 53-yard scoring reception and scored on a five-yard run. Dwight in Iowa's last three games had 23 catches for 382 yards and two touchdowns, while also rushing for a score. His 188 yards receiving vs. Northwestern ranks sixth best at Iowa for a single game.

Dwight has scored four touchdowns on receptions, three rushing and two on punt returns. Dwight is tied for second in scoring with 54 points and he is tied for 11th in career scoring with 126 points.

Dwight had an 86-yard punt return for a score vs. Ohio State and an 83-yarder for a score at Penn State, the fourth and fifth longest returns in Iowa history. Dwight is averaging 123.5 all-purpose yards per game and 15.4 yards each time he touches the ball. Dwight was named Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week for his play against Ohio State.

Dwight earned the national AT&T Long Distance Award in consecutive weeks for punt returns against Ohio State and Penn State. Dwight has four punt returns this season over 40 yards, two for touchdowns and two setting up touchdowns.

Dwight, who led the Big Ten in punt returns as a freshman, is second in the nation with a 19-yard average on 22 returns. Dwight has 45 catches for 646 yards and is averaging 18.9 yards on 12 kickoff returns.

Dwight has 91 career receptions for 1,462 yards to rank 11th in career receiving yards and 13th in career catches.

DWIGHT TOPS KINNICK MARK

Tim Dwight has 417 yards on 22 punt returns this season, setting an Iowa record for most punt return yards in a season. The old mark of 322 yards in a season was set by Nile Kinnick in 1937. That mark was the oldest individual record in the Iowa record books. Dwight has 51 career returns for 696 yards. Peter Marciano, 1986-89, holds the Iowa records for career punt returns (124) and return yards (759).

DWIGHT ON BIG TEN LIST

With 417 yards in punt returns, Tim Dwight has moved into ninth place on the Big Ten Conference all-time top 10 list for punt return yards in a season, for all games. Neal Colzie of Ohio State set the record of 679 yards in 1973.

Dwight, with 696 career return yards, is 77 yards away from the Big Ten's top 10 list for career yards. Dwight currently holds the Big Ten record for number of kickoff returns in a game, with nine at Ohio State in 1995.

KNIGHT SETS RETURN MARK

Senior DB Tom Knight had his fourth interception of the season vs. Wisconsin, and the 10th of his career. Knight has 237 yards in interception returns in his career to rank first in that category and his three career returns for touchdowns is also the best ever at Iowa. Earlier this season he returned an interception 57 yards for a touchdown at Indiana and he had two touchdown returns in 1995. Knight is tied for sixth place in career interceptions. Knight has 53 tackles this season and is second on the team with 12 pass break-ups.

KNIGHT IN THE BIG TEN

DB Tom Knight has his name in the Big Ten record book in two categories, and is close in another. Knight last season tied a Big Ten record with two interception returns for touchdowns, a mark that was also tied by teammate Plez Atkins. Knight is tied with three others for second in the Big Ten with three career touchdowns. The record, held by Indiana's Tim Wilbur, is four.

Knight has 237 career return yards, just 30 yards shy of the Big Ten's career top 10 list.

BANKS OVER 1,000

Junior RB Tavian Banks has raised his career rushing total to 1,256 yards on 232 carries. Banks is the 33rd player in Iowa history to surpass 1,000 career rushing yards, ranking 20th on the career list. Banks has a career average of 5.4 yards per carry and has rushed for 16 TDs.

Banks started at Penn State and rushed 26 times for 116 yards and two TDs. Banks leads Iowa in scoring with 62 points. That ranks 16th best for a single season and Banks is 17th in career scoring with 104 points.

Banks had the best day of his career in Iowa's win over Iowa State, earning Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week honors. He rushed 18 times for 182 yards and had TD runs of 89, 12 and 28 yards. Banks opened the scoring with an 89-yard run in the first quarter, the fourth longest run from scrimmage in Iowa history. The 182 yards ranks 14th best for a single game. Banks has 131 carries for 599 yards (4.6 yards per carry) in 1996.

ROBINSON MOVES UP

Senior DB Damien Robinson has 286 career tackles to rank 10th on Iowa's career tackle chart. Robinson is third on the team with 105 tackles and he leads Iowa in interceptions (six) and pass break-ups (13).

His six interceptions in 1996 ties for sixth on the single-season list and he had five thefts in 1995. Robinson has 14 career interceptions for 196 yards, ranking third in career thefts and fourth in career return yards.

Robinson had six tackles, a pass interception and a pass break-up in the win at Minnesota. Against Illinois he had 10 solo tackles, he forced and recovered a fumble and he returned a fourth quarter interception 22 yards.

SHERMAN ON TARGET

Junior QB Matt Sherman completed his first 11 passes at Minnesota as Iowa jumped to a 17-0 advantage. Sherman started with 10 straight completions against Wisconsin the previous week in helping Iowa jump to a 24-0 first half advantage. At Minnesota Sherman completed 17 of 21 passes for 226 yards and one score.

Sherman has completed 145 of 248 passes (58.5%) for 1,792 yards and 12 touchdowns. Sherman, 18-7 as Iowa's starting quarterback, has a QB rating of 127.1. His 1996 totals rank 11th in attempts, 12th in yards and 13th in completions for a single season.

Sherman's career totals include 357 of 602 (59.3%) for 5,073 yards and 32 touchdowns, with 27 interceptions. In career stats Sherman ranks fourth in TD passes, passing yards, completions and total offense (4,735) and fifth in attempts. Sherman had three touchdown passes for the third time in his career vs. Michigan State.

SHERMAN VS. MINNESOTA

Iowa QB Matt Sherman has been sharp in leading Iowa to three straight wins over Minnesota. In three games Sherman has completed 48 of 62 (.774) passes for 724 yards and five touchdowns, with no interceptions. Sherman also caught a touchdown pass from Tim Dwight at Minnesota in 1994.

GALLERY BOOTS 'EM

Senior punter Nick Gallery led the Big Ten in punting (44.5) for the second straight season after averaging 45.3 yards last season. Gallery is the first player since Greg Montgomery of Michigan State (1985 & 1986) to lead the league in punting in consecutive seasons.

Gallery holds the Iowa record for career punts with 183. He had a 73-yarder vs. Ohio State for his longest of the season and the second longest of his career. He had a 75-yard punt at Ohio State in 1995. His 56-yard average vs. Ohio State earned the AT&T Long Distance Award for punting average and he earned the honor a second time for his 58-yard average vs. Wisconsin. Gallery also earned that honor twice in 1995.

Thirty-three of his 44 punts have covered over 40 yards, including 10 of at least 50 yards.

ZACH MAKES 'EM

Sophomore PK Zach Bromert has made 70 of 72 PATs in his career, having a streak of 24 straight snapped vs. Michigan State when his second attempt hit the left upright. Bromert has made 24 straight since that miss. Bromert is 13 of 16 in career field goals (six of eight in 1996) and his PATs were the difference in 21-20 wins over Arizona and Penn State this season. Bromert had a 25-yard field goal at Minnesota and his 38-yarder at Illinois was the longest of his career.

Bromert ranks 15th in career scoring with 109 points in two seasons.

HURLEY HITS 'EM

Senior PK Brion Hurley is Iowa's long distance field goal kicker, with five field goals of at least 45 yards this season. Hurley this season had a 54-yard field goal vs. Iowa State, a 51-yarder vs. Michigan State and a 50-yarder at Minnesota.

Hurley's last 10 field goals have covered 50, 50, 49, 47, 50, 54, 45, 51, 47 and 50 yards and he is five of 12 this season. Three of his seven misses were blocked. Iowa kickers have made just 11 field goals from 50 yards or more and Hurley has six of the 11. Hurley earned the AT&T Long Distance Award for his 54-yard field goal vs. Iowa State.

HUGHES TOP TACKLER

Sophomore LB Matt Hughes leads Iowa's defense with 127 total tackles, including 84 solo stops. His tackle total ties for 14th best at Iowa for a single season. Hughes also has 10 tackles for loss, five QB sacks, seven pass break-ups, one interception, two fumble recoveries and one forced fumble. Hughes had eight tackles and two pass break-ups at Minnesota, seven tackles in the win over Wisconsin, 13 tackles vs. Northwestern and 11 tackles vs. Illinois. Hughes was named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week for his play in Iowa's win at Indiana.

VERNON SCORES AGAIN

Sophomore LB Vernon Rollins has scored two touchdowns for the Iowa defense. Rollins scored his second touchdown of the season at Illinois, returning an interception 20 yards to give Iowa a 24-14 advantage early in the fourth quarter. The interception was the first of his career, but he scored his first touchdown earlier this year by recovering a fumble in the endzone vs. Arizona.

Rollins ranks second on the team with 116 tackles, including 72 solo stops. His tackle total ranks 22nd best for a single season at Iowa. Rollins earned Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week honors for his play against Arizona.

HUGHES, ROLLINS HONORED

Iowa's sophomore linebacker combination of Vernon Rollins and Matt Hughes are making a name for themselves around the Big Ten, as both earned league Defensive Player of the Week honors this season and both were named honorable mention All-Big Ten. Rollins was honored for his play vs. Arizona and Hughes for his efforts at Indiana.

Rollins and Hughes are just the eighth linebacker teammates to both be honored as Players of the Week in the same season, and the first since 1993. The Big Ten has been naming Players of the Week since 1982.

DEVRIES JUST DOES IT

Sophomore DT Jared DeVries has played steady football all season, including Iowa's win at Minnesota. DeVries had four tackles and a QB sack, and forced an early fumble that led to Iowa's first points of the game. DeVries against Wisconsin had five solo tackles and four assists, one tackle for loss and he recovered a fumble that led to an Iowa field goal. At Illinois his play in the second half turned the tide in Iowa's favor. DeVries forced a bad pass that was intercepted and returned for a touchdown, giving Iowa a 24-14 lead. On the next series he had a sack on third down and later he deflected a pass that was intercepted, leading to Iowa's final touchdown.

DeVries leads Iowa in both QB sacks (11) and tackles for loss (19). He has 38 solo stops, 23 assists and five pass break-ups and his fumble recovery at Penn State led to Iowa's winning touchdown.

STARTING STREAKS

QB Matt Sherman has Iowa's longest consecutive starting streak at 25 games. LB Vernon Rollins and DT Jared DeVries have started 23 straight and WR Tim Dwight 22 in a row.

ENNIS-INGE ON THE END

Senior DE Bill Ennis-Inge is second on the team in QB sacks (10) and ranks second in tackles for loss (15). Ennis-Inge has also caused three fumbles, recovered two fumbles and broken up four passes. He has 36 solo stops and 26 assists. Ennis-Inge had his best game against Wisconsin with five solo tackles and three assists. He caused a fumble on Wisconsin's first possession that led to an Iowa field goal. He caused another fumble on Wisconsin's first possession of the third quarter that led to an Iowa touchdown and later he recovered a fumble to stop Wisconsin's only drive into Iowa's side of the field. Both of the caused fumbles came on QB sacks as he had four sacks on the day, one shy of Iowa's single game record.

LAFLEUR GETS THE LOSS

Junior DT Jon LaFleur has made the most of his 56 tackles, as 11 have been behind the line of scrimmage. LaFleur is third in tackles for loss and he has three QB sacks, one forced fumble, a recovered fumble and three pass break-ups.

WILLOCK TO THE RESCUE

WR Richard Willock picked a great time to score his first touchdown of the season, recovering an Iowa fumble in the endzone to give Iowa a 24-17 third quarter lead at Minnesota. FB Michael Burger fumbled at the one and Willock beat two Minnesota players to the loose ball. The touchdown was just the second career score for Willock, who had a 17-yard scoring reception vs. Minnesota last season.

ADDED POINTS A BONUS

Iowa's defense and special teams scored a touchdown in five games. LB Vernon Rollins recovered a fumble for a score in the opening win over Arizona, Tom Knight returned an interception for a score at Indiana and Rollins returned an interception for a touchdown at Illinois. WR Tim Dwight had an 83-yard punt return for six points at Penn State and an 86-yarder for a score vs. Ohio State. In addition, punt returns of over 40 yards by Dwight set up touchdowns against Michigan State and Ohio State.

EARNING BIG TEN HONORS

Iowa had four players earn Big Ten Player of the Week honors this season, including linebackers Vernon Rollins and Matt Hughes on defense, running back Tavian Banks on offense and WR Tim Dwight for his play on special teams.

The four Big Ten honors is the most for Iowa since 1991, when three players combined for four honors. In 1990 four Iowa players combined to earn Player of the Week honors five times.

IOWA'S COMEBACK KIDS

Iowa came from behind to win five of its eight games and broke a third quarter tie and went on to win at Minnesota. Iowa trailed Arizona, Indiana and Illinois in the first half and trailed Michigan State and Penn State in the fourth quarter before winning.

DON'T THROW THAT FLAG

Iowa was penalized 66 times for 517 yards. Last season the Hawkeyes were penalized 83 times for 791 yards through 11 games. Iowa had five penalties or less in six games. Iowa's opponents were penalized 53 times for 388 yards.

BALANCED ATTACK

Iowa is averaging 176.1 yards rushing per game and 180.1 yards passing per contest. The Hawkeyes have gained 1,937 yards rushing and 1,981 passing. Iowa had 131 yards rushing and 129 passing in a win at Penn State, 176 rushing and 177 passing vs. Wisconsin and 227 rushing and 226 passing vs. Minnesota.

HAWKEYE NOTES

Iowa's captains are RB Sedrick Shaw and OL Ross Verba on offense and DB Tom Knight and DE Bill Ennis-Inge on defense... among all Division I schools in the 1990's, the

Iowa football program ranks 18th with a winning percentage of .622 (50-30-2) and 18th in total victories . . . sophomore TE Chris Knipper had the first two touchdown receptions of his career in Iowa's win over Michigan State, and his third reception put the ball at the MSU one-yard line. He added another TD reception vs. Wisconsin as three of his 14 catches have gone for touchdowns . . . Plez Atkins, who led Iowa with six interceptions in 1995, had his first of the 1996 season vs. Wisconsin . . . Iowa's 17-point comeback against Michigan State matches the largest comeback by a Hawkeye team under Hayden Fry. In 1986 Iowa trailed 17-0 at Minnesota before winning that game 30-27. Iowa completed an 18-point comeback to defeat Oregon in 1949, winning 34-31 after trailing 24-6 in the third quarter . . . Iowa's home attendance average of 69,404 is the best since the Hawkeyes averaged 70,039 in 1992. The capacity at Kinnick Stadium is 70,397 . . . the attendance at Minnesota was 53,349, more than 8,000 higher than any previous Minnesota home crowd this season. It was estimated that roughly 20,000 Iowa fans were in attendance . . . Iowa's safety against Minnesota, the result of a bad snap when Minnesota was in shotgun formation, came at the end of the field where the majority of Iowa fans were located and is Iowa's first safety since the 1995 Sun Bowl vs. Washington.

FIRST TIME STARTERS

Nine Hawkeyes started for the first time this season. Bill Reardon, Chris Knipper and Matt Reischl on offense and Matt Hughes, Kerry Cooks and Jason House on defense started for the first time vs. Arizona, OL Derek Rose started vs. Iowa State and RB Tavian Banks and TE Zeron Flemister started at Tulsa.

SAME LINEUP

Iowa was fortunate in keeping its starting line-up in place most of the season. The same 11 players started on offense in Iowa's last five games and eight of 11 players started all 11 games. TE Chris Knipper and OL Derek Rose missed one start and RB Sedrick Shaw missed two starts.

On defense, nine players started all 11 games and the same 11 players started the final nine games. DT Jon LaFleur did not start the first two games and DE Bill Ennis-Inge did not start the season opener.

IOWA BIG PLAYS

Iowa had 41 plays from scrimmage (17 rush, 24 pass) gain at least 20 yards, 10 for touchdowns. Iowa also has interception returns of 20, 26, 27, 57, 38, 20, 22, 35 and 18 yards, 45, 47, 51, 54 and 51-yard field goals, 10 punts of at least 50 yards, punt returns of 23, 36, 43, 44, 46, 83 and 86 yards and 17 kickoff returns over 20 yards.

HAWKEYES IN THE RED ZONE

Iowa scored on 31 of 38 possessions that have reached the opponent 20-yard line, including 25 touchdowns (17 rush, eight pass) and six field goals. In three wins Iowa turned the ball over on downs inside the 20 in the final minute of the game. At Tulsa Iowa had a missed field goal and twice failed to convert on fourth down from inside the 20.

Iowa's opponents have reached the Iowa 20 a total of 40 times, scoring 23 touchdowns (13 rush, 10 pass) and eight field goals. Opponents have lost two fumbles, missed two field goals and turned the ball over on downs four times.

SCORING DRIVES

Iowa's 47 scoring drives have averaged 47.3 yards, ranging in length from five to 92 yards and ranging from one to 12 plays.

Iowa's opponents have averaged 50.8 yards on 40 scoring drives. Seventeen of 36 opponent scoring drives have been less than 40 yards.

CURRENTLY RANKED

Several current Iowa players have already etched their name in the Iowa record book. Those include: Matt Sherman's 374 yards passing vs. Penn State in 1995 ranks 8th in single game passing, his 334 yards vs. Ohio State (1995) rank 13th and his 331 yards vs. Northwestern in 1994 ranks 14th . . . Sedrick Shaw's 42 rushing attempts at Michigan State in 1995 is an Iowa record and his 250 yards rushing vs. the Spartans ranks second best . . . Shaw is Iowa's record holder in career rushing touchdowns (32) and career touchdowns with 34 . . . Shaw's 80-yard TD against Central Michigan in 1994 is tied for the 10th longest scoring run . . . Shaw's 316 carries and 1,477 yards in 1995 are single season records, his 1,003 yards in 1996 rank eighth and his 1,002 rushing yards in 1994 ranks ninth . . . Tavian Banks' 89-yard run vs. Iowa State this season is the fourth longest at Iowa and his 182 yards is 14th best for a single game. Brion Hurley's 54-yard field goal vs. Iowa State is the third longest at Iowa, his 51-yarder vs. Michigan State ties as sixth longest and his 50-yarder at Minnesota ties for the seventh longest. Tom Knight has the most career interception return yards (237) at Iowa, and Damien Robinson (196) ranks fourth. Robinson is third in career thefts (14) and 10th in career tackles (286) and Knight is tied for sixth in interceptions (10). Tim Dwight's 86-yard punt return vs. Ohio State is fourth longest at Iowa and his 83-yarder at Penn State ranks fifth. Dwight has set a single season record with 417 punt return yards this season and Nick Gallery has set an Iowa mark with 183 career punts.

BIG TEN TEAM STATS

Punt Returns	1st	16.1
Passing Eff. Defense	2nd	98.0
Turnover Margin	3rd	+8
Scoring Offense	4th	28.4
Total Defense	4th	317.4
Net Punting	5th	35.3
Rushing Offense	5th	176.1
Scoring Defense	6th	22.1
Rushing Defense	6th	148.1
Kickoff Returns	6th	19.8
Passing Offense	7th	180.1
Total Offense	8th	356.2

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Tim Dwight is first in punt returns (19.0), 7th in receptions per game (4.1) and 9th in all-purpose yards (123.5) and receiving yards per game (58.7). Nick Gallery is first in punting (44.5) and Damien Robinson is second with six interceptions. Tom Knight is tied for 6th in interceptions (four). Sedrick Shaw is 7th in rushing (100.3), 10th in all-purpose yards (108.1) and 19th in scoring (5.4). Tavian Banks is 14th in rushing (54.5) and 16th in scoring (5.6). Matt Sherman is 4th in passing efficiency (127.1) and 6th in

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total offense (148.2). Zach Bromert is 9th with six field goals and Brion Hurley is 10th with five.

IOWA IN NCAA STATS

Punt Returns	3rd	16.1
Pass Eff. Defense	15th	98.0
Turnover Margin	19th	+8
Total Defense	26th	317.4
Rushing Offense	38th	176.1
Scoring Defense	43rd	22.1
Scoring Offense	43rd	28.4
Rushing Defense	46th	148.1
Total Offense	61st	356.2
Net Punting	65th	35.3
Kickoff Returns	67th	19.8
Passing Offense	69th	180.1

Individually, Tim Dwight is second in punt returns (19.0), Damien Robinson is tied for 5th in interceptions (six), Nick Gallery is 14th in punting (44.5), Sedrick Shaw is 32nd in rushing (100.3) and Matt Sherman is 36th in passing efficiency (127.1).

ALAMO BOWL HAWKEYE HUDDLE

The National I-Club and the UI Alumni Association are co-sponsoring a pre-game reception. The "Alamo Bowl Hawkeye Huddle" is open to all Iowa fans and includes free admission, refreshments, snacks, and Hawk Shop and Alamo Bowl souvenirs. The gathering will include appearances by the Hawkeye Marching Band, UI Cheerleaders and Dance Squad and Herky the Hawk.

The "Alamo Bowl Hawkeye Huddle" will be held Sunday, December 29 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Gonzalez Convention Center in downtown San Antonio.

Iowa Bowl Results

Won 7, Lost 6, Tied 1

1957 Rose:	Iowa 35, Oregon State 19
1959 Rose:	Iowa 38, California 12
1982 Rose:	Washington 28, Iowa 0
1982 Peach:	Iowa 28, Tennessee 22
1983 Gator:	Florida 14, Iowa 6
1984 Freedom:	Iowa 55, Texas 17
1986 Rose:	UCLA 45, Iowa 28
1986 Holiday:	Iowa 39, San Diego State 38
1987 Holiday:	Iowa 20, Wyoming 19
1988 Peach:	N.C. State 28, Iowa 23
1991 Rose:	Washington 46, Iowa 34
1991 Holiday:	Iowa 13, Brigham Young 13
1993 Alamo:	California 37, Iowa 3
1995 Sun:	Iowa 38, Washington 18

Iowa Bowl Records

Individual Records

Rushing

Attempts	21, Sedrick Shaw ('95 Sun)
Yards	194, Bob Jeter ('59 Rose)
TDs	2, Michael Burger ('95 Sun) 2, Mike Saunders ('91 Holiday) 2, Nick Bell ('91 Rose) 2, Matt Rodgers ('91 Rose) 2, Willie Fleming ('59 Rose) 2, Collins Hagler ('57 Rose)

Passing

Attempts	51, Chuck Hartlieb ('88 Peach)
Completions	30, Chuck Hartlieb ('88 Peach)
Yards	461, Chuck Long ('84 Freedom)
TDs	6, Chuck Long ('84 Freedom)

Total Offense

Plays	56 by Chuck Hartlieb ('88 Peach)
Yards	481 by Chuck Long ('84 Freedom)
TDs	6 by Chuck Long ('84 Freedom)

Receiving

Catches	11 by Ronnie Harmon ('86 Rose)
Yards	168 by Dave Moritz ('82 Peach)
TDs	2, Deven Harberts ('88 Peach) 2, Jonathan Hayes ('84 Freedom) 2, Ronnie Harmon ('82 Peach)

Scoring

TDs	2 on nine occasions
PATs	7 by Tom Nichol ('84 Freedom)
FGs	3, Brion Hurley ('95 Sun)
Points	13 by Tom Nichol ('84 Freedom)

Team Records

Rushing

Attempts	55 ('59 Rose)
Yards	429 ('59 Rose)
TDs	5 ('59 Rose)

Passing

Attempts	51 ('88 Peach)
Completions	30 ('84 Freedom) 30 ('88 Peach)
Yards	469 ('84 Freedom)
TDs	6 ('84 Freedom)

Total Offense

Plays	81 ('84 Freedom)
Yards	560 ('84 Freedom)

Scoring

TDs	7 ('84 Freedom)
PATs	7 ('84 Freedom)
FGs	5 ('95 Sun)
Points	55 ('84 Freedom)

Year-By-Year

At Southern Methodist

Year	W	L	T	Pct.
1962	2	8	0	.200
1963	4	7	0	.364
1964	1	9	0	.100
1965	4	5	1	.450
1966	8	3	0	.727
1967	3	7	0	.300
1968	8	3	0	.727
1969	3	7	0	.300
1970	5	6	0	.455
1971	4	7	0	.364
1972	7	4	0	.636
11 years	49	66	1	.426

At North Texas State

Year	W	L	T	Pct.
1973	5	5	1	.500
1974	2	7	2	.300
1975	7	4	0	.636
1976	7	4	0	.636
1977	10	1	0	.909
1978	9	2	0	.818
6 years	40	23	3	.635

At Iowa

Year	W	L	T	Pct.
1979	5	6	0	.455
1980	4	7	0	.364
1981	8	4	0	.667
1982	8	4	0	.667
1983	9	3	0	.750
1984	8	4	1	.654
1985	10	2	0	.833
1986	9	3	0	.750
1987	10	3	0	.769
1988	6	4	3	.577
1989	5	6	0	.455
1990	8	4	0	.667
1991	10	1	1	.875
1992	5	7	0	.417
1993	6	6	0	.500
1994	5	5	1	.500
1995	8	4	0	.667
1996	8	3	0	.727
18 years	132	76	6	.631

Career Totals

Years	W	L	T	Pct.
35 years	221	165	10	.571

Personal Information

Born: Feb. 28, 1929, in Eastland, TX

High School: Odessa (TX), 1946

College: Baylor, B.S. (Psych.), 1951

NCAA Division I Winningest Active Coaches, By Victories

Coach	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Joe Paterno, Penn State	288	74	3	.793
2. Bobby Bowden, Florida State	270	81	4	.766
3. Tom Osborne, Nebraska	241	48	3	.830
4. LaVell Edwards, Brigham Young	226	81	3	.734
5. HAYDEN FRY, IOWA	221	165	10	.571
6. Lou Holtz, Notre Dame	216	95	7	.690
7. Jim Sweeney, Fresno State	200	154	4	.566
8. Johnny Majors, Pittsburgh	185	138	10	.571
9. Don Nehlen, West Virginia	176	106	8	.621
10. Al Molde, Western Michigan	168	104	8	.614

Order is based on total number of wins

Fry in Bowl Games (6-8-1)

1963 Sun:	Oregon 21, SMU 14
1967 Cotton:	Georgia 24, SMU 9
1968 Astro Bluebonnet:	SMU 28, Oklahoma 27
1982 Rose:	Washington 28, Iowa 0
1982 Peach:	Iowa 28, Tennessee 22
1983 Gator:	Florida 14, Iowa 6
1984 Freedom:	Iowa 55, Texas 17
1986 Rose:	UCLA 45, Iowa 28
1986 Holiday:	Iowa 39, S. Diego St. 38
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Winningest Iowa Coaches

Coach (years)	W	L	T
Hayden Fry (18)	132	76	6
Forest Evashevski (9)	52	27	4
Howard Jones (8)	42	17	1
Eddie Anderson (8)	35	33	2
Burton Ingwerse (8)	33	27	4
Alden Knipe (5)	29	11	4
John Chalmers (3)	24	8	0
Jess Hawley (6)	24	18	0

Order is based on total number of wins

Fry's Iowa Record

All games: 132-76-6
Home games: 69-34-3
Away games: 63-42-3
Big Ten games: 90-51-5
Home games: 45-26-3
Away games: 45-25-2
Non-league games: 42-25-1
Home games: 25-8-0
Away games: 17-17-1

College Coaching Experience:

Baylor, Assistant Coach, 1960

Arkansas, Assistant Coach, 1961

Southern Methodist, Head Coach, 1962-72

North Texas State, Head Coach, 1973-78

Iowa, Head Coach, 1979-Present

1996 Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	High School
1	Alexe Rodopoulos	WR	6-3	200	#Fr.	Blue Springs, MO	Blue Springs
2	Tarig Holman	DB	6-0	180	#Fr.	Randolph, NJ	Randolph
2	Bashir Yamini	WR	6-4	160	Fr.	Dolton, IL	Thornridge
3 ***	Damien Robinson	DB	6-2	205	Sr.	Dallas, TX	Hillcrest
4 *	Ricchard Carter	WR	6-0	190	Jr.	Passaic, NJ	Passaic
5 ***	Sedrick Shaw	RB	6-1	210	Sr.	Austin, TX	LBJ
6 **	Tim Dwight	WR	5-9	190	Jr.	Iowa City, IA	City
7 **	Ryan Driscoll	QB	6-4	225	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, IA	Linn-Mar
7	Zach Shay	DB	6-0	185	So.	Galesburg, IL	Galesburg
8 ***	Tom Knight	DB	5-11	190	Sr.	Marlton, NJ	Cherokee
9 ***	Bill Ennis-Inge	DE	6-5	245	Sr.	Kirkwood, MO	Kirkwood
10 ***	Demosesneeds Odems, III	WR	5-10	180	Sr.	Austin, TX	LBJ
11	Joe Slattery	WR	6-0	180	#Fr.	Pocahontas, IA	Pocahontas
12 **	Matt Sherman	QB	6-3	212	Jr.	St. Ansgar, IA	St. Ansgar
12	Jesse Ghare	DB	6-1	190	#Fr.	Nora Springs, IA	Nora Springs
13	Randy Reiners	QB	6-3	200	#Fr.	Ft. Dodge, IA	Ft. Dodge
13	L.J. Wise	DB	5-10	175	#Fr.	Bellefontaine, OH	Bellefontaine
14	Ryan Hansen	QB	6-2	190	Fr.	Iowa City, IA	West
14	Trent Tiessen	DB	5-11	180	So.	Council Bluffs, IA	Lewis Central
15 **	Kerry Cooks	DB	6-0	200	Jr.	Irving, TX	Nimitz
16	Kory Hauser	QB	6-5	212	So.	New Berlin, WI	West
17	Scott Mullen	QB	6-6	190	Fr.	Lansing, IL	T. F. South
17	Kurt Hintz	K	6-3	210	#Fr.	Antioch, IL	Antioch Community
18 *	Damon Gibson	WR	5-9	180	Jr.	Houston, TX	Forest Brook
19	Matt Bowen	DB	6-2	190	#Fr.	Glen Ellyn, IL	Glenbard West
20 ***	Brion Hurley	K/P	6-4	215	Sr.	Iowa City, IA	City
21 *	Eric Thigpen	DB	6-1	195	So.	Dolton, IL	Thornridge
22 **	Tavian Banks	RB	5-11	195	Jr.	Bettendorf, IA	Bettendorf
23 **	Plez Atkins	DB	6-0	180	Jr.	Bartlett, TX	Bartlett
25 *	Richard Willock	WR	6-2	195	Jr.	Chicago, IL	Leo
26	Ed Gibson	DB	5-10	180	Jr.	Davenport, IA	Assumption
27	Robbertto Rickards	DB	6-0	180	Fr.	Mt. Laurel, NJ	Lenape
28 **	Jason House	DE	6-3	230	Jr.	Iowa City, IA	City
29	Doug Miller	RB	5-11	190	#Fr.	Mt. Pleasant, IA	Mt. Pleasant
30 ***	Billy Coats	DB	5-11	185	Sr.	Grand Prairie, TX	Lamar
31	Rob Thein	RB	6-0	220	#Fr.	Iowa City, IA	City
31	Bart Palmer	LB	6-2	215	#Fr.	Lexington, KY	Henry Clay
32	Jeff Clark	RB	5-11	190	So.	Lisbon, IA	Lisbon
33 *	J.P. Lange	DB	6-1	180	Jr.	Hartland, WI	Arrowhead
34 ***	Rodney Filer	FB	6-2	225	Sr.	Waco, TX	University
35 *	Trevor Bollers	FB	6-1	230	Jr.	Edmonton, Alberta	McNally
36 *	Aaron Granquist	FB	6-4	240	Sr.	Osage, IA	Osage
37 *	Matt Hughes	LB	6-3	240	So.	Eastland, TX	Eastland
38 *	Zach Bromert	PK	5-10	185	So.	Pensacola, FL	Catholic
39	Chris Miller	DB	6-1	200	Jr.	Preston, IA	Preston
40	Paul Moten	DE	6-4	220	#Fr.	DeSoto, TX	DeSoto
41	Jeff Buch	FB	6-1	190	Fr.	Van Horne, IA	Benton Community
42	Tariq Peterson	DE	6-3	224	#Fr.	Kempner, TX	Copperas Cove
43	Tony Stratikopoulos	LB	6-1	225	Jr.	Montreal, Quebec	Vanier
44	Raj Clark	LB	6-2	240	#Fr.	Baytown, TX	Sterling
45	Henry Pollio	FB	6-2	220	Fr.	Montvale, NJ	St. Joseph
46 ***	Nick Gallery	P/TE	6-4	239	Sr.	Masonville, IA	East Buchanan
47 **	Brett Chambers	DE	6-3	225	Sr.	Council Bluffs, IA	Treynor
48	Ryan Loftin	DE	6-4	235	#Fr.	Waukee, IA	Waukee

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	High School
49	Jeff McCracken	LB	6-2	220	Fr.	Springfield, MO	Kickapoo
49	Kevin Kasper	WR	6-1	190	Fr.	Burr Ridge, IL	Hinsdale South
50	Jason Crooks	LB	6-2	235	#Fr.	Ft. Madison, IA	Ft. Madison
52	Steve English	DL	6-2	265	So.	Mt. Pleasant, IA	Mt. Pleasant
53	Jason Simon	OL	6-3	260	Jr.	Aplington, IA	Kirkwood JC
54	Brandon Phearse	LB	6-3	238	#Fr.	Garland, TX	Bishop Lynch
55 **	Jon LaFleur	DL	6-3	275	Jr.	Jefferson, SD	Sioux City Heelan
56 *	Vernon Rollins	LB	6-3	240	So.	Hackensack, NJ	Hackensack
57	Keith Rigtrup	OL	6-5	300	Jr.	Farmington, UT	Ricks CC
57	Eric Hultgren	LB	6-1	255	Jr.	East Aurora, IL	East Aurora
58	Jared Kerkhoff	OL	6-6	275	So.	Manning, IA	Manning
59	Scott Yoder	LB	6-2	230	Jr.	Grundy Center, IA	Grundy Center
60	John Wilder	OL	6-2	260	So.	Sioux City, IA	West
60	Aaron Tecklenburg	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	Marshalltown, IA	Marshalltown
61 *	Ted Serama	OL	6-4	295	Sr.	Sauk Village, IL	Bloom Trail
63 ***	Bill Reardon	OL	6-3	275	Sr.	Chicago, IL	Loyola Academy
64	Derek Rose	OL	6-4	270	So.	Naperville, IL	Central
66	Cory Bern	DL	6-3	275	Fr.	Spencer, IA	Spencer
67	Chad Deal	OL	6-5	285	#Fr.	Council Bluffs, IA	Lewis Central
68 **	Jeremy McKinney	OL	6-6	290	Jr.	Brighton, CO	Horizon
69	Shalor Pryor	OL	6-4	280	#Fr.	Stephenville, TX	Stephenville
70	Justin Craun	OL	6-6	285	Fr.	Weatherford, TX	Weatherford
70	Jason Indestad	DL	6-5	230	Fr.	Burlington, IA	Burlington
72	Epenesa Epenesa	DL	6-3	260	Jr.	American, Samoa	Iowa Wesleyan
72	Josh Burr	OL	6-7	285	#Fr.	Lancaster, WI	Lancaster
73 ***	Ross Verba	OL	6-4	295	Sr.	West Des Moines, IA	Dowling
74	Brian Keat	DL	6-2	255	Fr.	Carroll, IA	Carroll
76 *	Matt Reischl	OL	6-5	290	So.	Greendale, WI	Greendale
77	Joel Walsworth	OL	6-6	285	#Fr.	Dowagiac, MI	Dowagiac
78	Billy Brann	OL	6-4	280	Fr.	Blue Springs, MO	South
79 **	Mike Goff	OL	6-6	295	Jr.	Peru, IL	LaSalle-Peru
80	Zeron Flemister	TE	6-5	245	#Fr.	Sioux City, IA	West
81 *	Chris Knipper	TE	6-5	251	So.	Dyersville, IA	Beckman
82	Jed Dull	TE	6-3	232	#Fr.	LeMars, IA	Gehlen
83	Kyle Trippeer	TE	6-5	215	Fr.	Las Cruces, NM	Mayfield
84	Matt Markway	TE	6-4	230	Fr.	St. Louis, MO	Vianney
85 *	Michael Burger	RB	6-3	240	So.	Harlan, IA	Harlan
86	Austin Wheatley	TE	6-5	243	#Fr.	Milan, IL	Rock Island
88	Tony Collins	WR	6-0	175	#Fr.	Davenport, IA	Assumption
90 *	Aron Klein	DL	6-4	285	So.	Appleton, WI	West
91	Jay Bickford	DL	6-4	265	#Fr.	Hyde Park, NY	F.D. Roosevelt
92 **	Mark Mitchell	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	Iowa City, IA	City
92	Ryan McCormick	TE	6-2	220	So.	Mt. Pleasant, IA	Mt. Pleasant
93	Skip Miller	DE	6-5	215	Fr.	Lawton, IA	Lawton-Bronson
94 *	Jared DeVries	DL	6-4	265	So.	Aplington, IA	Aplington-Prkrsbrg
95	Evan Wardell	DE	6-4	225	#Fr.	Houston, TX	Hastings
95	Alexander Smith	TE	6-5	212	Fr.	Riverside, IL	Riverside Brookfield
96	Corey Brown	DL	6-2	275	#Fr.	Houston, TX	Willowridge
97	LeVar Woods	DE	6-3	215	Fr.	Inwood, IA	West Lyon
98	Ed Saidat	DL	6-7	255	#Fr.	Alsip, IL	Marist
99 **	Jon Ortlieb	DL	6-3	265	Sr.	Boca Raton, FL	Boca Raton

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23 **	Plez Atkins	DB	6-0	180	Jr.	Bartlett, TX	Bartlett
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66	Cory Bern	DL	6-3	275	Fr.	Spencer, IA	Spencer
91	Jay Bickford	DL	6-4	265	#Fr.	Hyde Park, NY	F.D. Roosevelt
35 *	Trevor Bollers	FB	6-1	230	Jr.	Edmonton, Alberta	McNally
19	Matt Bowen	DB	6-2	190	#Fr.	Glen Ellyn, IL	Glenbard West
78	Billy Brann	OL	6-4	280	Fr.	Blue Springs, MO	South
38 *	Zach Bromert	PK	5-10	185	So.	Pensacola, FL	Catholic
96	Corey Brown	DL	6-2	275	#Fr.	Houston, TX	Willowridge
41	Jeff Buch	FB	6-1	190	Fr.	Van Horne, IA	Benton Community
85 *	Michael Burger	RB	6-3	240	So.	Harlan, IA	Harlan
72	Josh Burr	OL	6-7	285	#Fr.	Lancaster, WI	Lancaster
4 *	Ricchard Carter	WR	6-0	190	Jr.	Passaic, NJ	Passaic
47 **	Brett Chambers	DE	6-3	225	Sr.	Council Bluffs, IA	Treynor
32	Jeff Clark	RB	5-11	190	So.	Lisbon, IA	Lisbon
44	Raj Clark	LB	6-2	240	#Fr.	Baytown, TX	Sterling
30 ***	Billy Coats	DB	5-11	185	Sr.	Grand Prairie, TX	Lamar
88	Tony Collins	WR	6-0	175	#Fr.	Davenport, IA	Assumption
15 **	Kerry Cooks	DB	6-0	200	Jr.	Irving, TX	Nimitz
70	Justin Craun	OL	6-6	285	Fr.	Weatherford, TX	Weatherford
50	Jason Crooks	LB	6-2	235	#Fr.	Ft. Madison, IA	Ft. Madison
67	Chad Deal	OL	6-5	285	#Fr.	Council Bluffs, IA	Lewis Central
94 *	Jared DeVries	DL	6-4	265	So.	Aplington, IA	Aplington-Prkrsbrg
7 **	Ryan Driscoll	QB	6-4	225	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, IA	Linn-Mar
82	Jed Dull	TE	6-3	232	#Fr.	LeMars, IA	Gehlen
6 **	Tim Dwight	WR	5-9	190	Jr.	Iowa City, IA	City
52	Steve English	DL	6-2	265	So.	Mt. Pleasant, IA	Mt. Pleasant
9 ***	Bill Ennis-Inge	DE	6-5	245	Sr.	Kirkwood, MO	Kirkwood
72	Epenesa Epenesa	DL	6-3	260	Jr.	American, Samoa	Iowa Wesleyan
34 ***	Rodney Filer	FB	6-2	225	Sr.	Waco, TX	University
80	Zeron Flemister	TE	6-5	245	#Fr.	Sioux City, IA	West
46 ***	Nick Gallery	P/TE	6-4	239	Sr.	Masonville, IA	East Buchanan
12	Jesse Ghere	DB	6-1	190	#Fr.	Nora Springs, IA	Nora Springs
18 *	Damon Gibson	WR	5-9	180	Jr.	Houston, TX	Forest Brook
26	Ed Gibson	DB	5-10	180	Jr.	Davenport, IA	Assumption
79 **	Mike Goff	OL	6-6	295	Jr.	Peru, IL	LaSalle-Peru
36 *	Aaron Granquist	FB	6-4	240	Sr.	Osage, IA	Osage
14	Ryan Hansen	QB	6-2	190	Fr.	Iowa City, IA	West
16	Kory Hauser	QB	6-5	212	So.	New Berlin, WI	West
17	Kurt Hintz	K	6-3	210	#Fr.	Antioch, IL	Antioch Community
2	Tarig Holman	DB	6-0	180	#Fr.	Randolph, NJ	Randolph
28 **	Jason House	DE	6-3	230	Jr.	Iowa City, IA	City
37 *	Matt Hughes	LB	6-3	240	So.	Eastland, TX	Eastland
57	Eric Hultgren	LB	6-1	255	Jr.	East Aurora, IL	East Aurora
20 ***	Brion Hurley	K/P	6-4	215	Sr.	Iowa City, IA	City
70	Jason Indestad	DL	6-5	230	Fr.	Burlington, IA	Burlington
49	Kevin Kasper	WR	6-1	190	Fr.	Burr Ridge, IL	Hinsdale South
74	Brian Keat	DL	6-2	255	Fr.	Carroll, IA	Carroll
58	Jared Kerkhoff	OL	6-6	275	So.	Manning, IA	Manning
90 *	Aron Klein	DL	6-4	285	So.	Appleton, WI	West
8 ***	Tom Knight	DB	5-11	190	Sr.	Marlton, NJ	Cherokee
81 *	Chris Knipper	TE	6-5	251	So.	Dyersville, IA	Beckman
55 **	Jon LaFleur	DL	6-3	275	Jr.	Jefferson, SD	Sioux City Heelan

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	High School
33 *	J.P. Lange	DB	6-1	180	Jr.	Hartland, WI	Arrowhead
48	Ryan Loftin	DE	6-4	235	#Fr.	Waukeg, IA	Waukeg
84	Matt Markway	TE	6-4	230	Fr.	St. Louis, MO	Vianney
92	Ryan McCormick	TE	6-2	220	So.	Mt. Pleasant, IA	Mt. Pleasant
49	Jeff McCracken	LB	6-2	220	Fr.	Springfield, MO	Kickapoo
68 **	Jeremy McKinney	OL	6-6	290	Jr.	Brighton, CO	Horizon
39	Chris Miller	DB	6-1	200	Jr.	Preston, IA	Preston
29	Doug Miller	RB	5-11	190	#Fr.	Mt. Pleasant, IA	Mt. Pleasant
93	Skip Miller	DE	6-5	215	Fr.	Lawton, IA	Lawton-Bronson
92 **	Mark Mitchell	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	Iowa City, IA	City
40	Paul Moten	DE	6-4	220	#Fr.	DeSoto, TX	DeSoto
17	Scott Mullen	QB	6-6	190	Fr.	Lansing, IL	T. F. South
10 ***	Demoseneeds Odems, III	WR	5-10	180	Sr.	Austin, TX	LBJ
99 **	Jon Ortlieb	DL	6-3	265	Sr.	Boca Raton, FL	Boca Raton
31	Bart Palmer	LB	6-2	215	#Fr.	Lexington, KY	Henry Clay
42	Tariq Peterson	DE	6-3	224	#Fr.	Kempner, TX	Copperas Cove
54	Brandon Phearse	LB	6-3	238	#Fr.	Garland, TX	Bishop Lynch
45	Henry Pollio	FB	6-2	220	Fr.	Montvale, NJ	St. Joseph
69	Shalor Pryor	OL	6-4	280	#Fr.	Stephenville, TX	Stephenville
63 ***	Bill Reardon	OL	6-3	275	Sr.	Chicago, IL	Loyola Academy
13	Randy Reiners	QB	6-3	200	#Fr.	Ft. Dodge, IA	Ft. Dodge
76 *	Matt Reischl	OL	6-5	290	So.	Greendale, WI	Greendale
27	Robbertto Rickards	DB	6-0	180	Fr.	Mt. Laurel, NJ	Lenape
57	Keith Rigtrup	OL	6-5	300	Jr.	Farmington, UT	Ricks CC
3 ***	Damien Robinson	DB	6-2	205	Sr.	Dallas, TX	Hillcrest
1	Alexe Rodopoulos	WR	6-3	200	#Fr.	Blue Springs, MO	Blue Springs
56 *	Vernon Rollins	LB	6-3	240	So.	Hackensack, NJ	Hackensack
64	Derek Rose	OL	6-4	270	So.	Naperville, IL	Central
98	Ed Saidat	DL	6-7	255	#Fr.	Alsip, IL	Marist
61 *	Ted Serama	OL	6-4	295	Sr.	Sauk Village, IL	Bloom Trail
5 ***	Sedrick Shaw	RB	6-1	210	Sr.	Austin, TX	LBJ
7	Zach Shay	DB	6-0	185	So.	Galesburg, IL	Galesburg
12 **	Matt Sherman	QB	6-3	212	Jr.	St. Ansgar, IA	St. Ansgar
53	Jason Simon	OL	6-3	260	Jr.	Aplington, IA	Kirkwood JC
11	Joe Slattery	WR	6-0	180	#Fr.	Pocahontas, IA	Pocahontas
95	Alexander Smith	TE	6-5	212	Fr.	Riverside, IL	Riverside Brookfield
43	Tony Stratikopoulos	LB	6-1	225	Jr.	Montreal, Quebec	Vanier
60	Aaron Tecklenburg	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	Marshalltown, IA	Marshalltown
31	Rob Thein	RB	6-0	220	#Fr.	Iowa City, IA	City
21 *	Eric Thigpen	DB	6-1	195	So.	Dolton, IL	Thornridge
14	Trent Tiessen	DB	5-11	180	So.	Council Bluffs, IA	Lewis Central
83	Kyle Trippier	TE	6-5	215	Fr.	Las Cruces, NM	Mayfield
73 ***	Ross Verba	OL	6-4	295	Sr.	West Des Moines, IA	Dowling
77	Joel Walsworth	OL	6-6	285	#Fr.	Dowagiac, MI	Dowagiac
95	Evan Wardell	DE	6-4	225	#Fr.	Houston, TX	Hastings
86	Austin Wheatley	TE	6-5	243	#Fr.	Milan, IL	Rock Island
60	John Wilder	OL	6-2	260	So.	Sioux City, IA	West
25 *	Richard Willock	WR	6-2	195	Jr.	Chicago, IL	Leo
13	L.J. Wise	DB	5-10	175	#Fr.	Bellefontaine, OH	Bellefontaine
97	LeVar Woods	DE	6-3	215	Fr.	Inwood, IA	West Lyon
2	Bashir Yamini	WR	6-4	160	Fr.	Dolton, IL	Thornridge
59	Scott Yoder	LB	6-2	230	Jr.	Grundy Center, IA	Grundy Center

* indicates letters won

Post Season Depth Chart

Offense				Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School)
Pos.	No.		Name				
SE	10	***	Demo Odems	5-10	175	Sen.	Austin, TX (LBJ)
	18	*	Damon Gibson	5-9	180	Jun.	Houston, TX (Forest Brook)
LT	73	***	Ross Verba	6-4	285	Sen.	West Des Moines, IA (Dowling)
	61	*	Ted Serama	6-4	295	Sen.	Sauk Village, IL (Bloom Trail)
LG	76	*	Matt Reischl	6-5	285	Soph.	Greendale, WI (HS)
	69		Shalor Pryor	6-4	280	#Fresh.	Stephenville, TX (HS)
C	63	***	Bill Reardon	6-3	265	Sen.	Chicago, IL (Loyola Academy)
	67		Chad Deal	6-5	280	#Fresh.	Council Bluffs, IA (Lewis Cent.)
RG	64		Derek Rose	6-4	265	Soph.	Naperville, IL (Central)
	79	**	Mike Goff	6-6	290	Jun.	Peru, IL (LaSalle-Peru)
RT	68	**	Jeremy McKinney	6-6	285	Jun.	Brighton, CO (Horizon)
	57		Keith Rigtrup	6-5	300	Jun.	Farmington, UT (Ricks JC)
TE	81		Chris Knipper	6-5	241	Soph.	Dyersville, IA (Beckman)
	80		Zeron Flemister	6-5	215	#Fresh.	Sioux City, IA (West)
QB	12	**	Matt Sherman	6-3	207	Jun.	St. Ansgar, IA (HS)
	7	**	Ryan Driscoll	6-4	220	Sen.	Cedar Rapids, IA (Linn-Mar)
FL	6	**	Tim Dwight	5-9	190	Jun.	Iowa City, IA (City)
	4	*	Ricard Carter	6-0	190	Jun.	Passaic, NJ (HS)
RB	25	*	Richard Willock	6-2	195	Jr.	Chicago, IL (Leo)
	5	***	Sedrick Shaw	6-1	195	Sen.	Austin, TX (LBJ)
FB	22	**	Tavian Banks	5-11	190	Jun.	Bettendorf, IA (Bettendorf)
	85	*	Michael Burger	6-3	229	Soph.	Harlan, IA (HS)
OR	34	***	Rodney Filer	6-2	225	Sen.	Osage, IA (HS)
	38	*	Zach Bromert	5-10	180	Soph.	Waco, TX (University)
PK	20	***	Brion Hurley	6-4	220	Sen.	Pensacola, FL (Catholic)
							Iowa City, IA (City)
Defense				Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School)
Pos.	No.		Name				
LE	47	**	Brett Chambers	6-3	225	Sen.	Council Bluffs, IA (Treyner)
	28	**	Jason House	6-3	225	Jun.	Iowa City, IA (City)
LT	42		Tariq Peterson	6-3	224	#Fr.	Kempner, TX (Copperas Cove)
	94	*	Jared DeVries	6-4	260	Soph.	Aplington, IA (Aplington-Prksbrg.)
NG	98		Ed Saidat	6-7	255	#Fresh.	Alsip, IL (Marist)
	90	*	Aron Klein	6-4	270	Soph.	Appleton, WI (West)
RT	96		Corey Brown	6-2	265	#Fresh.	Houston, TX (Willowridge)
	55	**	Jon LaFleur	6-3	275	Jun.	Jefferson, SD (Sioux City Heelan)
RE	99	**	Jon Ortlieb	6-3	260	Sen.	Boca Raton, FL (HS)
	9	***	Bill Ennis-Inge	6-5	245	Sen.	Kirkwood, MO (HS)
LB	48		Ryan Loftin	6-4	235	#Fresh.	Waukegan, IA (HS)
	37	*	Matt Hughes	6-3	235	Soph.	Eastland, TX (HS)
LB	50		Jason Crooks	6-1	200	#Fresh.	Ft. Madison, IA (HS)
	44		Raj Clark	6-2	240	#Fr.	Baytown, TX (Sterling)
LC	56	*	Vernon Rollins	6-3	235	Soph.	Hackensack, NJ (HS)
	92	**	Mark Mitchell	6-2	230	Sen.	Iowa City, IA (City)
SS	8	***	Tom Knight	5-11	190	Sen.	Marlton, NJ (Cherokee)
	30	***	Billy Coats	5-11	185	Sen.	Grand Prairie, TX (Lamar)
FS	15	**	Kerry Cooks	6-0	185	Jun.	Irving, TX (Nimitz)
	19		Matt Bowen	6-2	190	#Fresh.	Glen Ellyn, IL (Glenbard West)
RC	3	***	Damien Robinson	6-2	205	Sen.	Dallas, TX (Hillcrest)
	21	*	Eric Thigpen	6-1	190	Soph.	Dolton, IL (Thornridge)
PT	33	*	J.P. Lange	6-1	180	Jr.	Hartland, WI (Arrowhead)
	23	**	Plez Atkins	6-0	180	Jun.	Bartlett, TX (HS)
PT	26	*	Ed Gibson	5-10	180	Jun.	Davenport, IA (Assumption)
	46	***	Nick Gallery	6-4	239	Sen.	Masonville, IA (East Buchanan)
Deep Snaps:	20	***	Brion Hurley	6-4	220	Sen.	Iowa City, IA (City)
	63	***	Bill Reardon				
Punt Returns:	73	***	Ross Verba				
	6	**	Tim Dwight				
KO Returns:	10	***	Demo Odems				

- - denotes redshirt freshman

Holder: 7 ** Ryan Driscoll
13 Randy Reiners

KO Returns: 6 ** Tim Dwight
4 * Ricard Carter

* indicates letters earned

Game-by-Game Statistics

Date	Opponent	Result	Attendance
Sept. 7	Arizona	W, 21-20	68,267
Sept. 14	Iowa State	W, 38-13	70,397
Sept. 21	at Tulsa	L, 20-27	27,788
*Oct. 5	Michigan State	W, 37-30	70,397
*Oct. 12	at Indiana	W, 31-10	37,154
*Oct. 19	at Penn State	W, 21-20	96,230
*Oct. 26	Ohio State	L, 26-38	70,397
*Nov. 2	at Illinois	W, 31-21	54,381
*Nov. 9	Northwestern	L, 13-40	70,397
*Nov. 17	Wisconsin	W, 31-0	66,570
*Nov. 23	at Minnesota	W, 43-24	53,349

* - - Big Ten

Overall Record:	8-3	Home Record:	4-2
Big Ten Record:	6-2 (T3rd)	Away Record:	4-1

Overall Attendance:	685,327	Average:	62,303
Home Attendance:	416,425	Average:	69,404
Away Attendance:	268,902	Average:	53,780

Score by Quarters

Iowa	58	99	94	61 — 312
Opponent	78	60	74	31 — 243

Team Statistics

	Iowa	Opp.
First Downs		
By rushing	92	94
By passing	86	83
By penalty	12	14
Total	190	191
Rushing		
Attempts	471	433
Yards Gained	2322	2067
Yards Lost	385	438
Net Yards	1937	1629
Avg./Game	176.1	148.1
Passing		
Completions/Attempts	158/276	155/329
Percentage	.573	.471
Yards Gained	1981	1862
Avg./Game	180.1	169.3
Had Intercepted	12	16
Touchdowns	12	13



1996 Statistics

Total Offense

Plays/Yards	747/3918	762/3491
Avg/Game	356.2	317.4

Punting

Number/Yards	54/2281	71/2895
Avg/Punt	42.2	40.8

Returns

Punt	35/565/16.1	25/304/12.2
Kickoff	32/623/19.8	41/732/17.9
Interception	16/294/18.4	12/78/6.5

Fumbles

Number/Lost	22/12	34/16
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Penalties

Number/Yards	66/517	53/388
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Scoring

Touchdowns	40	30
PATs (1-point)	35	27
PATs (2-point)	1	0
Field Goals	11	12
Safties	1	0
Points/avg	312/28.4	243/22.1

Third-down Conversions

Made/att/pct.	71/178/2.507	57/180/3.158
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Net Punting

	Punts	Yds	Avg	Opp. Ret-Yds.	Avg	Net Avg
Iowa	54	2,281	42.2	25-304	12.2	36.6
Opponent	71	2,895	40.8	35-565	16.1	32.8



1996 Offensive Statistics

Rushing

Player	G/GS	Att.	Net	Loss	Avg.	TDs	Lng
Shaw	10/9	204	1003	64	4.9	8	50
Banks	11/2	131	599	39	4.6	9	89
Burger	11/11	47	261	13	5.6	2	64
Granquist	11/0	8	77	0	9.6	0	27
Dwight	11/11	9	68	8	7.6	3	19
Odems	11/11	2	36	0	18.0	0	23
Filer	11/0	7	34	1	4.9	0	28
Thein	11/0	3	13	1	4.3	0	10
Driscoll	8/0	5	11	3	2.2	0	13
Miller	3/0	1	-1	1	-1.0	0	0
Willock	11/0	1	2	3	-2.0	1	1
Sherman	11/11	53	-162	252	-3.1	0	11
Iowa	11/11	471	1937	385	4.1	23	89
Opponents	11/11	433	1629	438	3.8	15	61

Passing

Player	G/GS	Com.-Att.-Int.	Pct.	Yards	TDs	Lng
Sherman	11/11	145-248-10	.585	1792	12	65
Driscoll	8/0	11-24-1	.458	147	0	27
Thein	11/0	1-1-0	1.000	25	0	25
Gallery	11/2	1-1-0	1.000	17	0	17
Dwight	11/11	0-2-1	.000	0	0	0
Iowa	11/11	158-276-12	.573	1981	12	65
Opponent	11/11	155-329-16	.471	1862	13	59

Receiving

Player	G/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Lng
Dwight	11/11	45	646	14.4	4	65
Banks	11/2	21	137	6.5	1	33
Odems	11/11	18	262	14.6	0	54
D. Gibson	9/0	16	257	16.1	3	45
Knipper	10/10	14	173	12.4	3	35
Shaw	10/9	13	78	6.0	1	10
Carter	11/0	9	148	16.4	0	38
Burger	11/11	6	52	8.7	0	36
Willock	11/0	5	97	19.4	0	30
Flemister	7/1	5	66	13.2	0	17
Granquist	11/0	4	19	4.8	0	6
Dull	9/0	2	46	23.0	0	30
Iowa	11/11	158	1981	12.5	12	65
Opponent	11/11	155	1862	12.0	13	59



1996 Statistics

Punting

Player	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	Blk	Lng
Hurley	11	10	325	32.5	0	41
Gallery	11	44	1956	44.5	1	73
Iowa	11	54	2281	42.2	1	73
Opponent	11	71	2895	40.8	0	66

Scoring

Player	G	TDs	PATs	FGs	Pts	Avg
Banks	11	10	1	0	62	5.6
Shaw	10	9	0	0	54	5.4
Dwight	11	9	0	0	54	4.9
Bromert	11	0	35	6	53	4.8
D. Gibson	9	3	0	0	18	2.0
Knipper	10	3	0	0	18	1.8
Hurley	11	0	0	5	15	1.4
Rollins	11	2	0	0	12	1.1
Burger	11	2	0	0	12	1.1
Willock	11	1	0	0	6	.6
Knight	11	1	0	0	6	.6
Iowa	11	40	35	11	312	28.4
Opponent	11	30	27	12	243	22.1

Punt Returns

Player	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Lng
Dwight	11	22	417	19.0	2	86
Odems	11	10	143	14.3	0	44
Robinson	11	1	0	.0	0	0
Banks	11	1	5	5.0	0	5
E. Gibson	11	1	0	.0	0	0
Iowa	11	35	565	16.1	2	86
Opponent	11	25	304	12.2	2	36

Interception Returns

Player	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Lng
Robinson	11	6	99	16.5	0	27
Knight	11	4	80	20.0	1	57
Cooks	11	1	20	20.0	0	20
Thigpen	7	1	2	2.0	0	2
Atkins	11	1	35	35.0	0	35
Hughes	11	1	38	38.0	0	38
Chambers	11	1	0	0.0	0	0
Rollins	11	1	20	20.0	1	20
Iowa	11	16	294	18.4	2	57
Opponent	11	12	78	6.5	0	25

Kickoff Returns

Player	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Lng
Dwight	11	12	227	18.9	0	25
Carter	11	11	281	25.6	0	75
Robinson	11	4	51	12.8	0	21
Banks	11	2	44	22.0	0	22
E. Gibson	11	1	25	25.0	0	25
Lange	2	1	0	.0	0	0
Bollers	7	1	4	4.0	0	4
Iowa	11	32	632	19.8	0	75
Opponent	11	41	732	17.9	0	37

Field Goals

Player	G	0-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-+	Total	Lng
Bromert	11	0-0	2-2	4-5	0-1	0	6-8	39
Hurley	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-6	3-5	5-11	54
Iowa	11	0	2-2	4-5	2-7	3-5	11-19	54
Opponent	11	0-0	6-7	3-4	1-1	2-2	12-14	52

Game by Game Statistics

Game	Score	First Downs	Rushing Att-Net	Pass. Yards	Passing	Total Offense	Punts-Avg.	Fum.-Lost	Pen. Yds.
at Iowa	21	15	48-123	81	10-17-0	65-204	7-42.3	3-2	5-24
Arizona	20	12	35-75	181	14-23-1	57-256	4-46.8	5-4	5-26
at Iowa	38	25	42-301	235	20-30-1	72-536	6-37.8	5-3	6-41
Iowa State	13	14	39-165	125	12-27-1	66-290	10-40.7	3-2	6-40
Iowa	20	14	48-217	149	10-21-0	69-366	6-40.2	2-0	5-50
at Tulsa	27	23	42-107	357	22-38-1	80-464	7-40.4	4-1	4-30
at Iowa	37	15	39-138	177	10-19-1	58-315	4-43.0	0-0	3-35
Mich. State	30	24	52-236	163	12-25-2	77-399	5-38.0	6-1	9-59
Iowa	31	23	50-207	243	16-30-2	80-450	3-35.3	1-1	2-10
at Indiana	10	16	29-70	220	22-43-4	72-290	7-45.4	2-0	7-55
Iowa	21	8	38-131	129	9-21-0	59-260	9-42.7	1-1	9-65
at Penn State	20	16	47-217	106	10-30-0	77-323	9-36.2	3-2	1-16
at Iowa	26	19	35-104	192	18-38-4	73-296	3-37.3	2-1	6-49
Ohio State	38	16	48-252	91	8-21-0	69-343	7-38.7	1-1	4-35
Iowa	31	15	50-203	117	15-22-2	72-320	7-37.4	2-1	10-85
at Illinois	21	20	36-109	163	15-37-3	73-272	6-44.3	2-1	1-3
at Iowa	13	19	30-110	255	16-32-2	62-365	6-38.0	1-1	10-87
Northwestern	40	22	48-297	119	12-22-0	70-416	4-41.0	1-0	6-49
at Iowa	31	19	46-176	177	17-25-0	71-353	2-58.0	0-0	5-30
Wisconsin	0	8	31-26	102	11-16-2	47-128	6-43.7	4-3	5-40
Iowa	43	18	45-227	226	17-21-0	66-453	3-45.7	5-2	5-41
at Minnesota	24	20	26-75	235	17-47-2	73-210	6-36.5	3-1	5-35

Defensive Statistics

Player	G/GS	Solo-Ast.	Total	T/Loss	Sacks	Fum.	PBU
Hughes	11/11	84-43	127	10/60	5/49	2	7
Rollins	11/11	72-44	116	6/32	3/28	1	3
Robinson	11/11	61-44	105	3/6	0/0	1	13
Cooks	11/11	41-22	63	2/5	2/5	0	11
Ennis-Inge	11/10	36-26	62	15/103	10/81	2	4
DeVries	11/11	38-23	61	19/120	11/92	2	5
LaFleur	11/9	30-26	56	11/28	3/11	1	3
Knight	11/11	39-14	53	0/0	0/0	1	12
Atkins	11/11	31-17	48	2/5	0/0	0	7
Klein	11/11	19-20	39	5/9	0/0	1	3
Chambers	11/11	17-16	33	4/19	4/19	1	3
House	10/1	15-8	23	3/17	2/16	1	3
Ortlieb	11/2	13-10	23	4/17	3/16	1	2
Brown	11/0	9-8	17	1/2	0/0	0	1
Mitchell	8/0	3-10	13	0/0	0/0	0	0
E. Gibson	11/0	10-2	12	0/0	0/0	0	0
Miller	9/0	8-2	10	0/0	0/0	1	0
Loftin	9/0	4-4	8	0/0	0/0	0	0
Thigpen	7/0	4-3	7	0/0	0/0	0	1
Dull	9/0	5-2	7	0/0	0/0	0	0
Coats	7/0	5-1	6	0/0	0/0	0	0
Thein	11/0	2-4	6	0/0	0/0	0	0
Clark	5/0	3-3	6	0/0	0/0	0	0
Willock	11/0	4-1	5	0/0	0/0	1	0
Bowen	7/0	1-2	3	0/0	0/0	0	0
Filer	11/0	2-1	3	0/0	0/0	0	0
Shaw	10/9	3-0	3	0/0	0/0	0	0
English	4/0	3-0	3	2/2	1/1	0	0
Granquist	11/0	2-0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0
Knipper	10/10	2-0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0
Burger	11/11	2-0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0
Carter	11/0	2-0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0
Dwight	11/11	2-0	2	0/0	0/0	1	0
Bollers	7/0	0-1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0
Sherman	11/11	1-0	1	0/0	0/0	2	0
Gallery	11/2	0-1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0
Gibson	9/0	1-0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0
Miller	3/0	1-0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0
Phearse	1/0	1-0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0
Reardon	6/6	1-0	1	0/0	0/0	1	0
Epenesa	2/0	1-0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0
Flemister	7/1	1-0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0
Banks	11/2	1-1	1	0/0	0/0	1	0
Lange	2/0	1-0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0
Driscoll	8/0	0-0	0	0/0	0/0	1	0
Peterson	2/0	0-0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0
Iowa	11	581-358	939	87/425	44/318	22	78
Opponent	11	566-280	846	82/368	25/218	18	40

Individual

Points	18
Rushing Attempts	32 (159 yds.)
Yards Rushing	182 (18 att.)
Pass Attempts	37 (18 comp.)
Pass Completions	18 (37 att.)
Yards Passing	255
Receptions	8
Yards Receiving	188 (8 catches)
Yards Total Offense	249
All-Purpose Yards	245
Yards Punt Returns	131 (3 returns)
Yards Kickoff Returns	88 (4 returns)
Field Goals Made	one
Extra Points	5 (5 att.)
Interceptions	one

Banks vs. Iowa State & Indiana; Shaw vs. Wisconsin
 Sedrick Shaw vs. Illinois
 Tavian Banks vs. Iowa State
 Matt Sherman vs. Ohio State
 Matt Sherman vs. Ohio State
 Matt Sherman vs. Northwestern
 Tim Dwight vs. Northwestern & Wisconsin
 Tim Dwight vs. Northwestern
 Matt Sherman vs. Northwestern
 Tim Dwight vs. Northwestern
 Tim Dwight vs. Ohio State
 Ricchard Carter vs. Michigan State
 Brion Hurley vs. five teams
 Zach Bromert vs. six teams
 Zach Bromert vs. Iowa State and Minnesota
 Damien Robinson six times;
 Tom Knight four times
 Matt Hughes, Eric Thigpen, Vernon Rollins, Brett Chambers,
 Plez Atkins and Kerry Cooks, once

Team Offense (Iowa highs)

Points	43
Rushing Attempts	50
Net Yards Rushing	301 (42 att.)
Pass Attempts	38
Pass Completions	20 (30 att.)
Yards Passing	255
Yards Total Offense	536
Total Plays	80
First Downs	25

vs. Minnesota
 vs. Indiana & Illinois
 vs. Iowa State
 vs. Ohio State
 vs. Iowa State
 vs. Northwestern
 vs. Iowa State
 vs. Indiana
 vs. Iowa State

Team Defense (opponents lows)

Points	Zero
Rushing Attempts	26 (75 yds.)
Yards Rushing	26 (31 att.)
Pass Attempts	16 (11 comp.)
Pass Completions	8 (21 att.)
Yards Passing	102
Yards Total Offense	128
Total Plays	47
First Downs	8

by Wisconsin
 by Minnesota
 by Wisconsin
 by Wisconsin
 by Ohio State
 by Wisconsin
 by Wisconsin
 by Wisconsin
 by Wisconsin

Longest Plays

Run	89 (TD)
Pass	65
Field Goal	54
Punt	73
Interception Return	57 (TD)
Punt Return	86 (TD)
Kickoff Return	75
Scoring drive	92 (9 plays)
Non-scoring drive	87 (15 plays)

Tavian Banks vs. Iowa State
 Matt Sherman to Tim Dwight vs. Penn State
 Brion Hurley vs. Iowa State
 Nick Gallery vs. Ohio State
 Tom Knight vs. Indiana
 Tim Dwight vs. Ohio State
 Ricchard Carter vs. Iowa State
 vs. Ohio State
 vs. Northwestern

A kickoff was returned for a TD . . .

by Iowa — Ernest Crank (43 yards), vs. Northwestern, 11/14/92
by an opponent — Ira Mathews (100 yards), Wisconsin, 11/6/76

A punt was returned for a TD . . .

by Iowa -- Tim Dwight (86 yards), vs. Ohio State, 10/26/96
by Iowa -- Bo Porter (1 yard after block), vs. Northwestern, 11/12/94
by an opponent -- Kevin Griffin (rec. blocked punt), Ohio State, 10/26/96

An interception was returned for a TD . . .

by Iowa -- Vernon Rollins (20 yards), vs. Illinois, 11/2/96
by an opponent -- Shawn Springs (60 yards), Ohio State, 10/28/95

A fumble was returned for a TD . . .

by Iowa -- Vernon Rollins (fumble in endzone) vs. Arizona, 9/7/96
by an opponent -- Hudhaifa Ismaeli (31 yards), Northwestern, 11/11/95

A safety was scored . . .

by Iowa -- Bad snap out of endzone by Minnesota, 11/23/96
by an opponent -- Illinois, 10/16/93 (Iowa fumble out of endzone)

A player rushed for over 200 yards . . .

by Iowa -- Sedrick Shaw (41-214 yards), vs. Wisconsin, 11/18/95
by an opponent -- Darnell Autry (240 yards), Northwestern, 11/9/96

A player passed for over 300 yards . . .

by Iowa -- Matt Sherman (334 yards) vs. Ohio State, 10/28/95
by an opponent -- John Fitzgerald (357 yards), Tulsa, 9/21/96

A player scored four TDs . . .

by Iowa -- Mike Saunders (three rush, one recep.), vs. Indiana, 11/9/91
by an opponent -- Darnell Autry (3 rush, 1 rec.), Northwestern, 11/9/96

A team rushed for over 400 yards . . .

by Iowa -- vs. Cincinnati (455 yards), 9/15/90
by an opponent -- Michigan (480 yards), 10/3/92

A team passed for over 400 yards . . .

by Iowa -- vs. No. Carolina State (428 yards), 12/31/88
by an opponent -- Miami (433 yards), 9/5/92

A team gained over 600 yards of total offense . . .

by Iowa -- vs. New Mexico State (612 yards), 9/30/95
by an opponent -- Purdue (607 yards), 11/8/80

A team scored over 50 points . . .

by Iowa -- vs. New Mexico State (59 points), 9/30/95
by an opponent -- Ohio State (56 points), 10/28/95

A team was held under 50 yards rushing . . .

by Iowa -- vs. Wisconsin (26 yards), 11/16/96
by an opponent -- Illinois (20 yards), 11/4/95

A team was held under 100 yards passing . . .

by Iowa -- vs. Northwestern (82 yards), 11/11/95
by an opponent -- Arizona (81 yards), 9/7/96

A team was held under 200 yards of total offense . . .

by Iowa -- vs. Wisconsin (128 yards), 11/16/96
by an opponent -- California (90 yards), 1993

Largest Margins

Iowa Victories

Opponent, year	Score	Mar.
Iowa Teachers, 1914	95-0	95
Coe, 1908	92-0	92
Iowa Wesleyan, 1890	91-0	91
Cornell, 1904	88-0	88
Cornell, 1913	76-0	76
Des Moines, 1905	72-0	72
Northwestern, 1913	78-6	72
Grinnell, 1904	69-0	69
Iowa Teachers, 1900	68-0	68
Northwestern, 1981	64-0	64
Cornell, 1920	63-0	63
UTEP, 1986	69-7	62
Grinnell, 1900	63-2	61
Washington (Mo.), 1902	61-0	61
Knox, 1922	61-0	61
Cornell, 1894	60-0	60
Indiana, 1913	60-0	60
North Dakota St., 1947	59-0	59
Illinois, 1985	59-0	59
Cornell, 1891	64-6	58
Illinois, 1899	58-0	58
Drake, 1985	58-0	58
Upper Iowa, 1900	57-0	57
Coe, 1893	56-0	56
Purdue, 1922	56-0	56
Utah State, 1957	70-14	56
Ripon, 1928	61-6	55
Iowa State, 1985	57-3	54
Northern Illinois, 1986	57-3	54
Cincinnati, 1990	63-10	53
Kansas State, 1959	53-0	53
Minnesota, 1983	61-10	51
Northern Illinois, 1991	58-7	51

Iowa Defeats

Opponent, year	Score	Mar.
Michigan, 1902	0-107	107
Illinois, 1902	0-80	80
Minnesota, 1903	0-75	75
Minnesota, 1916	0-6	767
Denver A.C., 1893	0-58	58
Nebraska, 1980	0-57	57
Michigan, 1971	7-63	56
Michigan, 1970	0-55	55
USC, 1976	0-55	55
Kansas, 1895	0-54	54
Minnesota, 1936	0-52	52
Notre Dame, 1967	6-56	50
Illinois, 1973	0-50	50

Offense

Opponent	SE	TE	OT	OG	C	OG	OT	QB	RB	FB	FL
Arizona	Odems	Knipper	Verba	Reischl	Reardon	Goff	McKinney	Sherman	Shaw	Burger	Dwight
Iowa State	Odems	Knipper	Verba	Reischl	Reardon	Rose	McKinney	Sherman	Shaw	Burger	Dwight
Tulsa	Odems	Flemister	Verba	Reischl	Reardon	Rose	McKinney	Sherman	Banks	Burger	Dwight
Mich. State	Odems	Knipper	Verba	Reischl	Reardon	Rose	McKinney	Sherman	Shaw	Burger	Dwight
Indiana	Odems	Knipper	Verba	Reischl	Reardon	Rose	McKinney	Sherman	Shaw	Burger	Dwight
Penn State	Odems	Knipper	Verba	Reischl	Reardon	Rose	McKinney	Sherman	Banks	Burger	Dwight
Ohio State	Odems	Knipper	Verba	Reischl	Reardon	Rose	McKinney	Sherman	Shaw	Burger	Dwight
Illinois	Odems	Knipper	Verba	Reischl	Reardon	Rose	McKinney	Sherman	Shaw	Burger	Dwight
Northwestern	Odems	Knipper	Verba	Reischl	Reardon	Rose	McKinney	Sherman	Shaw	Burger	Dwight
Wisconsin	Odems	Knipper	Verba	Reischl	Reardon	Rose	McKinney	Sherman	Shaw	Burger	Dwight
Minnesota	Odems	Knipper	Verba	Reischl	Reardon	Rose	McKinney	Sherman	Shaw	Burger	Dwight

Defense

Opponent	DE	DL	DL	DL	DE	LB	LB	CB	CB	SS	FS
Arizona	Chambers	DeVries	Klein	Ortlieb	House	Rollins	Hughes	Knight	Atkins	Cooks	Robinson
Iowa State	Chambers	DeVries	Klein	Ortlieb	Ennis-Inge	Rollins	Hughes	Knight	Atkins	Cooks	Robinson
Tulsa	Chambers	DeVries	Klein	LaFleur	Ennis-Inge	Rollins	Hughes	Knight	Atkins	Cooks	Robinson
Mich. State	Chambers	DeVries	Klein	LaFleur	Ennis-Inge	Rollins	Hughes	Knight	Atkins	Cooks	Robinson
Indiana	Chambers	DeVries	Klein	LaFleur	Ennis-Inge	Rollins	Hughes	Knight	Atkins	Cooks	Robinson
Penn State	Chambers	DeVries	Klein	LaFleur	Ennis-Inge	Rollins	Hughes	Knight	Atkins	Cooks	Robinson
Ohio State	Chambers	DeVries	Klein	LaFleur	Ennis-Inge	Rollins	Hughes	Knight	Atkins	Cooks	Robinson
Illinois	Chambers	DeVries	Klein	LaFleur	Ennis-Inge	Rollins	Hughes	Knight	Atkins	Cooks	Robinson
Northwestern	Chambers	DeVries	Klein	LaFleur	Ennis-Inge	Rollins	Hughes	Knight	Atkins	Cooks	Robinson
Wisconsin	Chambers	DeVries	Klein	LaFleur	Ennis-Inge	Rollins	Hughes	Knight	Atkins	Cooks	Robinson
Minnesota	Chambers	DeVries	Klein	LaFleur	Ennis-Inge	Rollins	Hughes	Knight	Atkins	Cooks	Robinson

1996 Big Ten Standings

	Team	Big Ten			All Games		
		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
1.	Ohio State	7	1	.875	10	1	.909
	Northwestern	7	1	.875	9	2	.818
3.	IOWA	6	2	.750	8	3	.727
	Penn State	6	2	.750	10	2	.833
5.	Michigan	5	3	.625	8	3	.727
	Michigan State	5	3	.625	6	5	.545
7.	Wisconsin	3	5	.375	7	5	.583
8.	Purdue	2	6	.250	3	8	.273
9.	Minnesota	1	7	.125	4	7	.364
	Indiana	1	7	.125	3	8	.273
	Illinois	1	7	.125	2	9	.182

Iowa 21, Arizona 20

Sept. 7, 1996, Kinnick Stadium, Iowa City, Iowa

Arizona	7	0	10	3	20
IOWA	0	14	7	0	21

GAME RECAP

Iowa took a page from Arizona's vaunted "Desert Swarm" defensive game book to record three turnovers - all resulting in touchdowns - and edge the Wildcats 21-20. The Hawkeyes spotted Arizona an early 7-0 lead on Mike Lucky's one-yard scoring catch in the first quarter before turning up the heat. In a 30-second time span, the Iowa defense forced two fumbles near the Arizona goal line. Linebacker Vernon Rollins pounced on a fumble in the end zone for Iowa's first score. Ten seconds later, Bill Ennis-Inge caused another fumble by Wildcat quarterback Brady Batten. Iowa quarterback Matt Sherman connected with Damon Gibson two plays later to put Iowa up for good, 14-7. Tom Knight intercepted Keith Smith on the first play of the third quarter to set up a Sedrick Shaw touchdown six plays later. Arizona narrowed the margin to 21-20 on a 39-yard Matt Peyton field goal, but Iowa used most of the remaining eight minutes with a time-consuming drive. Rollins finished the game with eight tackles and was named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week. Hughes added six tackles, and Ennis-Inge had five tackles and two sacks.

SCORING

A - Lucky 1 pass from Keith Smith (Peyton kick)

I - Rollins 0 fumble return (Bromert kick)

I - Gibson 18 pass from Sherman (Bromert kick)

I - Shaw 1 run (Bromert kick)

A - Peyton 50 FG

A - Keith Smith 20 run (Peyton kick)

A - Peyton 39 FG

Attendance: 68,267

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING - Arizona: Schmidtke 6-24, Taylor 9-23, K. Smith 7-22. Iowa: Shaw 23-115, Banks 12-45, Burger 4-11.

PASSING - Arizona: K. Smith 9-15-1-89, Batten 5-8-0-93. Iowa: Sherman 10-17-0-81.

RECEIVING - Arizona: Sprotte 4-23, Dice 4-41, Metzler 2-66. Iowa: Dwight 4-15, Shaw 2-15, Gibson 1-15, Knipper 1-19.

TACKLES - Arizona: M. Smith 8, Salave'a 7, Greer 5. Iowa: Rollins 8, Hughes 6, Ennis-Inge 5, Knight 5.



Senior running back Sedrick Shaw carried the ball 23 times for 115 yards and a touchdown against the "swarming" Arizona defense.

ARIZONA GAME MVP's

Offense	Sedrick Shaw
Defense	Vernon Rollins
	Jared DeVries
Special Teams	Richard Willock
Offensive Hustle	Matt Reischl
	Tim Dwight
Defensive Hustle	Kerry Cooks
Scout Team Offense	Tony Collins
Scout Team Defense	Skip Miller

HAYDEN SAID:

"We played an extremely physical game. It wasn't a pretty one, but it was a hard-nosed win. I'm very proud of our team and the character they showed."

ARIZONA	TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA
12	First Downs	15
35-75	Rushes-Yards	48-123
181	Passing Yards	81
256	Total Offense	204
14-23-1	Passes	12-17-0
4-46.8	Punts-average	7-42.3
5-4	Fumbles-lost	3-2
5-26	Penalties-yards	5-24
30:52	Possession time	29:08

Iowa 38, Iowa State 13

Sept. 14, 1996, Kinnick Stadium, Iowa City, Iowa

Iowa State	0	0	13	0	13
IOWA	7	17	14	0	38

GAME RECAP

With nine seconds remaining in the first quarter, Tavian Banks broke through the Iowa State defense for an 89-yard scoring run - the longest of his career - to put Iowa up 7-0. The Hawkeyes never looked back as they went on to beat the Cyclones for the 14th-consecutive year, 38-13. Banks, who went on to post a career-high 182 yards on 18 carries, finished with three rushing touchdowns. His efforts won him Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week honors. Tim Dwight finally broke loose for a score, but not through the air. The junior receiver charged through the middle for a 5-yard scoring run in the third quarter. Matt Sherman also connected with Damon Gibson for a 42-yard score, their second in as many games. The Iowa defense, which played so well the previous week against Arizona, held Heisman Trophy candidate Troy Davis to 152 yards on 20 carries and a touchdown. Iowa State managed just 290 yards - 61 in the first half - while the Hawkeyes totaled 536. Matt Hughes led Iowa with eight solo tackles while Damien Robinson added six and Plez Atkins five.

SCORING

I-Banks 89 run (Bromert kick)
 I-Banks 12 run (Bromert kick)
 I-D. Gibson 42 pass from Sherman (Bromert kick)
 I-Hurley 54 FG
 ISU-T. Davis 1 run (Kohl kick)
 I-Dwight 5 run (Bromert kick)
 ISU-Parmetier 5 pass from Doxzon (Doxzon run failed)
 I-Banks 28 run (Bromert kick)
 Attendance: 70,397

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING - ISU: T. Davis 20-152, D. Davis 8-35, Doxzon 11-(-22). IOWA: Banks 18-182, Shaw 10-79, Burger 6-40.

PASSING - ISU: Doxzon 12-27-1-125. IOWA: Sherman 13-16-0-149, Driscoll 7-14-1-86.

RECEIVING - ISU: D. Davis 3-37, Green 3-45, E. Williams 2-25. IOWA: Banks 4-23, D. Gibson 3-54, Flemister 3-36, Dwight 3-37.

TACKLES - ISU: T. Williams 8, Clark 7, Hudson 7, Anderson 6. IOWA: Hughes 8, Robinson 6, Atkins 5.



Along with the rest of the Iowa defense, tackle Jon LaFleur (55) and linebacker Matt Hughes (37) teamed up to hold Troy Davis to 50 first-half yards while the Hawkeye offense jumped out to a 24-0 lead. The Hawkeyes held the nation's leading rusher to 152 yards, nearly 50 yards below his season average.

IOWA STATE GAME MVP's

Offense	Tavian Banks
Defense	Damien Robinson
Special Teams	Ricchard Carter
Offensive Hustle	Jeremy McKinney
	Chris Knipper
	Tim Dwight
Defensive Hustle	Jon LaFleur
	Kerry Cooks
Scout Team Offense	John Wilder
	Aaron Tecklenberg

HAYDEN SAID:

"That was a very determined effort by our Hawkeye football team. Troy Davis did a great job, and holding him the way we did shows me that we have a pretty good defense."

IOWA STATE	TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA
14	First Downs	25
39-165	Rushes-Yards	42-301
125	Passing Yards	235
290	Total Yards	536
12-27-1	Passes	20-30-1
10-40.7	Punts-average	6-37.8
3-2	Fumbles-lost	5-3
6-40	Penalties-yards	6-41
28:17	Possession time	31:43

Tulsa 27, Iowa 20

Sept. 21, 1996, Skelly Stadium, Tulsa, Oklahoma

IOWA	7	10	0	3	20
Tulsa	10	3	14	0	27

GAME RECAP

Iowa's first road trip wasn't what the doctor ordered as Tulsa was able to delight the home crowd with a 27-20 upset. Sedrick Shaw, who didn't start for the first time in 28 games, rumbled in from eight yards out to put Iowa in front. Tulsa answered with 10 straight points. Iowa started the second quarter the way it began the game as the Hawkeyes marched down the field on the strength of a 50-yard run by Shaw. Tim Dwight gave Iowa its second lead with his four-yard reception from Matt Sherman. The Tulsa passing game came to life in the second half as John Fitzgerald hit Damon Savage on back-to-back strikes of 59 and 13 yards. Reggie Williams took it in two plays later to put Tulsa up for good, 20-17. Fitzgerald, who finished with 357 yards passing, connected with Caswell for 31 yards to set up Tulsa's final score. Brion Hurley narrowed the margin to 27-20 with his 38-yard field goal at the start of the fourth, but Tulsa stopped Iowa twice on fourth down inside the Golden Hurricane 10-yard line in the final quarter. Damien Robinson notched 12 tackles in the game and also had an interception. Matt Hughes, Tom Knight and Vernon Rollins each recorded nine tackles.

SCORING

I - Shaw 8 run (Bromert kick)
 T - J. Anderson 37 FG
 T - W. Caswell 13 pass from J. Fitzgerald (Anderson kick)
 I - Dwight 4 pass from Sherman (Bromert kick)
 I - Hurley 45 FG
 T - Anderson 29 FG
 T - R. Williams 8 run (Anderson kick)
 T - S. White 1 run (Anderson kick)
 I - Bromert 26 FG
 Attendance: 27,788

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING - IOWA: Shaw 19-123, Banks 13-55, Burger 7-61. Tulsa: Williams 24-106, White 6-22, Fitzgerald 10-(-21).

PASSING - IOWA: Sherman 10-21-0-149. Tulsa: Fitzgerald 22-37-1-357.

RECEIVING - IOWA: Banks 2-35, Shaw 2-14, Gibson 1-45, Odems 1-23. Tulsa: Caswell 7-120, Savage 4-101, Bennett 4-43.

TACKLES - IOWA: Robinson 12, Knight 9, Hughes 9, Rollins 9. Tulsa: Gillen 13, Bunch 10, Kazadi 8.



Senior co-captain Bill Ennis-Inge had two tackles for loss, including a quarterback sack in Iowa's 27-20 loss at Tulsa. The game marked the first ever victory for the Golden Hurricane over the Hawkeyes.

TULSA GAME MVP's

Offense	Sedrick Shaw
Defense	none
Special Teams	Bill Reardon
Offensive Hustle	Matt Reischl Derek Rose
Defensive Hustle	Tom Knight Brett Chambers
Scout Team Offense	Trevor Bollers
Scout Team Defense	Jeff Kramer

HAYDEN SAID:

"This was a great learning experience for the players about how hard you have to play and how well you have to execute in every game. Tulsa played a great football game."

IOWA	TEAM STATISTICS	TULSA
14	First Downs	23
48-217	Rushes-Yards	42-107
149	Passing Yards	357
366	Total Offense	464
10-21-0	Passes	22-38-1
6-40.2	Punts-average	7-40.4
2-0	Fumbles-lost	4-1
5-50	Penalties-yards	4-30
30:00	Possession time	30:00

Iowa 37, Michigan State 30

Oct. 5, 1996, Kinnick Stadium, Iowa City, Iowa

Michigan State	17	6	7	0	30
IOWA	0	10	20	7	37

GAME RECAP

Iowa matched its biggest comeback ever in the Hayden Fry era by posting an important 37-30 win at home against Michigan State. Trailing 17-0, without a first down, Matt Sherman connected with Demo Odems on a 54-yard reception on the final play of the first quarter to ignite the Iowa offense. Sherman then hit tightend Chris Knipper on a 35-yarder to cut the margin to 10. The Spartans struck back with a 41-yard touchdown aerial with just over a minute left in the first half. The second half was all Iowa as the defense and special teams took over. Tom Knight intercepted Burke on the third play of the third quarter. Sherman again found Knipper for a nine-yard score to cut the lead to 23-16. The defense held before Tim Dwight broke free on a 46-yard punt return. Sherman hit Sedrick Shaw with a five-yard pass to tie the game at 23. Michigan State answered with an 11-play, 75-yard drive to go ahead 30-23. Iowa countered with two one-yard touchdown runs from Tavian Banks and Michael Burger to seal the come-from-behind win. Defensively, Knight and Damien Robinson had interceptions while Vernon Rollins recorded 10 tackles. Matt Hughes finished with nine tackles and Kerry Cooks had eight.

SCORING

M - N. Carter 22 pass from Burke (Gardner kick)

M - Gardner 45 FG

M - Goulbourne 1 run (Gardner kick)

I - Knipper 35 pass from Sherman (Bromert kick)

I - Hurley 51 FG

M - Long 41 pass from Burke (kick failed)

I - Knipper 9 pass from Sherman (kick failed)

I - Shaw 5 pass from Sherman (Bromert kick)

M - Irvin 3 run (Gardner kick)

I - Banks 1 run (Bromert kick)

I - Burger 1 run (Bromert kick)

Attendance: 70,397

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING - Michigan State: Irvin 27-139, Goulbourne 22-113. IOWA: Shaw 18-81, Banks 10-21, Burger 6-19, Granquist 2-32.

PASSING - Michigan State: Burke 21-25-2-163. IOWA: Sherman 10-19-1-177.

RECEIVING - Michigan State: Irvin 4-42; Long 3-52, N. Carter 2-34. IOWA: Knipper 3-63, Odems 2-62, Dwight 3-38.

TACKLES - Michigan State: Garnett 7, I. Reese 6, M. Wright 5, Hill 5. IOWA: Rollins 10, Hughes 9, Cooks 8, Robinson 7.



With Iowa trailing 17-0, tight end Chris Knipper helped get Iowa back on track by scoring on a 35-yard pass from quarterback Matt Sherman. Knipper caught three passes for 63 yards and two touchdowns in the Hawkeyes come-from-behind win.

MICHIGAN STATE GAME MVP's

Offense	Chris Knipper
	Derek Rose
Defense	Bill Ennis-Inge
Special Teams	Brion Hurley
	Tim Dwight
Offensive Hustle	Jeremy McKinney
	Tim Dwight
	Aaron Granquist
Defensive Hustle	Plez Atkins
	Bill Ennis-Inge
Scout Team Offense	Henry Pollio
Scout Team Defense	Eric Hultgren

HAYDEN SAID:

"We made a lot of changes at half-time, and they made a difference. I am extremely proud of our guys and they way they kept the faith and did what was necessary to win the ball game."

MSU	TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA
24	First downs	15
52-236	Rushes-yards	39-138
163	Passing yards	177
399	Total yards	315
12-25-2	Passes	10-19-1
5-38	Punts-average	4-43
6-2	Fumbles	0-0
9-59	Penalties-yards	3-35
34:32	Possession time	25:28

Iowa 31, Indiana 10

Oct. 12, 1996, Memorial Stadium, Bloomington, Indiana

IOWA	7	3	21	0	31
Indiana	7	0	3	0	10

GAME RECAP

Following several first-half mistakes, Iowa's offense got untracked for 21 third-quarter points on the way to a 31-10 victory. The Hawkeyes, behind a potent passing attack, marched beyond midfield three times in the first half only to have the drives end on a fumble, blocked kick and an interception. Iowa tied the game at seven on Tavian Banks' 9-yard run, and the Hawkeyes capped a nine play, 65-yard drive with a 32-yard Zach Bromert field goal for a 10-7 halftime lead. Indiana tied the contest before Iowa charged back to score again on Tavian Banks' 16-yard scoring run. Tom Knight gave the Hawkeyes a little breathing room with a 57-yard scoring off an interception return. It was almost a replay of his 60-yard return for a score at Kinnick Stadium the year before last year. Banks ended Iowa's scoring on a 28-yard romp at the end of the third quarter. Banks finished with 80 yards on 15 carries and three touchdowns, while Matt Sherman passed for a season-high 243 yards. Matt Hughes led Iowa defensively with 10 tackles and two sacks while Damien Robinson had six tackles and an interception.

SCORING

IU - T. Jones 30 blocked punt return (Manolopoulos kick)

I - Banks 9 run (Bromert kick)

I - Bromert 32 FG

IU - Manolopoulos 52 FG

I - Banks 16 run (Bromert kick)

I - Knight 57 interception return (Bromert kick)

I - Banks 28 run (Bromert kick)

Attendance: 37,154

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING - IOWA: Banks 15-80, Shaw 18-51, Filer 4-34. Indiana: Smith 17-81.

PASSING - IOWA: Sherman 16-28-2-243. Indiana: Dittoe: 15-31-2-171, Rodgers 7-12-2-49.

RECEIVING - IOWA: D. Gibson 6-91, Dull 2-46, Willock 2-39, Carter 1-38. Indiana: Wilkerson 6-75, Stoner 6-44, Ward 5-49.

TACKLES - IOWA: Hughes 10, Robinson 6, Cooks 4, Knight 4, Rollins 4. Indiana: Baisley 9, Shaw 8, Supernaw 5, Gregory 5.



Junior running back Tavian Banks scored three touchdowns in Iowa's 31-10 win at Bloomington. Banks scored on runs of nine, 16 and 28 yards while rushing for 80 yards on the afternoon.

INDIANA GAME MVP'S

Offense	Tavian Banks
Defense	Damien Robinson
	Matt Hughes
Special Teams	Zach Bromert
	Brion Hurley
Offensive Hustle	Bill Reardon
	Jeremy McKinney
	Ross Verba
	Michael Burger
Defensive Hustle	Entire Team
Scout Team Offense	Kevin Kasper
Scout Team Defense	Brian Keat

HAYDEN SAID:

"Our defense gave up only three points, I'm exceptionally pleased with that. When you hold a Big Ten team to only 10 points, that's real good defense."

IOWA	TEAM STATISTICS	INDIANA
23	First downs	16
50-207	Rushes-yards	29-70
243	Passing yards	220
450	Total offense	290
16-30-2	Passes	22-43-4
3-35.3	Punts-average	7-45.4
1-1	Fumbles-lost	2-0
2-10	Penalties-yards	7-55
33:08	Possession time	26:52

Iowa 21, Penn State 20

Oct. 19, 1996, Beaver Stadium, State College, Pennsylvania

IOWA	7	7	0	7	21
Penn State	10	10	0	0	20

GAME RECAP

Rain fell virtually all day for Iowa's game at Penn State. Things initially looked bleak for Iowa as the eighth-ranked Nittany Lions took the opening kickoff and drove the length of the field for a 7-0 lead. That's when Iowa junior Tim Dwight turned his motor up a notch and turned on the afterburners for an 83-yard punt return to knot the score at seven. Trailing 20-14 at halftime, Iowa's defense got stronger, limiting the Nittany Lions to just 73 yards over the final two quarters. With Sedrick Shaw nursing injuries, junior Tavian Banks rushed for 116 yards in 26 attempts and the winning touchdown - an eight-yard run on first-and-goal. It followed a 25-yard pass from running back Rob Thein to Demo Odems. Defensive back Kerry Cooks set up Iowa's final score when his sack of quarterback Wally Richardson forced a fumble (which Iowa recovered). The win was Iowa's first over a top ten ranked team since a 54-28 win over fifth-ranked Illinois in 1990. Damien Robinson led the Hawkeyes with 10 tackles, while Matt Hughes added nine.

SCORING

PSU - Enis 12 pass from Richardson (Conway kick)

I - Dwight 83 punt return (Bromert kick)

PSU - Conway 37 FG

I - Banks 5 run (Bromert kick)

PSU - Harris 0 run (Conway kick)

PSU - Conway 24 FG

I - Banks 8 run (Bromert kick)

Attendance: 96,230

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING-IOWA: Banks 26-116, Sherman 5-15, Granquist 2-14. **Penn State:** Harris 11-152, Enis 23-81.

PASSING-IOWA: Sherman 8-19-104, Thein 1-1-25. **Penn State:** Richardson 10-30-106.

RECEIVING-IOWA: Dwight 2-77, Odems 2-32. **Penn State:** Jurevicius 5-54, Enis 2-19.

TACKLES-IOWA: Robinson 10, Hughes 9, LaFleur 5. **Penn State:** Herring 7, Nelson 6.



All-American Tim Dwight ignited the Hawkeyes with an 83-yard punt return for a touchdown to tie the game at seven in the first quarter. The junior wide receiver also had two receptions for 77 yards in the 21-20 win over the eighth-ranked Nittany Lions.

PENN STATE GAME MVP'S

Offense	Ross Verba
	Tavian Banks
Defense	Damien Robinson
	Jason House
	Jon LaFleur
Special Teams	Tim Dwight
Offensive Hustle	Bill Reardon
Defensive Hustle	Jason House
	Tom Knight
Scout Team Offense	Justin Craun
Scout Team Defense	Cory Bern

HAYDEN SAID:

"I felt it coming all week. The most important thing was the players felt it too. They were confident we could pull it off. This is what makes coaching worthwhile."

IOWA	TEAM STATISTICS	PENN STATE
8	First Downs	16
38-131	Rushes-yards	47-217
129	Passing yards	106
260	Total offense	323
9-21-0	Passes	10-30-0
9-42.7	Punts-average	9-36.2
1-1	Fumbles-lost	3-2
9-65	Penalties-yards	1-16
28:29	Possession time	31:31

1996 Game Summaries

Ohio State 38, Iowa 26

Oct. 26, 1996, Kinnick Stadium, Iowa City, Iowa

Ohio State	17	14	7	0	38
IOWA	3	3	6	14	26

GAME RECAP

Iowa junior Tim Dwight electrified a sold out Kinnick-Stadium crowd with an 86-yard punt return for a touchdown early in the fourth quarter. He nearly duplicated the feat on the next punt return as he single-handedly tried to get the Hawkeyes back in the game against No. 2-ranked Ohio State. But it was not enough, as the Buckeyes beat Iowa 38-26 and handed Iowa its first conference loss. Iowa mistakes, in the first half, erased an early 3-0 lead. Ohio State scored on a blocked punt recovery in the end zone, two consecutive touchdown passes set up by Iowa interceptions, and a one-yard run to take a 31-6 halftime lead. Another Iowa turnover on the first drive of the third quarter set up the Buckeyes' final score of the afternoon. Trailing 38-6, the Hawkeyes scored their first touchdown on a 19-yard run from Dwight before his long return. Dwight's 1996 return yardage of 394 broke Nile Kinnick's school record of 322, set in 1937. Damien Robinson paced the Hawkeyes with eight tackles.

SCORING:

I - Hurley 47 FG

OSU - Jo. Jackson 27 FG

OSU - Kevin Griffin recovered blocked punt in end zone (Jo. Jackson kick)

OSU - Boston 17 pass from S. Jackson (Jo. Jackson kick)

OSU - Lumpkin 3 pass from S. Jackson (Jo. Jackson kick)

OSU - Montgomery 1 run (Jo. Jackson kick)

I - Bromert 33 FG

OSU - Pearson 4 run (Jo. Jackson kick)

I - Dwight 19 run (Bromert kick)

I - Dwight 86 punt (Banks pass good)

I - Burger 1 run (Sherman run failed)

Attendance: 70,397

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING - Ohio State: Montgomery 15-160, Pearson 27-94. IOWA: Shaw 16-51, Odems 2-36, Burger 4-30.

PASSING - Ohio State: S. Jackson 8-18-0-91, Sherman 18-38-3-192.

RECEIVING - Ohio State: Boston 3-50, Lumpkin 2-26. IOWA: Carter 5-87, Dwight 4-36, Burger 2-22.

TACKLES - Ohio State: Moore 7, Bellisari 6, R. Miller 6. IOWA: Robinson 8, Rollins 6, DeVries 6.



Sophomore linebacker Vernon Rollins (56) recorded a game-high 14 tackles and one sack against the Buckeyes, including this assisted stop with Bill Ennis-Inge.

OHIO STATE GAME MVP's

Offense	Tim Dwight
Defense	Bill Ennis-Inge
	Kerry Cooks
Special Teams	Tim Dwight
Offensive Hustle	Chris Knipper
	Jeremy McKinney
	Michael Burger
Defensive Hustle	Tom Knight
Scout Team Offense	Matt Markway
Scout Team Defense	Zach Shay

HAYDEN SAID:

"We obviously made too many mistakes in the first half to win the ball game. The guys are very hurt about coming so close and losing. It's going to be a real tough go from here on out."

OSU	TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA
16	First downs	19
48-252	Rushes-yards	35-104
91	Passing yards	192
343	Total offense	296
8-21-0	Passes	18-38-4
7-38.7	Punts-average	3-37.3
1-1	Fumbles-lost	2-1
4-35	Penalties-yards	6-49
29:42	Possession time	30:18

Iowa 31, Illinois 21

Nov. 2, 1996, Memorial Stadium, Champaign, Illinois

IOWA	7	7	3	14	31
Illinois	7	7	0	7	21

GAME RECAP:

Vernon Rollins' 20-yard interception return for a touchdown - set up by the pressure defense of Jared DeVries - broke open a 17-14 Iowa lead and sparked the 25th-ranked Hawkeyes to a 31-21 win over Illinois. The weather was windy and bitterly cold as the wind chill was near zero. The Hawkeyes fought off the elements and took the lead in the first quarter on a 13-yard run by Sedrick Shaw. Shaw, who had his best day of the year with 159 yards on 32 carries, had a 41-yard run as he was the workhorse on the drive. Illinois came back strong with 14 straight points on a 17-yard pass-play and a 16-yard fumble return. But the Hawkeyes countered with a 10-play, 50-yard drive capped by Damon Gibson's eight yard touchdown reception. Iowa, which edged Illinois 320-272 in total yards, added another touchdown on Tim Dwight's 11-yard reception from Sherman to take a 31-14 lead. Defensive end Brett Chamber's diving interception at the Illinois 19 set up the score. Damien Robinson again led with 10 tackles, and Matt Hughes had eight. The win kept Iowa in second place in the conference.

SCORING:

I - Shaw 13 run (Bromert kick)
 IL - Dulick 17 pass from Weaver (Rackers kick)
 IL - Smith 16 run (Rackers kick)
 I - Gibson 8 pass from Sherman (Bromert kick)
 I - Bromert 38 FG
 I - Rollins 20 interception return (Bromert kick)
 I - Dwight 11 pass from Sherman (Bromert kick)
 IL - Douthard 1 run (Rackers kick)
 Attendance: 54,381

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING - IOWA: Shaw 32-159, Banks 9-16. Illinois: Holcombe 25-106, Douthard 5-19.

PASSING - IOWA: Sherman 15-21-2-117. Illinois: 15-37-3-163.

RECEIVING - IOWA: Dwight 4-45, Banks 4-13, Shaw 3-27. Illinois: Dulick 9-77, Majoy 3-41.

TACKLES - IOWA: Robinson 10, Hughes 8, Rollins 7. Illinois: Stallings 8, James 8, Clark 8, Woods 6.



First team All-Big Ten performer Jared DeVries sacked Illinois quarterback Scott Weaver two times for minus 21 yards as the Hawkeye defense held the Illini to 109 yards rushing in the 31-21 win.

ILLINOIS GAME MVP's

Offense	Sedrick Shaw
	Ross Verba
Defense	Damien Robinson
	Jared DeVries
	Vernon Rollins
Special Teams	Jed Dull
	Ed Gibson
Offensive Hustle	Derek Rose
	Tim Dwight
Defensive Hustle	Jared DeVries
	Matt Hughes
Scout Team Offense	Kevin Kasper
Scout Team Defense	Jason Indestad

HAYDEN SAID:

"I wasn't happy with the overall production of the game. It wasn't that well played and there were too many penalties. I'm always happy to get this one out of the way."

IOWA	TEAM STATISTICS	ILLINOIS
15	First downs	20
50-203	Rushes-yards	36-109
117	Passing yards	163
320	Total offense	272
15-22-2	Passes	15-37-3
7-37.4	Punts-average	6-44.3
2-1	Fumbles-lost	2-1
10-85	Penalties-yards	1-3
36:30	Possession time	23:30

Northwestern 40, Iowa 13

Nov. 9, 1996, Kinnick Stadium, Iowa City, Iowa

Northwestern	3	10	13	14	40
IOWA	0	7	0	6	13

GAME RECAP:

What started out auspiciously for No. 23-ranked Iowa ended in disaster as Northwestern all-American Darnell Autry riddled the Iowa defense for a career-high 240 yards rushing and four touchdowns as the 18th-ranked Wildcats' coasted to a 40-13 win. It was Northwestern's first win at Kinnick Stadium since 1971. Iowa held Autry and the powerful Northwestern offense in check through the first quarter, but the Wildcats opened a 10-0 margin on a 23-yard touchdown pass from wideout D'Wayne Bates to tight end Darren Drexler early in the second. Iowa countered with an 80-yard drive of its own capped by Tim Dwight's 29-yard touchdown reception from Matt Sherman. Autry scored both Wildcat touchdowns in the third quarter, first on a nine-yard run and then on a 15-yard pass just before the beginning of the fourth. He added a 41-yard touchdown run at the beginning of the fourth quarter and finished Northwestern's scoring with an 18-yard run. Dwight, who finished with a career-high 188 receiving yards, set up Tavian Banks' 10-yard scoring pass from Sherman with catches of 49 and 38 yards. Vernon Rollins had his best game of the season defensively with 12 stops.

SCORING:

N - Gowins 23 FG
 N - Drexler 23 pass from Bates (Gowins kick)
 I - Dwight 29 pass from Sherman (Bromert kick)
 N - Gowins 22 FG
 N - D. Autry 9 run (Bates pass failed)
 N - D. Autry 15 pass from Schur (Gowins kick)
 N - D. Autry 41 run (Gowins kick)
 I - Banks 10 pass from Sherman (pass failed)
 N - D. Autry 18 run (Gowins kick)
 Attendance: 70,397

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING - NWEST: D. Autry 31-240, A. Autry 6-30.
 IOWA: Shaw 16-93, Banks 7-28.

PASSING - NWEST: Schnur 11-21-0-96. IOWA: Sherman 16-32-2-255.

RECEIVING - NWEST: Drexler 3-56, Bates 3-26. IOWA: Dwight 8-188, Odems 3-30.

TACKLES - NWEST: Gardner 7, Collier 5, Fitzgerald 5, Barnes 5. IOWA: Rollins 12, Hughes 8, LaFleur 6.



Despite being sacked three times by an aggressive Wildcat defense, junior quarterback Matt Sherman maintained his composure and threw for a season-high 255 yards and one touchdown in the 40-13 loss.

NORTHWESTERN GAME MVP's

Offense	Sedrick Shaw
	Tim Dwight
Defense	None
Special Teams	Tim Dwight
Offensive Hustle	Ross Verba
	Chris Knipper
	Aaron Granquist
Defensive Hustle	Brett Chambers
Scout Team Offense	Brad Harms
Scout Team Defense	L.J. Wise

HAYDEN SAID:

"That was a magnificent performance by Northwestern. They played as well as any team I can remember against us. They capitalized on every mistake we made and made very few of their own."

NWEST	TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA
22	First downs	19
48-297	Rushes-yards	30-110
119	Passing yards	255
416	Total offense	365
12-22-0	Passes	16-32-2
4-41	Punts-average	6-38
1-0	Fumbles-lost	1-1
6-49	Penalties-yards	10-87
34:26	Possession time	25:34

Iowa 31, Wisconsin 0

Nov. 16, 1996, Kinnick Stadium, Iowa City, Iowa

Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	0
IOWA	10	14	7	0	31

RECAP:

Iowa dominated Wisconsin in every phase of the game enroute to a 31-0 victory. It was Iowa's first shutout since blanking Indiana (14-0) in 1992. In his final game at Kinnick Stadium, defensive end Bill Ennis-Inge left his mark on the scoreboard as well as Wisconsin quarterback Mike Samuel. Ennis-Inge recorded a career-best four quarterback sacks, forced two fumbles (which led to Iowa scores) and recovered a fumble. Iowa's defense held Wisconsin to 128 total yards, including only 26 net rushing yards. The Badgers crossed midfield only once all day against a fired-up Iowa defense. Coming into the game, the Badgers averaged 27 points and 222 yards rushing per contest. At halftime, Wisconsin had just two first downs (none for the game's first 25 minutes) and 35 total yards - four rushing. Also playing his final game at Kinnick Stadium Sedrick Shaw gave himself a birthday worth remembering by scoring on runs 29, 33 and eight yards. The three touchdowns tied Ronnie Harmon's career touchdown record of 32. Shaw finished with 143 yards on the ground. Matt Sherman had his best day of the year, completing his first 10 passes enroute to a 12-for-17 game and 99 yards. Iowa improved to 7-3 and tied for third in the conference to keep its bowl hopes alive.

SCORING:

I - Bromert 36 FG
 I - Shaw 29 run (Bromert kick)
 I - Knipper 8 pass from Sherman (Bromert kick)
 I - Shaw 33 run (Bromert kick)
 I - Shaw 8 run (Bromert kick)
 Attendance: 66,570

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING - Wisconsin: Dayne 17-62, McCollough 4-18.
 IOWA: Shaw 25-143, Banks 12-30.

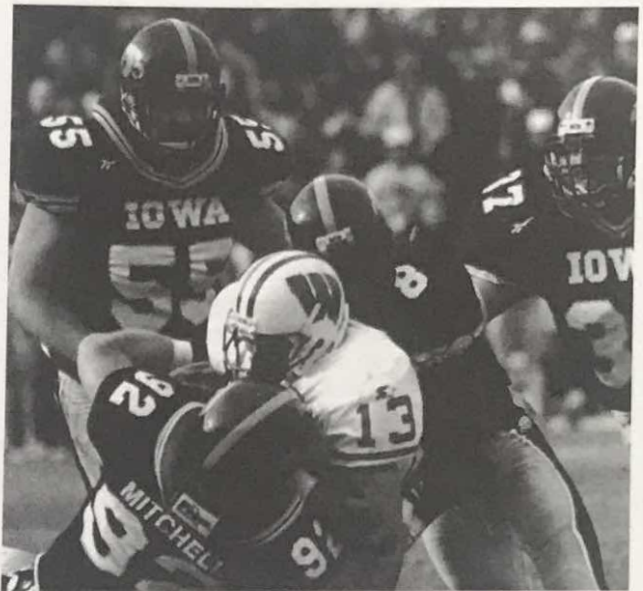
PASSING - Wisconsin: Samuel 9-14-2-93. IOWA: Sherman 12-17-0-99, Driscoll 4-6-61.

RECEIVING - Wisconsin: Dayne 4-39, Hayes 2-43. IOWA: Dwight 8-60, Odems 3-42.

TACKLES - Wisconsin: Monty 8, Adamov 8, Burke 7.
 IOWA: Ennis-Inge 5, Hughes 5, DeVries 4, Knight 4.

WISCONSIN GAME MVP's

Offense	Sedrick Shaw
	Demo Odems
	Ross Verba
	Bill Reardon
Defense	Entire Defense



Seniors Mark Mitchell (92) and Tom Knight (8) put the squeeze on Badger running back Carl McCullough as the Iowa defense shut out Wisconsin in the 31-0 win. Knight had six tackles and an interception in the game while Mitchell added four stops of his own.

WISCONSIN GAME MVP's cont.

Special Teams	Nick Gallery
Offensive Hustle	Jeremy McKinney
	Chris Knipper
	Tavian Banks
Defensive Hustle	Bill Ennis-Inge
	Matt Hughes
	Jon LaFleur
	Tom Knight
Scout Team Offense	Trevor Bollers
	Henry Pollio
Scout Team Defense	Robborto Rickards

HAYDEN SAID:

"We needed to win bad, and we looked good doing it. Anytime you get a goose egg in modern-day football it's really outstanding. It's just a wonderful feeling for our seniors to play their last game at Kinnick Stadium and do so well."

WISC.	TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA
8	First downs	19
31-26	Rushes-yards	46-177
102	Passing yards	177
128	Total offense	353
11-16-2	Passes	17-25-0
4-3	Fumbles-lost	0-0
5-40	Penalties-yards	5-30
23:28	Possession time	36:32

Iowa 43, Minnesota 24

Nov. 23, 1996, Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

IOWA	10	7	16	10	43
Minnesota	0	10	7	7	24

RECAP

It took a second-half scoring blitz, but 24th-ranked Iowa overcame a Minnesota comeback to knock off the Gophers 43-24, securing it's second consecutive bowl trip and retaining Floyd of Rosedale for the fourth-straight year. Iowa took a quick 17-0 lead midway through the second quarter in workman-like fashion, but Minnesota, boasting a lethal yet erratic offense, stormed back with 10 points in the second and seven to start the third to tie the game at 17. Iowa responded with a scoring barrage of its own. Richard Willock's fumble recovery in the end zone for a touchdown after Michael Burger had carried 64-yards to the one-yard line, gave Iowa the lead. The Hawkeye defense recorded a safety after a bad Minnesota snap, and the offense followed with Matt Sherman's 53-yard scoring bomb to Tim Dwight, giving Iowa a 33-17 lead with two minutes remaining in the third quarter. The Hawkeyes, who improved to 8-3 and 6-2 in the Big Ten, added a Zach Bromert field goal and a 14-yard run from Sedrick Shaw, his second of the game, to put the game away. Shaw gained 108 yards on the night to catapult himself beyond 1,000 yards rushing for the year - his third-straight. His first score, a five-yard run in the first quarter, also pushed him past Ronnie Harmon as Iowa's all-time leading touchdown scorer.

SCORING

I-Shaw 5 run (Bromert kick)
I-Hurley 50 FG
I-Dwight 5 run (Bromert kick)
M-Bailey 20 FG
M-Thelwell 9 pass from Sauter (Bailey kick)
M-Sauter 1 run (Bailey kick)
I-Willock 0 fumble recovery (Bromert kick)
I-Dwight 53 pass from Sherman (Bromert kick)
I-Bromert 25 FG
I-Shaw 14 run (Bromert kick)
M-Thelwell 11 pass from Sauter (Bailey kick)
Attendance: 53,349

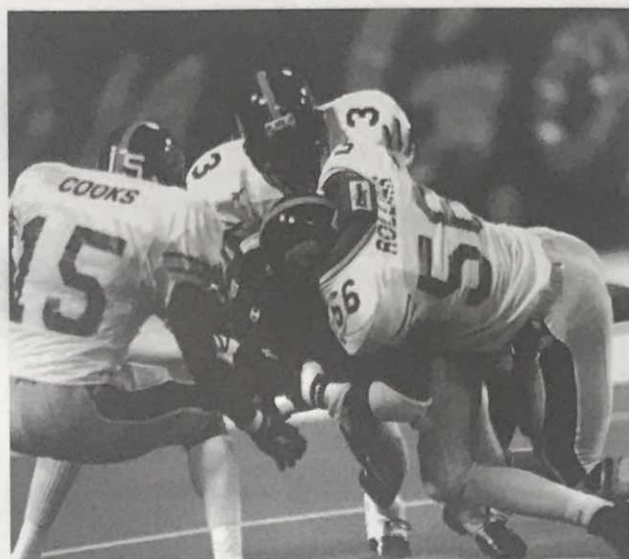
INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING -IOWA: Shaw 27-108, Burger 3-68, Banks 5-26.
Minnesota: Hamner 9-30, Evans 12-40.

PASSING-IOWA: Sherman 17-21-0-226. Minnesota: Sauter 17-47-2-235.

RECEIVING-IOWA: Dwight 7-134, Knipper 5-62.
Minnesota: Thelwell 8-127, Atwell 4-63.

TACKLES-IOWA: Rollins 9, Hughes 8, Robinson 6, Knight 5, LaFleur 5. Minnesota: Carter 10, Smith 6.



The Iowa defense, led by Vernon Rollins (56), Kerry Cooks (15) and Damien Robinson (3), held the Minnesota offense to 75 yards rushing en route to a 43-24 win over the Gophers. Rollins led the team with nine tackles while Robinson added six and an interception.

MINNESOTA GAME MVP's

Offense	Matt Sherman
	Sedrick Shaw
	Tim Dwight
Defense	Kerry Cooks
Special Teams	Bill Reardon
	Brion Hurley
Offensive Hustle	Chris Knipper
	Michael Burger
Defensive Hustle	Plez Atkins
Scout Team Offense	Tony Collins
Scout Team Defense	Jesse Ghery

HAYDEN SAID:

"It didn't surprise me to see Minnesota come back, they have that type of offense. I'm just so proud of our players, everybody played their hearts out, including Minnesota."

IOWA	TEAM STATISTICS	MINN.
18	First downs	20
45-227	Rushes-yards	26-75
226	Passing yards	235
453	Total offense	310
17-21-0	Passes	17-47-2
5-2	Fumbles-lost	3-1
5-41	Penalties-yards	5-35
35:59	Possession time	24:01

23 - - *Plez Atkins

DB, 6-0, 180, Junior

Bartlett, TX (Bartlett HS)

Honors - - Honorable mention all Big Ten by Big Ten media ... Defensive Mr. Hustle vs. Michigan State and Minnesota.

1996 - - Started all 11 games ... started final three games as a freshman and 10 of 12 as a sophomore ... 31 solo tackles and 17 assists, with seven pass break-ups and one interception ... five solo tackles, three assists and a pass break-up in win over Iowa State ... six tackles and a pass break-up at Tulsa ... three tackles vs. Michigan State ... seven tackles in win at Indiana ... four tackles and three pass break-ups at Penn State, including a break-up on Penn State's final fourth down attempt ... five solo tackles and three assists vs. Ohio State ... three solo tackles, two assists and a pass break-up vs. Northwestern ... 35-yard pass interception return in win over Wisconsin ... four solo tackles, including one for four-yard loss, in win at Minnesota.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	PBU	I-Yd-TD	Fum
Freshman	9	4	13	4	1-0-0	1
Sophomore	30	11	41	7	6-97-2	0
Junior	31	17	48	7	1-35-0	0
Career	70	32	102	18	8-132-2	1

22 - - *Tavian Banks

RB, 5-11, 195, Junior

Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf HS)

Honors - - Offensive MVP vs. Iowa State, Indiana and Penn State ... Big Ten Conference Offensive Player of the Week in win over Iowa State ... ABC-TV Player of the game vs. Iowa State.

Records - - Ranks 17th in career scoring with 104 points ... 232 career rushing attempts for 1,256 yards to rank 20th in career rushing.

1996 - - First career start at Tulsa and also started at Penn State ... leads team in scoring with 62 points, scoring three touchdowns vs. Iowa State and Indiana ... 131 carries for 599 yards (4.6 avg.) ... 21 catches for 137 yards ... two kickoff returns for 44 yards ... 12 carries for 45 yards in win over Arizona, along with two kickoff returns for 44 yards and one reception for five yards ... rushed for career-high 182 yards on 18 carries vs. Iowa State, scoring on runs of 89, 12 and 28 yards ... 89-yard touchdown run in first quarter ranks as fourth longest ever at Iowa ... also had four catches for 23 yards ... 55 yards on 13 carries in first career start at Tulsa and had two receptions for 35 yards ... 15 carries for 80 yards in win at Indiana, including scoring runs of nine, 16 and 28 yards ... second career start came at Penn State, where he rushed 26 times for 116 yards and scored on runs of five and eight yards ... 28 yards on seven carries and 11 yards on two catches vs. Northwestern ... 30 yards on 12 rushes and an 18-yard pass reception vs. Wisconsin ... five rushes for 26 yards and one reception for 11 yards at Minnesota.

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Lng
Freshman	35	257	7.3	5	38
Sophomore	66	400	6.1	2	74
Junior	131	599	4.6	9	89
Career	232	1,256	5.4	16	89

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Lng
Freshman	6	30	5.0	0	13
Sophomore	2	9	4.5	0	6
Junior	21	137	12.5	1	33
Career	29	176	6.1	1	33

Returns	KO	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lng
Freshman	28	638	22.8	0	60
Sophomore	6	103	17.2	0	21
Junior	2	44	22.0	0	22
Career	36	785	21.8	0	60

35 - - *Trevor Bollers

FB, 6-1, 230, Junior

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (McNally HS)

Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten ... offensive scout team MVP vs. Tulsa and Wisconsin.

1996 - - Saw action all season as member of special teams ... no rushing or receiving stats ... has seen limited action as blocking back ...

recorded one tackle on special teams and had one kickoff return for four yards.

19 - - Matt Bowen

DB, 6-2, 190, Freshman

Glen Ellyn, IL (Glenbard West HS)

Hawk-Item - - Moved to defensive secondary from quarterback prior to spring practice.

1996 - - Listed as second team strong safety ... saw weekly action as member of special teams and limited duty in defensive secondary ... three tackles.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	PBU
Freshman	1	2	3	0

38 - - *Zach Bromert

PK, 5-10, 185, Sophomore

Pensacola, FL (Catholic HS)

Honors - - Special teams MVP vs. Indiana.

Records - - Ranks 15th in career scoring with 109 points.

1996 - - Used on all PATs and on short distance field goals ... made 35 of 36 PATs, with only miss hitting the upright in

win over Michigan State ... has made 70 of 72 career PATs ... made six of eight field goals ... has made 13 of 16 career field goal attempts ... made first 11 PATs and has made 24 straight since only miss ... his PATs (3-3) were the difference in 21-20 wins over Arizona and Penn State ... made both PATs and a 26-yard field goal at Tulsa ... four of five PATs vs. Michigan State ... four of four PATs and a 32-yard field goal at Indiana ... 33-yard field goal vs. Ohio State ... had no PAT attempts vs. Ohio State as Iowa went for two each time ... four of four PATs and a career-long 38-yard field goal at Illinois ... made only PAT attempt vs. Northwestern ... four of four PATs and a 36-yard field goal vs. Wisconsin ... five of five PATs and a 25-yard field goal at Minnesota.

Scoring	FGs	Lng	PATs	Points
Freshman	7-8	37	35-36	56
Sophomore	6-8	38	35-36	53
Career	13-16	38	70-72	109

96 -- *Corey Brown*

DL, 6-2, 275, Freshman

Houston, TX (Willowridge HS)

1996 -- Listed as second team nose guard ... played in all 11 games ... nine solo tackles and eight assists ... one tackle for loss and one pass break-up ... two tackles, including one for loss, at Tulsa ... two tackles vs. Michigan State ... two tackles at Indiana ... three tackles and a pass break-up in win at Illinois ... one tackle and one assist vs. Northwestern ... one tackle and one assist vs. Wisconsin.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	T/Loss	Sacks	PBU
Freshman	9	8	17	1/2	0/0	1

85 -- **Michael Burger*

FB, 6-3, 240, Sophomore

Harlan, IA (Harlan HS)

Honors -- Academic All-Big Ten ... offensive hustle award vs. Indiana, Ohio State and Minnesota.

1996 -- Started all 11 games at fullback ... 47 rushes for 261 yards (5.6 avg.) and two TDs ... six receptions for 52 yards ... 11 yards on four carries vs. Arizona ... 38 yards on six carries vs. Iowa State and two catches for 13 yards ... seven rushes for 61 yards and one catch for four yards at Tulsa ... 18 yards on six carries vs. Michigan State and scored winning touchdown on one-yard run ... 19 yards on five carries at Indiana ... 30 yards on four attempts vs. Ohio State, including one-yard run for Iowa's final score ... also had two catches for 22 yards ... 67 yards on three rushes at Minnesota, including 64-yard run that set up go-ahead touchdown in third quarter.

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Lng
Freshman	35	153	4.4	3	21
Sophomore	47	261	5.6	2	64
Career	82	414	5.0	5	64

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Lng
Freshman	8	102	12.8	2	25
Sophomore	6	52	8.7	0	26
Career	14	154	11.0	2	26

4 -- **Ricchard Carter*

WR, 6-0, 190, Junior

Passaic, NJ (Passaic HS)

Honors -- Special teams MVP vs. Iowa State.

1996 -- Listed as second team split end and also plays on special teams ... nine catches for 148 yards ... also averaged 25.6 yards on 11 kickoff returns ... had 75-yard kickoff return vs. Iowa State, the first of his career, to set up Iowa touchdown ... one catch for eight yards at Tulsa ... 88 yards on four kickoff returns vs. Michigan State ... one catch for 38 yards and two kickoff returns for 28 yards at Indiana ... 15 yards on one kickoff return at Penn State ... five receptions for 87 yards vs. Ohio State to go with one kickoff return for 23 yards ... one catch for 10 yards vs. Wisconsin ... two kickoff returns for 52 yards at Minnesota, with a long of 28 yards.

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Lng
Freshman	No receptions				
Sophomore	8	115	14.4	0	20
Junior	9	148	16.4	0	38
Career	17	263	15.5	0	38

KO Returns	No.	Yds.	AVG	TD	Lng
Freshman	No returns				
Sophomore	No returns				
Junior	11	281	25.6	0	75

47 -- ***Brett Chambers*

DE, 6-3, 225, Senior

Council Bluffs, Iowa (Treynor HS)

Honors -- Defensive hustle award vs. Tulsa and Northwestern.

1996 -- Started all 11 games at defensive end ... 17 solo tackles and 16 assists ... four QB sacks for minus 19 yards ... three pass break-ups, one recovered fumble and one interception ... four tackles, including one QB sack, vs. Arizona ... three tackles and a QB sack vs. Iowa State ... six tackles and a fumble recovery at Tulsa ... three tackles and a QB sack vs. Michigan State ... three tackles, including one for loss, at Indiana ... one pass break-up at Penn State ... five tackles, one pass break-up and first career interception at Illinois ... interception at Illinois led to final Iowa touchdown in 31-21 win ... four solo tackles and three assists vs. Northwestern ... a QB sack for minus 10 yards vs. Wisconsin.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	T/Loss	Sacks	PBU
Freshman	No Statistics					
Sophomore	6	4	10	1/3	0/0	0
Junior	14	1	15	6/40	5/36	0
Senior	17	16	33	4/19	4/19	3
Career	37	21	58	11/62	9/55	3

44 - - Raj Clark

LB, 6-2, 240, Freshman
Baytown, TX (Sterling HS)

1996 - - Saw action in first five games before missing remaining six games due to injury ... three solo tackles and three assists ... two tackles vs. Iowa State ... three tackles vs. Michigan State ... one stop in win at Indiana.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	T/Loss	Sacks	PBU
Freshman	3	3	6	0/0	0/0	0

30 - - ***Billy Coats

DB, 5-11, 185, Senior
Grand Prairie, TX (Lamar HS)

1996 - - Listed as second team left cornerback ... saw action all season on special teams and saw limited action in defensive secondary ... six total tackles, including four solo stops ... two solo tackles vs. Indiana ... one tackle and one assist at Penn State ... used as fifth defensive back during majority of game at Minnesota and recorded two solo tackles.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	PBU	Int.	Fum.
Freshman	4	2	6	1	0/0	0
Sophomore	31	8	39	4	1/0	0
Junior	8	6	14	2	0/0	1
Senior	5	1	6	0	0/0	0
Career	48	17	65	7	1/0	1

15 - - **Kerry Cooks

DB, 6-0, 200, Junior
Irving, TX (Nimitz HS)

Honors - - Defensive MVP vs. Ohio State and Minnesota and defensive hustle award vs. Arizona and Iowa State.

1996 - - Started all 11 games at strong safety ... 41 solo tackles and 22 assists ... one interception, two tackles for loss, one forced fumble and 11 pass break-ups ... three tackles vs. Arizona ... four solo tackles and a pass break-up vs. Iowa State ... three tackles, four assists and a pass break-up vs. Tulsa ... eight solo tackles and two assists vs. Michigan State ... four solo stops and four assists to go with two pass break-ups at Indiana ... three solo tackles and two assists at Penn State ... his QB sack forced a fumble that led to Iowa's winning score at Penn State ...

five solo tackles and one assist vs. Ohio State ... three tackles and two pass break-ups in win at Illinois ... three solo stops and four assists vs. Northwestern ... three solo tackles and three assists vs. Wisconsin ... four solo tackles and three pass break-ups at Minnesota ... returned pass interception 20 yards to set up fourth-quarter touchdown.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	I-Yds-TD	Fum.	PBU
Freshman	14	5	19	1-27-0	1-51-1	0
Sophomore	11	6	17	0-0-0	1-0-0	1
Junior	41	22	63	1-20-0	0-0-0	11
Career	66	33	99	2-47-0	2-51-1	12

50 - - Jason Crooks

LB, 6-2, 235, Freshman
Ft. Madison, IA (Ft. Madison HS)

1996 - - Member of special teams throughout the season ... saw first defensive action at Penn State and saw limited action in second half of season but had not statistics.

67 - - Chad Deal

OL, 6-5, 285, Freshman
Council Bluffs, IA (Lewis Central HS)

1996 - - Listed as second team center throughout the season ... saw limited action on offense and saw action on special teams.

94 - - *Jared DeVries

DL, 6-4, 265, Sophomore
Aplington, IA (Aplington-Parkersburg HS)

Honors - - Third team All-America by Football News ... first team All-Big Ten by Football News and Big Ten media ... second team All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches ... ESPN Player of the Game vs. Arizona ... defensive MVP vs. Arizona and Illinois and defensive hustle award vs. Illinois.

1996 - - Started all 11 games and has started all 23 games of his career ... 38 solo tackles and 23 assists ... led team with 19 tackles for loss (120) and 11 QB sacks (92) ... two fumble recoveries, one forced fumble and five pass break-ups ... four solo tackles and two assists vs. Arizona, including three tackles for loss and two QB sacks ... four solo tackles and three assists vs. Iowa State ... also had three tackles for loss and two QB sacks ... five total tackles and two sacks at Tulsa ... six tackles, including one for loss, and a pass break-up vs. Michigan State ... two of his three tackles at Indiana were for loss, including one QB sack ... four tackles and two pass break-ups at Penn State ... recovered Penn State fumble that led to Iowa's game-winning touchdown ... six solo tackles and two assists vs. Ohio State, including three tackles for loss and one sack ... five tackles, including two sacks, along with two pass break-ups at Illinois ... his pressure caused pass interception that was returned for Iowa touchdown ...

four tackles vs. Northwestern . . . five solo tackles and four assists in win over Wisconsin . . . also had a tackle for loss and recovered a Badger fumble that led to Iowa's first points of the game . . . four solo tackles at Minnesota, including a QB sack . . . forced a fumble that led to Iowa's first touchdown.

						For.	Rec.
Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	T/Loss	Sacks	Fum.	Fum.
Freshman	26	28	54	19/104	12/92	1	1
Sophomore	38	23	61	19/120	11/92	1	2
Career	64	51	115	38/224	23/194	2	3

7 - - **Ryan Driscoll

QB, 6-4, 225, Senior

Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Linn-Mar HS)

1996 - - Saw limited action as second team quarterback . . . holder on all PATs and field goal attempts throughout the season as Iowa kickers converted 35 of 36 PATs and 11 of 19 field goals . . . completed 11 of 24 passes for 147 yards, with one interception . . . rushed five times for 11 yards . . . completed seven of 14 passes for 86 yards in win over Iowa State and had one rushing attempt for 13 yards . . . completed four of six passes for 61 yards vs. Wisconsin . . . saw action in season finale at Minnesota, but did not throw any passes.

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Freshman	Injured, did not see game action					
Sophomore	154	78	.507	1,018	3	8
Junior	12	6	.500	67	1	0
Senior	24	11	.458	147	0	1
Career	190	95	.500	1,232	4	9

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lng
Sophomore	11	16	1.5	2	9
Junior	2	-11	---	0	---
Senior	5	11	2.2	0	13
Career	18	16	0.9	2	13

82 - - Jed Dull

TE, 6-3, 232, Freshman

LeMars, IA (Gehlen HS)

Honors - - Special teams MVP vs. Illinois.

1996 - - Saw action at tight end and on special teams . . . two catches for 46 yards, both coming in win at Indiana . . . 30-yard reception, the first of his career, led to Iowa's first touchdown and his second catch led to third quarter score that broke 10-10 tie . . . five solo tackles and two assists on special teams.

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Lng
Freshman	2	46	23.0	0	30

6 - - **Tim Dwight

WR, 5-9, 190, Junior

Iowa City, IA (City)

Honors - - First team All-America punt returner by Football Writers Association . . . second team All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches and media . . . Big Ten special teams Player of the Week vs. Ohio State . . . ABC-TV Player of the Game vs. Northwestern . . . AT&T Long Distance Award winner for 83-yard punt return vs. Penn State and 86-yard punt return vs. Ohio State . . . offensive MVP vs. Ohio State, Northwestern and Minnesota . . . special teams MVP vs. Michigan State, Penn State, Ohio State and Northwestern . . . offensive hustle award vs. Arizona, Iowa State, Michigan State and Illinois.

Records - - Set Iowa single-season record with 417 punt return yards on 22 returns . . . ranks 10th on Big Ten Conference all-time list for punt return yards in a season with 417 . . . 86-yard punt return vs. Ohio State is fourth longest ever at Iowa and 83-yarder vs. Penn State is fifth longest . . . tied for 11th in career scoring with 126 points . . . ranks 11th in career receptions (91) and 13th in career receiving yards (1,462) . . . holds Big Ten record for kickoff returns in a game (nine vs. Ohio State in 1995).

1996 - - Started all 11 games and has started 22 straight . . . ranks second nationally with 19-yard average on 22 punt returns . . . led the Big Ten in punt returns for the second time in three seasons . . . top receiver with 45 catches for 646 yards and four TDs . . . averaged 123.5 all-purpose yards per game . . . averaged 18.9 yards on 12 kickoff returns and 15.4 yards every time he touched the ball . . . has 51 career returns for 696 yards . . . rushed nine times for 68 yards and three scores . . . scored four times on receptions, three on rushes and twice on punt returns and is tied for second on team with 54 points . . . three punt returns for 37 yards and two KO returns for 44 yards vs. Arizona . . . three catches for 37 yards vs. Iowa State and rushed once for a five-yard touchdown . . . also had 16 yards on two punt returns and 36 yards on two KO returns . . . four-yard scoring reception at Tulsa, along with one rush for 12 yards and three punt returns for 44 yards . . . 38 yards on three receptions and one rush for six yards vs. Michigan State . . . also had a 46-yard punt return to set up a touchdown . . . 25 yards on two punt returns at Indiana . . . two catches for 77 yards at Penn State, including 65-yard reception to set up second Iowa score . . . 95 yards on two punt returns, including 83-yarder for Iowa's first touchdown, and 37 yards on two KO returns . . . four catches for 36 yards vs. Ohio State and scored on a 19-yard run . . . 131 yards on three punt returns, including an 86-yarder for a score and a 43-yarder to set up another Iowa touchdown . . . also had a 21-yard KO return . . . four catches for 45 yards and one touchdown at Illinois and one KO return for 25 yards . . . eight catches for 188 yards and one TD vs. Northwestern and had 23 yards on two punt returns . . . 188 receiving yards ranks sixth best at Iowa for single game . . . 60 yards on eight catches vs. Wisconsin . . . seven catches for 134 yards and a score at Minnesota . . . also rushed two times for 21 yards and a score . . . scored on five-yard run and 53-yard reception vs. Gophers and also had a 24-yard kickoff return.

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lng
Freshman	—	—	—	—	—
Sophomore	46	816	17.7	9	55
Junior	45	646	14.4	4	65
Career	91	1,462	16.1	13	65

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lng
Freshman	13	58	5.3	1	31
Sophomore	7	111	15.9	2	56
Junior	9	68	7.6	3	19
Career	29	237	8.2	6	56

KO Returns	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lng
Freshman	14	278	19.9	0	35
Sophomore	22	417	19.0	0	40
Junior	12	227	18.9	0	25
Career	48	922	19.2	0	40

Punt Returns	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lng.
Freshman	13	161	12.4	0	42
Sophomore	16	118	7.4	0	52
Junior	22	417	19.0	2	86
Career	51	696	13.6	2	86

52 -- Steve English

DL, 6-2, 265, Sophomore

Mt. Pleasant, IA (Mt. Pleasant HS)

1996 -- Saw limited action in the defensive line . . . three solo tackles, including two for negative yardage . . . quarterback sack came at Indiana . . . had a tackle for loss vs. Iowa State and one solo tackle vs. Northwestern.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	T/Loss	Sacks
Freshman	2	1	3	1/3	0/0
Sophomore	3	0	3	2/2	1/1
Career	5	1	6	3/5	1/1

9 -- ***Bill Ennis-Inge

DE, 6-5, 245, Senior

Kirkwood, MO (Kirkwood HS)

Honors -- Elected one of four co-captains for 1996 season . . . academic All-Big Ten . . . honorable mention All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches and media . . . ESPN Player of the Game vs. Wisconsin . . . defensive MVP vs. Michigan State and Ohio State . . . defensive hustle award vs. Michigan State and Wisconsin . . . graduated with degree in physical education last spring.

1996 -- Started all but first game of the season . . . 36 solo tackles and 26 assists . . . 15 tackles for loss (103) and 10 QB sacks (81) . . . forced three fumbles, recovered two fumbles

and broke up four passes . . . seven tackles, two QB sacks, a caused fumble and recovered fumble vs. Arizona . . . five tackles and a pass break-up vs. Iowa State . . . six tackles, including two for loss, at Tulsa . . . four solo tackles and three assists vs. Michigan State . . . four tackles and a pass break-up at Penn State . . . seven tackles, including two for loss, vs. Ohio State . . . nine tackles, including four solo stops, and a pass break-up at Illinois . . . six tackles and a pass break-up vs. Northwestern . . . five solo tackles and three assists vs. Wisconsin . . . four QB sacks, forced two fumbles that led to 10 Iowa points and recovered another fumble that stopped Wisconsin's only drive into Iowa territory . . . two solo tackles, including a tackle for loss, in win at Minnesota.

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Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	T/Loss	Sacks	Fum	Fum
Freshman	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	0
Sophomore	26	22	48	4/14	2/10	1	0
Junior	35	21	56	17/116	12/76	1	1
Senior	36	26	62	15/103	10/81	3	2
Career	98	70	168	36/233	24/167	5	3

72 -- Epenesa Epenesa

DL, 6-3, 260, Junior

American, Samoa (Iowa Wesleyan College)

1996 -- Saw action as reserve in the defensive line, mostly in short yardage situations . . . one solo tackle came at Indiana.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	T/Loss	Sacks	PBU
Junior	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0

34 -- ***Rodney Filer

FB, 6-2, 225, Senior

Waco, TX (University HS)

1996 -- Limited action due to knee surgery during the off-season . . . saw action at fullback and also played on special teams . . . rushed seven times for 34 yards . . . three tackles on special teams . . . four carries for 34 yards came in win at Indiana, with a long of 28 yards.

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lng
Freshman	3	7	2.3	0	5
Sophomore	7	5	0.7	0	5
Junior	37	249	6.7	3	52
Senior	5	34	4.9	0	28
Career	52	295	5.7	3	52

80 - - Zeron Flemister

TE, 6-5, 245, Freshman

Sioux City, IA (West HS)

1996 - - Saw action at tight end and played on special teams ... saw limited duty during middle of season due to injury ... started at Tulsa ... five catches for 66 yards and one tackle on special teams ... three catches for 36 yards in win over Iowa State ... one 16-yard reception at Tulsa ... one catch for 14 yards in win over Wisconsin.

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Lng
Freshman	5	66	13.2	0	17

46 - - ***Nick Gallery

P/TE, 6-4, 239, Senior

Masonville, Iowa (East Buchanan HS)

Honors - - First team All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches and media ... national AT&T Long Distance winner for punting average after averaging 56 yards per punt vs. Ohio State and 58 yards per punt vs. Wisconsin ... special teams MVP vs. Wisconsin ... set Iowa record for number of punts in career with 183 ... was also first team All-Big Ten as a junior and second team as a freshman ... first player to lead the Big Ten in punting in consecutive years since 1985-86.

1996 - - Averaged 44.5 yards on 44 punts and led Big Ten in punting throughout the season ... 33 of 44 punts were over 40 yards and 10 punts of at least 50 yards ... had a season-best of 73 yards vs. Ohio State, a 69-yarder at Indiana and a 67-yarder vs. Wisconsin ... 42.5 average on six punts vs. Arizona ... 40.3 average on four punts vs. Iowa State ... 42-yard average vs. Tulsa ... 43-yard average vs. Michigan State ... 53-yard average at Indiana, 43.1-yard average in the rain at Penn State ... 56-yard average vs. Ohio State, 44.3-yard average at Illinois ... 58-yard average vs. Wisconsin ... 45.7-yard average on three punts at Minnesota ... is 159 yards shy of Iowa record of career punting yards (8,012), held by Reggie Roby.

Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng	Blk
Freshman	58	2,416	41.7	70	0
Sophomore	41	1,668	40.7	57	1
Junior	40	1,813	45.3	75	1
Senior	44	1,956	44.5	73	1
Career	183	7,853	42.9	75	3

18 - - *Damon Gibson

WR, 5-9, 180, Junior

Houston, TX (Forest Brook HS)

1996 - - Saw action in nine games with no starts ... 16 receptions for 257 yards and three touchdowns ... one reception for an 18-yard touchdown in 21-20 win over Arizona ... three catches for 54 yards and one score vs.

Iowa State ... scoring reception covered 42 yards ... one reception at Tulsa for 45 yards set up Iowa touchdown on first drive of the game ... six catches for 91 yards in win at Indiana ... one catch for nine yards at Penn State ... two catches for 18 yards at Illinois ... eight-yard reception for touchdown tied game just before halftime ... one catch for 10 yards vs. Ohio State ... one catch for 12 yards at Minnesota.

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lng
Freshman	—	—	—	—	—
Sophomore	5	59	11.8	0	40
Junior	16	257	16.1	3	45
Career	21	316	15.0	3	45

KO Returns	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lng
Freshman	—	—	—	—	—
Sophomore	5	98	19.6	0	33
Junior	—	—	—	—	—
Career	5	98	19.6	0	33

26 - - Ed Gibson

DB, 5-10, 180, Junior

Davenport, Iowa (Assumption HS)

Honors - - Special teams MVP vs. Illinois.

1996 - - Listed as second team right cornerback throughout the season ... saw limited action in secondary and played fulltime on special teams ... 10 solo tackles and two assists for the season ... also had one kickoff return for 25 yards vs. Ohio State ... two solo tackles vs. Indiana and two solo stops and one assist at Illinois ... had at least one tackle in nine of 11 games.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	T/Loss	Fum
Freshman	1	0	1	0/0	0-0
Sophomore	20	12	32	1/6	1-67
Junior	10	2	12	0/0	0-0
Career	31	14	45	1/6	1-67

79 - - **Mike Goff

OL, 6-6, 295

Junior, Peru, IL (LaSalle-Peru HS)

1996 - - Listed as first team right guard at start of season ... started opening game vs. Arizona ... bothered by injury since Arizona game ... has seen action each week but has not started since first game ... key member of offensive line as Iowa averaged 176.1 yards rushing and 356.2 yards total offense per contest.

36 - - *Aaron Granquist

FB, 6-4, 240, Senior
Osage, Iowa (Osage HS)

Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten.

1996 - - Listed as second team fullback throughout the season... saw action in all 11 games with no starts... carried eight times for 77 yards and had four catches for 19 yards... 14 yards on one carry vs. Iowa State... two rushes for 32 yards vs. Michigan State... five yards on one attempt at Indiana and one four-yard reception... two carries for 14 yards and one catch for four yards at Penn State... one carry for five yards and one catch for five yards vs. Ohio State... one catch for six yards vs. Wisconsin... one rush for seven yards at Minnesota.

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lng
Junior	5	11	2.2	0	5
Senior	8	77	9.6	0	27
Career	13	88	6.8	0	27

28 - - **Jason House

DE, 6-3, 230, Junior
Iowa City, Iowa (City HS)

Hawk-Item - - Earned scholarship after joining the team as a walk-on.

Honors - - Defensive MVP vs. Penn State and defensive hustle award vs. Penn State.

1996 - - Saw action at left defensive end in all 11 games, with one start... 15 solo tackles and eight assists... three tackles for loss, including two QB sacks... one fumble recovery and three pass break-ups... started first game of season vs. Arizona and had two solo stops, including one for loss... one tackle and a pass break-up vs. Iowa State... two tackles at Tulsa... two stops vs. Michigan State... two solo stops at Indiana... four solo tackles and three assists at Penn State, along with two QB sacks for minus 16 yards and two pass break-ups... two tackles and a fumble recovery vs. Ohio State... two tackles vs. Northwestern... two tackles vs. Wisconsin.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	T/Loss	Sacks	PBU	Blk. PT.
Freshman	9	3	12	0/0	0/0	0	1
Sophomore	6	1	7	0/0	0/0	0	0
Junior	15	8	23	3/17	2/16	3	0
Career	30	12	42	3/17	2/16	3	1

37 - - *Matt Hughes

LB, 6-3, 240, Sophomore
Eastland, TX (Eastland HS)

Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten... honorable mention All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches and media... Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week vs. Indiana... defensive MVP vs. Indiana and defensive Mr. Hustle vs. Illinois and Wisconsin.

1996 status - - Started all 11 games at linebacker... led team with 127 tackles, including 84 solo stops... 127 tackles ranks 14th best in a single season... had 10 tackles for loss (60) and five QB sacks (49)... forced one fumble, recovered two fumbles, intercepted one pass and had seven pass break-ups... eight solo tackles and four assists vs. Arizona, including a recovered fumble that led to an Iowa touchdown... 11 tackles, including eight solos, vs. Iowa State... 11 tackles, a QB sack and a pass break-up at Tulsa... nine solo tackles and five assists vs. Michigan State, along with a forced fumble... 12 tackles, including 10 solo stops, at Indiana... also returned an interception 38 yards, forced a fumble and had a pass break-up... nine solo stops and five assists at Penn State, including three tackles for loss and two QB sacks... also recovered a fumble that led to an Iowa touchdown... 14 tackles, with five solos and nine assists, vs. Ohio State... eight solo tackles, three assists and a pass break-up at Illinois... nine solo tackles and four assists vs. Northwestern... seven tackles in win over Wisconsin... six solo stops, two assists and two pass break-ups at Minnesota.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	T/Loss	Sacks	PBU
Freshman	13	6	19	3/6	0/0	0
Sophomore	84	43	127	10/60	5/49	7
Career	97	49	146	13/66	5/49	7

20 - - ***Brion Hurley

K/P, 6-4, 215, Senior
Iowa City, IA (City HS)

Hawk-Item - - Earned bachelor's degree prior to start of senior season... earned scholarship after joining squad as walk-on.

Honors - - AT&T Long Distance award for 54-yard field goal in win over Iowa State... special teams MVP vs. Michigan State, Indiana, Ohio State and Minnesota.

1996 - - Handled all kickoffs, long field goal attempts and short punts throughout the season... averaged 32.5 yards on 10 punts, with a long of 41 yards... four of 10 punts were inside opponent 20-yardline... made five of 11 field goals, with three of the misses being blocked... all five field goals covered at least 45 yards, including a 54-yarder vs. Iowa State, a 51-yarder vs. Michigan State and a 50-yarder at Minnesota... dating back to last season, his last 10 field goals have each covered at least 45 yards, with six of at least 50 yards... Iowa has only 11 field goals ever of at least 50 yards, and Hurley has six of the 11... one punt for 41 yards vs. Arizona... 54-yard field goal vs. Iowa State and 33-yard average on two punts... 45-yard field goal at Tulsa and one punt for 31 yards... 51-yard field

goal vs. Michigan State . . . one punt for 39 yards at Penn State . . . 28.3 average on three punts at Illinois . . . 31.5 average on two punts vs. Northwestern . . . 50-yard field goal at Minnesota.

Placements	PAT	FG	Lng	Pts
Freshman	2-2	1-1	42	5
Sophomore	23-26	2-5	32	29
Junior	4-6	5-8	50	19
Senior	0-0	5-12	54	15
Career	29-34	13-26	54	68

Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng	Blk
Freshman	8	285	35.6	47	0
Sophomore	—	—	—	—	—
Junior	12	421	35.1	48	0
Senior	10	325	32.5	41	0
Career	30	1,031	34.4	48	0

90 -- *Aron Klein

DL, 6-4, 285, Sophomore
Appleton, WI (West HS)

Honors -- Academic All-Big Ten.

1996 -- Started all 11 games at nose guard . . . 19 solo tackles and 20 assists . . . five tackles for loss, one recovered fumble and three pass break-ups . . . two solo tackles, two assists and a recovered fumble vs. Arizona . . . four solo tackles, including one for loss, vs. Iowa State . . . six assists, including one for loss, at Tulsa . . . three solo stops and one assist vs. Michigan State . . . three tackles, including one for loss, at Penn State . . . three tackles vs. Ohio State . . . two solo stops and three assists at Illinois, including two tackles for loss, and one pass break-up . . . two tackles and a pass break-up vs. Northwestern . . . one solo and three assists vs. Wisconsin . . . two solos and two assists vs. Minnesota.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	T/Loss	Sacks	Fum.	PBU
Freshman	6	7	13	3/9	1/6	0	0
Sophomore	19	20	39	5/9	0/0	1	3
Career	25	27	52	8/18	1/6	1	3

8 -- ***Tom Knight

DB, 5-11, 190, Senior
Marlton, NJ (Cherokee HS)

Hawk-Items -- Elected one of four co-captains for 1996 season . . . received medical redshirt for 1993 season after suffering knee injury.

Honors -- Second team All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches and media . . . defensive Mr. Hustle award vs. Tulsa, Penn State, Ohio State and Wisconsin.

Records -- Holds Iowa record for interception return yards in a career with 237 and interception returns for touchdowns with three . . . tied for sixth place in career interceptions with 10 . . . tied a Big Ten record in 1995 with two interception returns for touchdowns . . . tied for second in the Big Ten with three others with three interception returns for touchdowns.

1996 -- Started all 11 games at cornerback . . . 39 solo tackles and 14 assists . . . four interceptions for 80 yards and one touchdown . . . forced one fumble, recovered one fumble and had 12 pass break-ups . . . five solo tackles, two pass break-ups and an interception vs. Arizona . . . interception vs. Arizona set up final touchdown in 21-20 win . . . two tackles and a forced fumble vs. Iowa State . . . seven solo tackles, two assists and two pass break-ups at Tulsa . . . four solo tackles and two assists vs. Michigan State, with one pass break-up . . . interception vs. Spartans to start third quarter led to Iowa touchdown in 37-30 come-from-behind win . . . four solo tackles, two assists and a pass break-up at Indiana . . . returned interception 57 yards for a score to give Iowa a 24-10 advantage in the third quarter, his second score against the Hoosiers in two years . . . four tackles and two pass break-ups in win at Penn State . . . three tackles and a pass break-up at Illinois . . . four solo tackles and an assist vs. Northwestern . . . four solo tackles, two assists, a pass break-up and an interception vs. Wisconsin . . . five solo tackles, one pass break-up and a recovered fumble at Minnesota . . . fumble recovery set up Iowa's first touchdown in 43-24 win over the Gophers.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	PBU	Int-Yds-TD
Freshman	15	3	18	0	1-34-0
Sophomore	10	2	12	1	1-21-0
Junior	31	8	39	8	4-102-2
Senior	39	14	53	12	4-80-1
Career	95	27	122	21	10-237-3

81 -- *Chris Knipper

TE, 6-5, 251, Sophomore
Dyersville, IA (Beckman HS)

Honors -- Honorable mention All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches and media . . . offensive MVP vs. Michigan State . . . offensive Mr. Hustle award vs. Iowa State, Ohio State, Northwestern, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

1996 -- Started 10 of 11 games, missing game at Tulsa due to injury . . . 14 catches for 173 yards and three touchdowns . . . two tackles on special teams . . . one catch for 19 yards vs. Arizona . . . one reception for five yards vs. Iowa State . . . three catches for 63 yards and two scores in win over Michigan State . . . scoring catches covered 35 and nine yards and his third catch put the ball at the MSU one-yardline to set up another Iowa score . . . one catch for six yard at Penn State . . . 10 yards on two catches vs. Ohio State . . . one catch for eight yards vs. Wisconsin . . . five receptions for 62 yards at Minnesota.

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lng
Freshman	No receptions				
Sophomore	14	173	12.4	3	35

55 -- **Jon LaFleur

DL, 6-3, 275, Junior

Jefferson, SD (Sioux City (IA) Heelan HS)

Honors -- Defensive MVP vs. Penn State ... defensive Mr. Hustle award vs. Iowa State and Wisconsin.

1996 -- Started final nine games and played in all 11 games ... slowed during early part of season after off-season surgery ... 30 solo tackles and 26 assists ... 11 tackles for loss (28) and three QB sacks (11) ... forced one fumble, recovered a fumble and had three pass break-ups ... three solo stops and an assist, including one tackle for loss, vs. Arizona ... forced a fumble vs. Arizona ... four tackles, including one for loss, and a pass break-up vs. Iowa State ... three tackles, including two for loss, in first start of the season at Tulsa ... three solo tackles and four assists vs. Michigan State, with one tackle for loss and a pass break-up ... five solo tackles and four assists vs. Penn State ... had three tackles for loss and a QB sack ... four tackles vs. Ohio State ... three solo stops and three assists at Illinois ... five solo stops and one assist vs. Northwestern, with a tackle for loss, a QB sack and one pass break-up ... four solo tackles and three assists vs. Wisconsin ... had a tackle for loss, a QB sack and a recovered fumble that led to Iowa's final score in a 31-0 win ... three solo stops and two assists at Minnesota.

					For.	Rec.	
Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	T/Loss	Sacks	Fum.	Fum. PBU
Freshman	29	22	51	3/9	1/6	0	1 0
Sophomore	31	17	48	9/20	2/4	0	0 3
Junior	30	26	56	11/28	3/11	1	1 3
Career	90	65	155	23/57	6/21	1	2 6

Ryan Loftin

DE, 6-4, 235, Freshman

Waukee, IA (Waukee HS)

Hawk-Item -- Joined team as a walk-on and was redshirted in 1995.

1996 -- Listed as second team right end throughout the season ... saw action on special teams and limited action on defense ... four solo tackles and four assists ... two assists vs. Arizona ... one tackle vs. Iowa State ... two solo stops vs. Michigan State ... one tackle vs. Northwestern, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	T/Loss	Sacks	PBU
Freshman	4	4	8	0/0	0/0	0

68 -- **Jeremy McKinney

OL, 6-6, 290, Junior

Brighton, CO (Horizon HS)

Hawk-Item -- Played both offense and defense as a true freshman in 1994.**Honors --** Offensive Mr. Hustle award vs. Iowa State,

Michigan State, Indiana, Ohio State and Wisconsin.

1996 -- Started all 11 games at right tackle ... a key reason RB Sedrick Shaw rushed for over 1,000 yards for the third straight season ... led the way for Iowa offense that averaged 176.1 yards rushing and 356.2 yards total offense per contest.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	QB Sack	T/Loss	PBU
Fresh.	13	9	22	1/15	2/18	1

25 -- Chris Miller

DB, 6-1, 200, Junior

Preston, IA (Preston HS)

Hawk-Item -- In first season of action at Iowa ... transferred to Iowa and was redshirted in 1995.

1996 -- Saw extensive action on special teams ... one of fastest players on squad who earned status as "wedge-buster" on kickoffs ... eight solo tackles and two assists ... also recovered one fumble ... one solo stop vs. Arizona and one solo tackle and one assist vs. Iowa State ... one assist vs. Michigan State and recovered MSU fumble on kickoff that led to Iowa touchdown in 37-30 come-from-behind win ... one tackle vs. Indiana, Penn State, Illinois and Minnesota and two solo stops vs. Wisconsin.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	T/Loss	PBU
Freshman	No statistics				
Sophomore	No statistics				
Junior	8	2	10	0/0	0

92 -- **Mark Mitchell

LB, 6-2, 230, Senior

Iowa City, Iowa (City HS)

1996 -- Listed as second team linebacker throughout the season ... saw action on special teams and limited action on defense while fighting injuries ... three solo tackles and 10 assists ... three assists in win over Iowa State ... two assists at Tulsa and vs. Michigan State ... missed three games in middle of season due to shoulder injury ... three solo stops and one assist vs. Wisconsin.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	PBU
Freshman	—	—	—	—
Sophomore	2	6	8	0
Junior	8	6	14	1
Senior	3	10	13	0
Career	13	22	35	1

10 - - ****Demosesneeds Odems III*

WR, 5-10, 180, Senior

Austin, TX (LBJ HS)

Honors - - Offensive MVP vs. Wisconsin.

1996 - - Started all 11 games at wide receiver after starting nine games as a junior . . . 18 catches for 262 yards to rank second on the team in receiving yards and third in catches . . . two rushing attempts for 36 yards . . . 10 punt returns for 143 yards . . . one catch for nine yards vs. Arizona . . . two catches for 28 yards vs. Iowa State . . . one catch for 23 yards and two punt returns for 28 yards at Tulsa . . . 62 yards on two catches vs. Michigan State and one punt return for five yards . . . had one of biggest plays of the season vs. MSU, catching a third down pass for a 54-yard gain when Iowa trailed 17-0 in first quarter . . . that catch led to Iowa's first score in a 37-30 win . . . one catch for nine yards at Indiana . . . two catches for 32 yards and two punt returns for 41 yards in win at Penn State . . . 25-yard reception set up Iowa's winning touchdown in the third period and his 36-yard punt return helped establish field position earlier in the third period . . . one catch for nine yards and two rushing attempts for 36 yards vs. Ohio State and 12 yards on one punt return . . . nine yards on one catch at Illinois . . . three catches for 30 yards vs. Northwestern . . . 42 yards on three catches vs. Northwestern and one punt return for six yards . . . one catch for nine yards and two punt returns for 47 yards at Minnesota . . . 44-yard return at Minnesota set up touchdown that gave Iowa 17-0 lead in a 43-24 victory.

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lng
Freshman	12	151	12.6	1	37
Sophomore	7	190	27.1	3	51
Junior	19	338	17.8	1	33
Senior	18	262	14.6	0	54
Career	56	941	16.8	5	54

99 - - ***Jon Ortlieb*

DL, 6-3, 265, Senior

Boca Raton, FL (Boca Raton HS)

Hawk-Item - - Earned bachelor's degree prior to start of senior season.

1996 - - Saw action in all 11 games and started first two games at defensive tackle . . . 13 solo tackles and 10 assists . . . four tackles for loss and three QB sacks . . . forced one fumble, recovered one fumble and had two pass break-ups . . . two solo tackles, two assists and a forced fumble vs. Arizona . . . two solo stops, one assist, a QB sack and a recovered fumble vs. Iowa State . . . three solo tackles and two assists vs. Michigan State . . . recorded two QB sacks vs. Spartans . . . a solo stop and two assists vs. Ohio State . . . two tackles at Illinois . . . two tackles vs. Wisconsin.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	T/Loss	Sacks	For.	Rec.	PBU
Freshman	No statistics							
Sophomore	6	8	14	1/3	0/0	0	0	1
Junior	1	11	12	1/5	0/0	0	0	1
Senior	13	10	23	4/17	3/16	1	1	2
Career	20	29	49	6/25	3/16	1	1	4

69 - - *Shalor Pryor*

OL, 6-4, 280, Freshman

Stephenville, TX (Stephenville HS)

1996 - - Listed as second team guard throughout the season . . . also saw action on special teams . . . member of offensive line that led way for Iowa to average 176.1 rushing yards and 356.2 yard total offense per game.

63 - - ****Bill Reardon*

OL, 6-3, 275

Senior, Chicago, IL (Loyola Academy)

Hawk-Item - - Earned scholarship after joining team as a walk-on.

Honors - - Honorable mention All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches and media . . . special teams MVP vs. Tulsa and Minnesota . . . offensive Mr. Hustle award vs. Indiana and Penn State.

1996 - - Started all 11 games at center and handled all deep snaps . . . key reason RB Sedrick Shaw rushed for over 1,000 yards for third consecutive season . . . helped Iowa offense average 176.1 yards rushing and 356.2 yards total offense per game in only season as a starter.

76 - - **Matt Reischl*

OL, 6-5, 290, Sophomore

Greendale, WI (Greendale HS)

Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten . . . offensive Mr. Hustle award vs. Arizona and Tulsa.

1996 - - Started all 11 games at left guard . . . a key member of offensive line that led the way for RB Sedrick Shaw to rush for over 1,000 yards for the third straight season . . . part of offensive line that helped Iowa average 176.1 yards rushing and 356.2 yards total offense for the season.

57 - - *Keith Rigtrup*

OL, 6-5, 300, Junior

Farmington, UT (Ricks CC)

1996 - - Saw limited action in offensive line while making adjustment from junior college . . . member of offensive line that led the way for Iowa to average 176.1 yards rushing and 356.2 yards total offense per game.

3 - - ****Damien Robinson*

DB, 6-2, 205, Senior
Dallas, TX (Hillcrest HS)

Honors - - First team All-Big Ten by Football News and Big Ten media ... second team All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches ... defensive MVP vs. Iowa State, Indiana, Penn State and Illinois.

Records - - Ranks third in career pass interceptions with 14 and ranks fourth in career return yards with 196 yards ... six interceptions in 1996 ranks sixth best for a single-season and his five thefts in 1995 is ninth best for single-season ... ranks 10th in career tackles with 286.

1996 - - Started all 11 games at free safety ... third on team with 105 tackles, including 61 solo stops and 44 assists ... three tackles for loss, two forced fumbles and one recovered fumble ... led team with six pass interceptions (99 yards) and 13 pass break-ups ... three tackles and two pass break-ups vs. Arizona ... six solo stops and three assists vs. Iowa State, along with a pass break-up and an interception ... four solo stops, eight assists, two pass break-ups and an interception at Tulsa ... seven solo stops, six assists and two break-ups vs. Michigan State ... interception in endzone on final play of the game preserved Iowa's 37-30 win ... six solo stops, two assists, three pass break-ups and an interception at Indiana ... led team with 10 solo stops and six assists at Penn State and had two tackles for loss ... eight solo tackles, four assists and a forced fumble vs. Ohio State ... 10 solo tackles and a pass break-up at Illinois ... caused and recovered a fumble that led to Iowa field goal for a 17-14 lead in the third quarter ... also had pass interception in fourth quarter ... five solo stops and eight assists vs. Northwestern ... three tackles and a pass break-up vs. Wisconsin ... three solo stops, three assists and a pass interception at Minnesota.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	PBU	Int.-Yds-TD
Freshman	30	16	46	1	2-37-0
Sophomore	37	21	58	6	1-0-0
Junior	51	26	77	8	5-60-0
Senior	61	44	105	13	6-99-0
Career	179	6107	286	28	14-196-9

56 - - **Vernon Rollins*

LB, 6-3, 240, Sophomore
Hackensack, NJ (Hackensack HS)

Honors - - Honorable mention All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches and media ... Big Ten Defensive Player of the week vs. Arizona ... defensive MVP vs. Arizona and Illinois.

1996 - - Started all 11 games at linebacker and has started all 23 games in his two-year career ... ranks 33rd in career tackles with 216 ... second on the team with 116 tackles, including 72 solo stops and 44 assists ... six tackles for loss and three QB sacks ... forced one fumble, recovered one fumble and had three pass break-ups ... recovered a fumble in the endzone for Iowa's initial touchdown in a 21-20 win over Arizona ... returned only pass interception

(and first of career) 20 yards for a touchdown to give Iowa a 24-14 lead at Illinois ... 116 tackles ranks 22nd best for a single-season ... nine solo stops and five assists vs. Arizona, including one QB sack, and recovered a fumble for a touchdown ... four solo stops and two assists vs. Iowa State ... 10 solo tackles and four assists at Tulsa ... 14 solo tackles and three assists vs. Michigan State, with one tackle for loss and a forced fumble ... six tackles, including a QB sack, at Indiana ... five tackles and a pass break-up at Penn State ... eight solo stops and six assists vs. Ohio State ... seven solo stops and three assists vs. Illinois and broke game open with interception return for a third quarter touchdown ... 10 solo tackles and four assists vs. Northwestern ... seven tackles vs. Wisconsin ... four solo stops, five assists and a pass break-up at Minnesota.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	T/Loss	For. Rec.			
					Sacks	Fum	Fum	PBU
Freshman	44	56	100	6/12	1/4	1	1	3
Sophomore	72	44	116	6/32	3/28	1	1	3
Career	116	100	216	12/44	4/32	2	2	6

64 - - *Derek Rose*

OL, 6-4, 270, Sophomore
Naperville, IL (Central HS)

Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten ... offensive MVP vs. Michigan State ... offensive Mr. Hustle award vs. Tulsa and Illinois.

1996 - - Played in all 11 games and started 10 straight after not starting the season-opener ... called into action due to an injury vs. Arizona and responded with a very solid season ... one of key reasons RB Sedrick Shaw rushed for over 1,000 yards for a third straight season ... big part of Iowa offense that averaged 176.1 yards rushing per game and 356.2 yards total offense.

98 - - *Ed Saidat*

DL, 6-7, 255, Freshman
Alsip, IL (Marist HS)

1996 - - Saw limited action on special teams and in the defensive line, but had no statistics.

61 - - **Ted Serama*

OL, 6-4, 295, Senior
Sauk Village, IL (Bloom Trail HS)

Hawk-Item - - Earned bachelor's degree prior to start of senior season.

Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten.

1996 - - Listed as second team right tackle throughout the season ... saw limited action on offense and also played on special teams ... part of an offensive line that led way for RB Sedrick Shaw to rush for over 1,000 yards for third consecutive season ... helped Iowa average 176.1 yards rushing and 356.2 yards total offense per game.

5 - - ****Sedrick Shaw*

RB, 6-1, 210, Senior

Austin, TX (LBJ HS)

Hawk-Items - - Elected as one of four co-captains for 1996 season.**Honors** - - First team All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches . . . honorable mention All-Big Ten by Big Ten media . . . offensive MVP vs. Arizona, Tulsa, Illinois, Northwestern, Wisconsin and Minnesota.**Records** - - Holds Iowa records for rushing attempts in a game (42, at Michigan State, 1995), season (316, 1995) and career (817, 1995) . . . holds record for rushing yards in a season (1,477, 1995) and career (4,043) . . . holds single-season record for rushing TDs (15, 1995) and career mark for rushing TDs (32) and total TDs (34) . . . 250 rushing yards at Michigan State in 1995 ranks as second best single game and 214 yards at Wisconsin in 1995 ranks sixth best . . . 92 points in 1995 ranks fourth for single season and he ranks fourth in career scoring (208), highest among non-kickers . . . eighth running back in Big Ten history to rush for over 4,000 yards and eighth running back in Big Ten to rush for over 1,000 three times . . . ranks sixth in Big Ten in career rushing attempts.**1996** - - Started nine games and played in 10, missing game at Penn State due to rib injury . . . also played through middle of season with broken left thumb . . . 1996 game at Penn State is the only game he missed in four-year career . . . only Iowa running back to gain over 1,000 yards in more than one season (1,002 in 1994, 1,477 in 1995 and 1,003 in 1996) . . . rushed 204 times for 1,003 yards and eight touchdowns and had 13 catches for 78 yards and one score . . . tied for second in scoring with 54 points . . . rushed for over 100 yards five times in 1995 and has 18 100-yard games in his career . . . 23 carries for 115 yards and one TD vs. Arizona and two receptions for 15 yards . . . 79 yards on just 10 carries vs. Iowa State before suffering ankle injury . . . did not start at Tulsa due to injury, but rushed 19 times for 123 yards and a touchdown and had 14 yards on two catches . . . 81 yards on 18 carries vs. Michigan State and one catch for five yards . . . 18 carries for 51 yards at Indiana before leaving game early in third quarter with rib injury . . . did not play at Penn State due to injury . . . 16 attempts for 51 yards vs. Ohio State . . . returned to form at Illinois with 32 carries for 159 yards and one touchdown and three receptions for 27 yards . . . 93 yards on 16 carries vs. Northwestern and two receptions for 13 yards . . . 25 carries vs. Wisconsin for 143 yards and three touchdowns . . . 27 carries for 108 yards and two TDs at Minnesota.

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lng
Freshman	127	561	4.4	2	22
Sophomore	170	1,002	5.9	7	80
Junior	316	1,477	4.7	15	58
Senior	204	1,003	4.9	8	50
Career	817	4,043	4.9	32	80

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lng
Freshman	14	115	8.2	0	21
Sophomore	7	100	14.3	1	46
Junior	16	144	9.0	0	37
Senior	13	78	6.0	1	10
Career	50	437	8.7	2	46

Returns	KO	Avg.	TD	Lng
Freshman	16-380	23.8	0	75
Sophomore	0-0	---	---	---
Junior	0-0	---	---	---
Senior	0-0	---	---	---
Career	16-380	23.8	0	75

12 - - ***Matt Sherman*

QB, 6-3, 212, Junior

St. Ansgar, Iowa (St. Ansgar HS)

Honors - - Second team All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches . . . honorable mention All-Big Ten by Big Ten media . . . offensive MVP vs. Minnesota.**1996** - - Started all 11 games and has led Iowa to 18-7 record while starting 25 straight games . . . completed 145 of 248 (.585) passes for 1,792 yards and 12 TDs, with 10 interceptions . . . 1996 totals rank 11th in attempts, 12th in yards and 13th in completions for a single season . . . improved career totals to 357 of 602 (.593) for 5,074 yards and 32 TDs, with 27 interceptions . . . in career stats ranks fourth in TD passes, passing yards, completions and total offense (4,753) and fifth in pass attempts . . . completed 10 of 17 passes for 81 yards and one score vs. Arizona . . . completed 13 of 16 for 149 yards and one TD vs. Iowa State . . . completed 10 of 21 for 149 yards and a score at Tulsa . . . completed 10 of 19 attempts for 177 yards and three scores in leading comeback win over Michigan State, collecting three TD passes for the third time in his career . . . completed 16 of 28 passes for 243 at Indiana . . . completed eight of 19 for 104 yards in pouring rain at Penn State . . . completed 18 of 37 passes for 192 yards vs. Ohio State, but was intercepted a season-high three times . . . completed 15 of 21 passes for 117 yards and two scored in a wind-storm at Illinois . . . passed for season-high 255 yards (and two TDs) vs. Northwestern, hitting 16 of 32 passes . . . completed 12 of 17 passes for 99 yards in 31-0 win over Wisconsin as he led a ball-control offense that had no turnovers . . . completed first 10 passes as Iowa built a 24-0 advantage in the first half . . . saved best for last, completing 17 of 21 passes for 226 yards and one score at Minnesota . . . completed first 11 passes vs. Gophers in leading Iowa to 17-0 advantage.

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int.
Freshman	42	59	.712	736	6	2
Sophomore	170	295	.576	2,546	14	15
Junior	145	248	.585	1,792	12	10
Career	357	602	.593	5,074	32	27

31 - - Rob Thein

RB, 6-0, 220, Freshman
Iowa City, IA (City HS)

Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten.

1996 - - Saw limited action as reserve running back and played on special teams throughout the season . . . rushed three times for 13 yards and completed only pass attempt for 25 yards . . . totaled two solo tackles and four assists on special teams . . . one carry for four yards at Indiana . . . two carries for nine yards vs. Wisconsin . . . completed only pass attempt for 25 yards in win at Penn State, setting up winning touchdown in fourth quarter with completion to the PSU eight-yard line . . . one solo tackle and an assist vs. Iowa State . . . one tackle on special teams vs. Penn State, Ohio State, Northwestern and Minnesota.

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lng
Freshman	3	13	4.3	0	10

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int.
Freshman	1	1	1.000	25	0	0

21 - - Eric Thigpen

DB, 6-1, 195, Sophomore
Dolton, IL (Thornridge HS)

1996 - - Listed as second team defensive back throughout the season . . . saw action as fifth defensive back in the secondary and played fulltime on special teams . . . injured vs. Illinois and did not play in final three games . . . four solo tackles and three assists . . . forced one fumble, had a pass break-up and one interception . . . one solo tackle and two assists at Tulsa . . . forced a fumble on kickoff return vs. Michigan State that led to Iowa score in 37-30 come-from-behind win . . . one tackle, one pass break-up and only interception of the season in win at Indiana . . . one tackle and an assist in win at Penn State . . . one tackle at Illinois before injury forced him to miss remainder of the season.

Defense	Solo	Ast.	Total	PBU	Int-Yds.
Freshman	2	5	7	1	0-0
Sophomore	4	3	7	1	1-0
Career	6	8	14	2	1-0

73 - - *Ross Verba**

OL, 6-4, 295, Senior
West Des Moines, IA (Dowling HS)

Iowa Items - - Elected one of four co-captains for 1996 season . . . moved from tight end to offensive tackle prior to start of 1993 fall practice.

Honors - - First team All-Big Ten by Football News, Big Ten coaches and Big Ten media . . . offensive MVP vs. Penn State, Illinois and Wisconsin . . . offensive Mr. Hustle award vs. Indiana and Northwestern.

1996 - - Started all 11 games this season at left tackle and 34 during his career . . . key member of offensive line that has led the way for RB Sedrick Shaw to rush for 4,043 yards over the past four years, including three straight seasons over 1,000 yards . . . led the way this season as Iowa averaged 176.1 rushing yards per game and 356.2 yards total offense per contest.

25 - - *Richard Willock

WR, 6-2, 195, Junior
Chicago, IL (Leo HS)

Honors - - Special teams MVP vs. Arizona.

1996 - - Listed as second team flanker throughout the season and played on special teams . . . five catches for 97 yards . . . five tackles on special teams, with one forced fumble . . . scored only touchdown at Minnesota when he recovered an Iowa fumble in the endzone to give Iowa a 24-17 lead in the third quarter . . . two catches for 39 yards vs. Iowa State . . . two receptions for 39 yards at Indiana, including season-longest of 30 yards . . . one catch for 19 yards vs. Wisconsin . . . one tackle and a forced fumble vs. Arizona . . . one solo stop and an assist vs. Iowa State . . . one tackle at Tulsa . . . one tackle vs. Minnesota.

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Lng
Freshman	—	—	—	—	—
Sophomore	2	29	14.5	1	17
Junior	5	97	19.4	1*	30
Career	7	126	18.0	2	30

* - - fumble recovery

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Honorable mention All-Big Ten by Big Ten media

TAVIAN BANKS

Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week vs. Iowa State
ABC-TV Player of the Game vs. Iowa State

TREVOR BOLLERS

Academic All-Big Ten

MICHAEL BURGER

Academic All-Big Ten

JARED DEVRIES

ESPN Player of the Game vs. Arizona
Third team All-American by Football News
First team All-Big Ten by Football News
First team All-Big Ten by Big Ten media
Second team All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches

TIM DWIGHT

First team All-American by Football Writers of America
AT&T Long Distance Award for 83-yard punt return vs. Penn State
Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week vs. Ohio State
AT&T Long Distance Award for 86-yard punt return vs. Ohio State
ABC-TV Player of the Game vs. Northwestern
Second team All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches
Second team All-Big Ten by Big Ten media

BILL ENNIS-INGE

Academic All-Big Ten
ESPN Player of the Game vs. Wisconsin
Honorable mention All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches
Honorable mention All-Big Ten by Big Ten media

NICK GALLERY

AT&T Long Distance Award for Punting Average vs. Ohio State
AT&T Long Distance Award for Punting Average vs. Wisconsin
First team All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches
First team All-Big Ten by Big Ten media

AARON GRANQUIST

Academic All-Big Ten

MATT HUGHES

Academic All-Big Ten
Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week vs. Indiana
Honorable mention All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches
Honorable mention All-Big Ten by Big Ten media

BRION HURLEY

AT&T Long Distance Award for 54-yard field goal vs. Iowa State

ARON KLEIN

Academic All-Big Ten

TOM KNIGHT

Second team All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches
Second team All-Big Ten by Big Ten media

CHRIS KNIPPER

Honorable mention All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches
Honorable mention All-Big Ten by Big Ten media

BILL REARDON

Honorable mention All-Big Ten by Big Ten media
Honorable mention All-Big Ten by Big Ten media

MATT REISCHL

Academic All-Big Ten

VERNON ROLLINS

Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week vs. Arizona
Honorable mention All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches
Honorable mention All-Big Ten by Big Ten media

DAMIEN ROBINSON

First team All-Big Ten by Football News
First team All-Big Ten by Big Ten media
Second team All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches

DEREK ROSE

Academic All-Big Ten

TED SERAMA

Academic All-Big Ten

SEDRICK SHAW

First team All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches
Honorable mention All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches

MATT SHERMAN

Second team All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches
Honorable mention All-Big Ten by Big Ten media

ROB THEIN

Academic All-Big Ten

ROSS VERBA

First team All-Big Ten by Football News
First team All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches
First team All-Big Ten by Big Ten media

Old pro Fry proves his resilience, again

For anyone new to Iowa, let me explain something. And for those who've lived here awhile, it's time for a reminder.

Do not underestimate Hayden Fry.

Do not count him out.

Do not write him off.

Do not assume bad will automatically turn to worse.

When it looks as if the sky is falling, before you scramble for the nearest exit, have your vision checked first.

Try to bury this man and you'll wear out two rotator cuffs and a hip. So it's best not to try.

This isn't to say Fry is above criticism. Certainly not.

He's the coach (not the Pope) and you're the fan.

So question his play calling, his strategy, his game management. Question his player personnel moves to your heart's desire.

You might even be right.

Rail and moan about how bad his team looks sometimes. Stomp your



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feet, hold your breath. But don't ever think the sun will never shine again on this old dog's rump.

Save yourself the embarrassment.

Fry showed his resilience again Saturday, coaching Iowa to a surprising 31-0 victory over Wisconsin.

Happy days are here again, until the next crisis.

I'm not going to tell you I saw this coming. A college football team isn't a motor scooter. It doesn't turn on a dime.

The Hawkeyes had been dreadful the week before against Northwestern.

Fry had been outcoached. His team had been outplayed.

Even if you don't see a 31-0 victory on the horizon, you never discount the possibility. It doesn't pay.

This wasn't the first time one of Fry's teams has turned a nosedive into a nosegay. It won't be the last.

A few days after the Northwestern game, though, I heard a normally perceptive radio guy tell his audience Fry had "lost control" of the team.

Oh-oh. Big mistake. Trust me here.

The radio guy said Fry had been too soft, too lenient with Ryan Driscoll, the quarterback who refused to enter late in the game against Northwestern.

Possibly. As an outsider with an outsider's comprehension, though, I thought he was too rigid in keeping Driscoll planted on the sideline.

You can argue that issue forever. But lost control? Maybe it looked that way. It has looked that way before. During 18 seasons at the same school, breakdowns happen.

With Fry, though, it's funny how quickly control shows up on the front porch again.

I've said it before about Fry's Hawkeyes, I'll say it again. They're seldom as bad as they look. Or as good.

Can Iowa lose in the Metrodome on Saturday night? You bet.

Will the Hawkeyes lose their bowl game? Quite possibly.

Until then, here are a few names for your consideration:

Gary Moeller, Mike White, John Mackovic, Lou Tepper . . .

Lee Corso, Sam Wyche, Bill Mallory . . .

Darryl Rogers, Muddy Waters, George Perles, Nick Saban . . .

Bo Schembechler, Lloyd Carr . . .

Joe Salem, Lou Holtz, John Gutekunst, Jim Wacker . . .

Rick Venturi, Francis Peay, Dennis Green, Gary Barnett . . .

Earle Bruce, John Cooper . . .

Jim Young, Leon Burtnett, Fred Akers, Jim Colletto . . .

Joe Paterno . . .

Dave McClain, Jim Hilles, Don Morton, Barry Alvarez.

That's 32 Big Ten Conference coaches Fry has known. Why, Moeller was fired twice.

At the end of this season, Fry says goodbye to Mallory, Colletto, Tepper and Wacker. He welcomes at least four newcomers.

What's the difference between Iowa's program and the ones at Minnesota, Purdue and Indiana?

Not much. They all have about the same number of innate advantages and disadvantages. But for the second season in a row, Iowa is the team with a shot at winning at least eight games.

It ain't the water.

Unfinished business

Iowa's Ross Verba became a Hawk with Rose Bowl on his mind

By KEVIN EVANS
Courier Sports Editor

IOWA CITY

Ross Verba has some unfinished business.

He came to Iowa on a mission, and time is running out for the senior co-captain from West Des Moines.

"The only regret I have is not having a Rose Bowl ring, that's why I came here," said Verba. "That's the reason you go to any Big Ten school."

Verba was a highly-recruited tight end as a high school senior, and considered attending Nebraska, which finished second in the battle for his services.

"I wanted to do something good for an Iowa university ... I'm not afraid to tell people that's why I came here," he said. "I'm still keeping the faith. I've always had high expectations. We can't be satisfied with the Sun Bowl. That was nice, but we want more."

Taking on a leadership role as one of four co-captains this fall is not something Verba, who is Iowa's starting offensive left tackle, is unaccustomed to. He's been playing organized football since the fifth grade, and he has been a team leader at each level of play.

"It's definitely an honor," Verba said. "I like it a lot. Actions speak loud, but I'm a very vocal leader. I watched the captains (in previous seasons) and talked to them about what it takes."

"The players respect him," said Iowa coach Hayden Fry. "Ross Verba is very intelligent and very tough. He has the mental makeup to be a hell of a defensive lineman — that's what I love over on offense."

Verba was a high school All-American at Dowling after catching 35 passes as a senior tight end. He played that position at Iowa until the third game of his red-shirt freshman season.

"It was never mentioned by anyone during recruiting that I'd be anything but a tight end," said Verba. "Coach (Frank) Verducci came to me and asked if I was interested."

It didn't take long for Verba to respond positively. "I'm always up for a challenge and wanted to do what I could for the team," he said.

"The offensive line was a little thin and I was just happy to be in the lineup. I was an offensive lineman as a freshman and sophomore in high school and always had good blocking technique, so it was-



Ross Verba

n't that strange for me.

"When I thought about it, Scott Slutzker was a pretty good tight end, and I had to decide if I wanted to be a one- or two-year starter (as a tight end) or a four-year starter. I know it was a wise move. For an offensive lineman I have good feet. For a tight end, I'm just average."

Verba moved into the starting lineup for the final six games of his freshman year and has been a fixture at left tackle ever since.

The only time he hasn't been in the lineup was a stretch last season when he was plagued by a nag-

ging ankle injury, missing a total of five starts. He didn't play at all in three games.

"That was real frustrating," he said. "I'd never been injured before and had a lot of high expectations. I knew we had a good offensive line."

By the time the Sun Bowl rolled around, Verba was healthy. He was one of the reasons the Hawks were able to rack up an impressive 38-18 win over Washington.

"I think I handled the injury real well," he said. "It gave me back my desire to play football. I learned I can't take it for granted. Getting healthy and playing in the Sun Bowl was real rewarding."

Fry is one of Verba's biggest fans.

"He's definitely one of the top linemen in college football and I think the pros think that too," said Fry. "He's got unusual quickness and speed for a lineman. He was a tight end and he lost very little of that speed, but he has gone from 220 to 300 pounds."

Verba is taking his leadership role very seriously. He didn't take a break between school and summer workouts and was up working by 7 a.m. each day.

"I tried to take my workouts to another level, to eat better, and stay away from temptations," he said. "I'm more focused and dedicated. I want to do the extra things to get an edge over my opponent."

That kind of dedication comes with experience, he said.

"Nobody can tell you, it's something you have to learn," he said. "I watched all of the great players to it. It's just a matter of time before you realize you have to do it, too. When I was a freshman and sophomore, I wasn't as focused."

Verba is one of 17 seniors on the Hawkeye roster. He stops short of calling this year's unit close off the field, but said it is a class of winners.

"We really don't have a lot of tightness (off the field)," he said. "We are just a bunch of hard workers that want to come together and get it done. I think 95 percent of us came from winning high school programs and that makes big difference."

"We all know how to win ... we want to win."

It's been a long time since Verba has gotten his hands on the football, but he hasn't forgotten what it's like.

"I watch my high school tapes all of the time," he said. "But I know the role of the left tackle is more important than the tight end. If I had it to do over again I'd do the same thing."

"There's talk Coach Fry is trying to work out a way that maybe I could get the ball (on a tackle eligible play). It would be nice if I could score just one touchdown."

And earn one Rose Bowl ring.

Holding on to the memories

*Hawkeye senior
Bill Ennis-Inge
has had to
come to grips
with the death
of his father*

Chris Snider
THE DAILY IOWAN

Sometimes a football player's hardest lessons are learned not on the field, but off.

In April of this year, two weeks before the spring football game, Iowa defensive end Bill Ennis-Inge was faced with one of life's biggest tragedies.

Ennis-Inge's father, Bill Inge, passed away from a heart attack suffered in the family's home in Kirkwood, Mo. He was 48.

"He was my dad," Ennis-Inge said. "I learned from him. I loved him so much. When you lose your father, you have to see what you've got after that. It's kind of tough."

For Bill, Jr., what he had was strong support from his friends and family, as well as a strong religious background.

"I really think that's probably one of the only things that pulled me through," he said. "When you lose a relative, you really don't know what to say. It's someone that you love and that you've been with for your whole life and they're not there, it hurts."

Ennis-Inge's father had never seen his son play football in person since Bill Jr. came to Iowa in 1992. He was planning to attend his son's graduation last spring.

"The good thing is that I know now he's watching me all the time, so I really have to take care of business," Ennis-Inge said.

With his father watching from above, Ennis-Inge plans to do

just that — take care of business.

"That's pretty much my goal, for him, is to be a great player and to give it all I have every play because in this game, you can never take things for granted," Ennis-Inge said. "You can never say, I'm gonna go 50 percent so I can be ready for next play after that, because that time you go 50 percent may be the time that you get hurt and never be able to play again."

While Ennis-Inge was coming to grips with the loss of his father, he was also welcoming back a father-figure in defensive coordinator Bob Elliott. Elliott returned to the Hawkeyes for this season after a year off from coaching.

"Coach Elliot was pretty much one of my fathers when I first got

here," Ennis-Inge said. "We really had a great relationship, and I think that's very exciting just to have the opportunity to be

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Bill Ennis-Inge, Iowa senior defensive end

coached by him. I know that all the expectations that he has are on myself, but that's something that I'm willing to step up to."

Elliott has taken it upon himself to make sure Ennis-Inge lives up to those expectations.

"Bill Ennis-Inge is blessed with a lot of talent," Elliott said. "That's a double-edged sword. It's good and it's bad because there's high expectations. I

expect a lot out of Bill. I expect Bill to be an excellent football player for us everyday, in every practice, every drill."

After a somewhat shaky sophomore campaign in 1994, Ennis-Inge emerged as one of Iowa's top defenders last season. Elliott plans to make sure Ennis-Inge continues to improve this season.

"Bill wants to be challenged," Elliott said. "He wants to get the most out of his ability. He doesn't want to get to the end of his senior year and feel like he had a little more to give. So, I'm going to be all over Bill to fulfill that potential."

And Elliott is confident his defensive end will respond.

"He's a champion," Elliott said. "Guys that are winners always

respond to that kind of pressure."

As one of four captains on this year's Iowa team, Ennis-Inge has taken on a big brother role with some of the younger players.

"I think that's one of the jobs of the captains," he said. "You really must take those freshmen and newcomers in your hand and really mold those guys because they are the future of the program. The program has helped you, you must help the other people that are behind you."

Players like Danan Hughes, Lew Montgomery, Al Cross and Larry Blue did the same for Ennis-Inge when he was a freshman.

"When I was on the scout team, we were getting killed every day, but at that time, you learn," Ennis-Inge said. "You learn why you are doing this and what you are doing this for. All the guys love you. It might not seem that way in practice, but the guys know that you are the (future) of the program."

Ennis-Inge said that mentality is simply a reflection of a Hayden Fry coached team.

"I think that's why (Fry's) relationship with the players is so great," Ennis-Inge said. "He makes sure the players are people first. Playing, of course, is the number one thing, but you have to be a great person and a character off the field as well. They recruit players like that."

As one of several Christian athletes on this year's Hawkeyes squad, Ennis-Inge takes special pride every time he steps on the field.

"That means going 100 percent for the Lord," he said. "I know that if I stay with him one hundred percent of the time that he's going to stay with me one hundred percent of the time. He's not going to let me down and I know then that I won't let myself down and I can do anything possible to help us win."

Ennis-Inge's father wouldn't have it any other way.

Tim Dwight no secret in Iowa City

By Jim Ecker

Gazette sportswriter

IOWA CITY — Larry Brown likes to sit quietly in the stands at Kinnick Stadium and listen to University of Iowa football fans talk about Tim Dwight.

"The way they talk," chuckled Brown, "it's like he walks on water."

Almost, coach.

Brown was Dwight's football coach at Iowa City High School. He knows fact from fiction, but he is still amazed by some of the accomplishments.

He knows about the 4,047 yards, 80 touchdowns, all-America honors, 12 state track titles, 10 crowns from the Drake Relays, the blazing speed, toughness and devotion.

It's hard to exaggerate what Dwight accomplished in high school. "But they do," said Brown, laughing.

"Usually I go incognito, just to listen to the fans," he said. "There will be stories I hear about Tim that aren't true."

But many of the stories *are* true, and they continue to grow at the University of Iowa.

Remember the first time he touched the ball as a Hawkeye? He broke loose for 36 yards on a punt return.

Remember that timeout, when the managers forgot to lug water to players in the huddle? Dwight did it for them.

He led the Big Ten in punt returns as a freshman and led the Hawkeyes in

DWIGHT FILE

■ **Position:** Wide receiver

■ **Class:** Junior

■ **Height:** 5 feet, 9 inches

■ **Weight:** 190 pounds

■ **Residence:** Iowa City

■ **Last season:** Ranked fourth in the Big Ten in receiving yards per game (68), fifth in catches per game (3.8), ninth in kickoff returns (19) and 11th in scoring (5.5). Led Hawkeyes in receiving with 46 catches for 816 yards and 9 TDs.

■ **Iowa Coach Hayden Fry says:** "I think probably this year you'll see him all over the place. You'll see him in the backfield, wide receiver, doing everything, punt returns, kick returns. Any way we can utilize Timmy."

receiving as a sophomore. He also led the world in ducking interviews.

"I didn't feel like I contributed a whole lot to the team," he explained. "I didn't feel like it was fair for me to come out and talk when I didn't really do much..."

But that has changed. He talks now.

"I've paid my dues a little bit," he said.

Dwight has been a tailback, wingback, defensive back, wedge-buster, head-on tackler and kick-return specialist. He even threw a touchdown pass.

"I think probably this year you'll see him all over the place," Iowa Coach Hayden Fry said. "You'll see him in the backfield, wide receiver, doing everything, punt returns, kick returns. Any way we can utilize Timmy."

Fry says Dwight, a 21-year-old junior, energizes the team and energizes the crowd. Pound for pound, Fry said, Dwight is the best competitor he's had in 18 years at Iowa.

Here's the only problem: There's only 180 or 190 pounds of Tim Dwight, which sometimes makes it tough.

"There are times when I'm 180 and the other guy is 290, and you try to take him out and get beat up a little bit," Dwight said. "College football is a tough game."

"Yeah, I take on guys a little too big for me. I'm not going to change my style. You can't. It's imprinted."

Fry holds his breath, hoping Dwight doesn't get seriously hurt.

"He just goes after people. Even in practice, we have to call him off," Fry

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Dwight: 'It just happens'

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said. "I don't let him block downfield, because he just tries to destroy people, and in the process he hurts himself."

Brown is glad Dwight switched from tailback to wingback last year. "As hard as he plays, I don't know how long his body would have held up," he said.

Dwight says the transition from tailback to receiver is complete.

"That's kind of spooky," he said. "I think of myself as a wide receiver now, I don't think of myself as a running back anymore."

He doesn't study Emmitt Smith and Barry Sanders anymore. Now it's Jerry Rice and Michael Irvin.

He doesn't remember exactly when it happened, but it has.

"It's just like when a cucumber turns into a pickle," he said. "You don't see it, it just happens. You know what I'm saying?"

"It's the same thing going from a running back to a receiver. You don't see it. It just happens."

Dwight caught 46 passes for 816 yards and nine touchdowns last year. He also rushed seven times for 111 yards and two TDs. He led Iowa in receiving, punt returns and kick returns, and finished second in scoring, behind Sedrick Shaw.

None of those accomplishments surprise Brown, who has known Dwight a long time.

"I heard there was this good player in the seventh grade over at Southeast Junior High with real good speed," recalled

Brown.

The next spring, Brown worked a junior high school track meet and saw Dwight perform for the first time. "He ran the 60-meter hurdles and won by about 25 yards," he said. "He anchored the 400 relay, and I think they won that by about 200 meters."

Brown passed the word to Bobby Elliott, his friend and an assistant coach at Iowa.

"I told Bob there's a kid in seventh grade over at Southeast you want to keep an eye on," he said. "I think Bob went to watch him run at the next meet."

Dwight made the U of I coaches a little nervous when he visited Stanford on a recruiting trip as a high school senior. Brown stayed neutral, but is glad Dwight stayed home.

"It would have been very difficult for Tim to tell Coach Elliott he wasn't coming to Iowa," Brown said.

Dwight made a quick transition to wide receiver last year, but made a few mistakes along the way — making the wrong "reads" or running the wrong routes. Most of those rough spots are gone now, according to quarterback Matt Sherman and the coaches.

"I think Tim is the kind of fella who's going to keep improving each year at everything, because he goes after it full bore," Fry said. "There are a lot of things Timmy can improve on, because it's Tim. He's never satisfied, and because of that attitude, we're not ever going to be satisfied with him."

Dwight dabbled as a defensive

back as a freshman in 1994 when the Hawkeyes ran out of players, but his days as a two-way performer are probably done. He's too valuable on offense, so don't look for any Deion Sanders imitations this year.

"Timmy is one of the few people we've had who *could* do that," Fry said. "He'd be just as good defensively as he is offensively, because he's very gifted."

"He's got the motor and the attitude and the heart to do that. Not many college players can go both ways."

Brown thinks Dwight will be playing football for many years to come. He is convinced Dwight can play in the NFL, despite his small size at 5 feet 9 inches and 190 pounds.

"If I were an NFL coach, he'd be my first-round draft choice," Brown said, "not only because of his ability, but of the attitude he'll bring to the locker room."

Brown promoted Dwight to the varsity at City High in time for the 1990 state playoffs. Dwight was a freshman at the time. The first time he carried the ball, he ran 92 yards for a touchdown against Davenport Assumption. The legend began.

He scored 43 touchdowns as a senior — a state record — and averaged an amazing 12.5 yards per carry.

Brown said Dwight's enthusiasm and attitude are the keys to his success, along with his God-given ability.

"It was a privilege to coach him," he said. "I doubt if I'll see another one like him in my lifetime."

Breaking from tradition

Nick Gallery is hardly the stereotypical college punter

Wayne Drehs
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa punter Nick Gallery can kick the football 75 yards, but he'd rather hit somebody. Hard.

The senior from Masonville, Iowa, doesn't fit the mold of a stereotypical punter. His 6-4 239-pound frame is more suitable for a linebacker.

Ironically, it was that position, linebacker, that Iowa recruited Gallery to play for the Hawkeyes back in 1992.

"I like to hit people," Gallery said. "It's my favorite part of the game. I wish I could play other positions more, but I know my position now and know what I have to do to help the team most."

Gallery's enjoyment of contact sends cringes down the coaching staffs back, especially special teams and tight ends coach Mark Hendrickson.

"Nick is one of the better athletes on the football team, and yes, he could play other positions for us," Hendrickson said. "But we feel he is too valuable, so at this point he understands his responsibility. But he would love to be out there playing what he calls 'real football.'"

Gallery's hitting instincts and flexibility with different positions comes from his high school days, where he played ten positions, earning various honors in his years at East Buchanan High.

He was all-state as a punter, all-district as a running back, punter, and kicker, and all-conference as a defensive end as well as a defensive back.

"Anytime we asked him to play something, Nick wouldn't hesitate and he'd go ahead and play what we asked him to play and do it well," Gallery's high school coach Mike Stafford said. "He'd do anything for the good of the team."

It's that unselfish attitude that Gallery has brought to kicking at Iowa. Last year, he fell four kicks short of the minimum number necessary to rank No. 2 in the nation in punting with a 45.3 yard average. Gallery's attempts weren't enough because teammate Brian Hurley did the shorter punts for Iowa.

Giving up personal accomplishments for team goals wasn't a problem for Gallery.

"That really doesn't bother me," Gallery said. "We ended up winning the Sun Bowl with an 8-4 record and having a good season. I try to look at the positive for the team."

Hendrickson doesn't see any problem with using two punters, and added that the same platoon will probably take place this year as well.

"It's very possible that we are going to use Hurley in pooches and short kicks once we reach midfield," Hendrickson said. "Then we'll let Nick boom it away on a normal punt. They are both excellent young men who just want to win football games."

When Gallery's foot did get a hold of the ball, 13 of his kicks were at least 70 yards, with a long of 75 yards against Indiana. At Ohio State, he kicked back-to-back punts of 71 and 70 yards, finishing the afternoon with a 51.8 yard average on six kicks.

"Sometimes you can just feel it and you know you've kicked a pretty good one," Gallery said. "I wish I knew how one kick goes 40 yards and the next one 70, though."

The 1996 Big Ten All-Conference punter attributes success in punting to mental more than physical strength.

"You have to have a strong leg and get your technique down, but most of it is mental," Gallery said. "You can hurt yourself or help yourself with a lot mentally."

Coach Hendrickson agrees.

"A great deal of what Nick does is mental," Hendrickson said. "You have to believe in yourself, and of course Nick believes in abilities, which he should. He always believes he can go out and get a good punt."

The most difficult part mentally for a punter is waiting for the ball to be snapped to you knowing that you only have two seconds to get a kick away before ten guys are in your face.

"A lot of that is focus," Gallery said. "I pretty much try to block everybody out except for me and the snapper. In fact, I stepped over a guy once, and didn't even know he was there."

Gallery is not a public relations-oriented guy, but this year he hasn't gone unnoticed, being named to various preseason All-Big Ten teams, and Street and Smith's honorable mention All-American team. If these honors hold true come seasons end, professional football will be next on Gallery's agenda.

"I'd like to go to the next level, but you never know," Gallery said. "You just try to hope for the best. It's a pretty tough road to make it so I'm not going to bank on anything."

Hendrickson hopes that following this year Gallery will be able to continue his career, but also agrees nothing is guaranteed.

"Because of his leg strength, there is going to be interest in him," Hendrickson said. "I'll say that."

HAWKEYE PROFILE

Sack master

Jared DeVries has become a master at terrorizing opposing quarterbacks

Tony Wirt
THE DAILY IOWAN

For Iowa defensive tackle Jared DeVries, there was never much doubt as to where he wanted to play college football.

Despite being recruited by several schools — including Wisconsin, Nebraska, and Northern Iowa — the only official campus visit he took while in high school was to the University of Iowa.

"I always wanted to be a Hawkeye. I grew up in Iowa," DeVries said. "When I took my visit here, all the players were

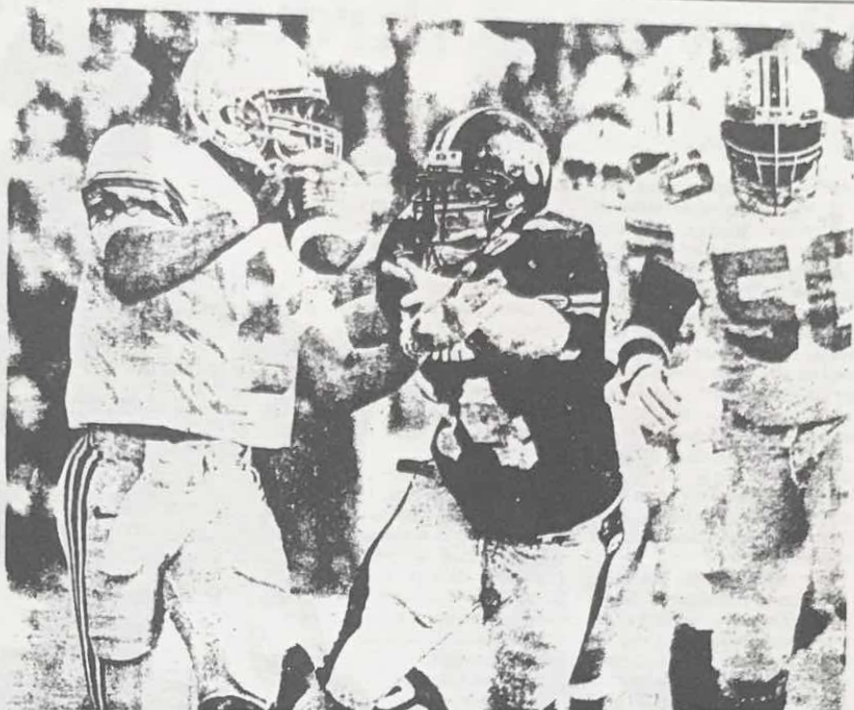
really friendly to me. I like the family atmosphere here."

While he knew exactly where he wanted to go, what position he would play when he arrived in Iowa City was still up for debate. During his prep career at Aplington-Parkersburg High School, DeVries started at nose guard, playing some defensive tackle as a freshman. During his junior year, he became a full-time fullback and defensive end.

And no colleges that were in contact with DeVries ever mentioned playing positions other than defensive end.

"When we recruit anyone, we give them their choice when they first come in," Iowa coach Hayden Fry said. "He may have thought that he wanted to be a running back or a linebacker or a defensive end or something of that nature, but he kept growing and eating, and growing and eating. It didn't take much talk to get him to play defense."

After arriving on campus, DeVries elected to take a red-shirt year to adjust to college life, both on and off the field.



JULIE BILL/THE DAILY IOWAN

HOT PURSUIT: Jared DeVries closes in on Ohio State quarterback Stanley Jackson.

"It's hard to come in as a true freshman, it's such a great leap.

I learned the system my redshirt year. I got stronger and all that stuff that goes along with playing college football. I learned a lot of things when I came to Iowa that I wasn't exposed to in Aplington," DeVries said.

"It shows I lived a sheltered life back home, but I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world. I like the small town atmosphere and relate that to the team. It's a family type atmosphere."

In his first collegiate game, DeVries gave Hawkeye fans a glimpse of what was to come, recording three sacks and six tackles against in-state rival Northern Iowa. He never slowed down after that, ending the year tied for third in the Big Ten with 12 sacks and sixth in tackles for loss with 19 for 104 yards.

DeVries put a big exclamation point on his freshman year in El Paso, Texas, by being voted Most Valuable Lineman in Iowa's 38-18 domination of Washington in the Sun Bowl.

DeVries likes to downplay his role in the Sun Bowl victory, saying that he only had one good quarter.

However, he sees the victory over the Pac-10 co-champions as giving the team motivation. DeVries uses that game for motivation this year and tries to play every quarter this year the same way he played in the Sun Bowl.

"I just like to make the big play to get our defense fired up," DeVries said.

DeVries hasn't missed a beat

this year, anchoring the defensive line and earning even more respect from his teammates and coaches by making big plays when they need to be made.

"Jared is a superior player and I think he's one of the guys that makes it easier for me in the backfield," Hawkeye free safety Damien Robinson said. "We compliment each other well. If we're back there covering, Jared is going to make the sack, and when he's putting pressure on the quarterback, we're going to get there to make plays and make hits. Without Jared, it'd be very tough for us."

"Jared's got that extra heart-beat. He loves challenges," Coach Fry said. "He loves someone telling him that he can't do something. He wants to prove you wrong. That's just his makeup."

Both DeVries and his coaches see his main asset as his speed. Although gaining a lot of weight since high school, he has not lost any of the speed that made him a great running back.

Although only in his sophomore season, many people, including Coach Hayden Fry, are expecting Jared to continue his career after college.

When asked if he thinks DeVries will be playing on Sundays, Coach Hayden Fry responded, "Definitely. Big Time. He'll not only play, but he'll make a name for himself."

"Everybody's dream is to play in the NFL," DeVries said. "If I'm fortunate enough and good enough to get that opportunity, I'll more than welcome that chance."



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SACKED: DeVries takes down Illinois quarterback Scott Weaver.

HAWKEYE PROFILE

Shaw runs through Iowa record books

Chris Snider
THE DAILY IOWAN

In 1992, a highly touted, yet highly outspoken tailback from Austin, Texas, packed up his talent for the game of football and came to the University of Iowa.

Four years later, a lot has changed for Sedrick Shaw. The senior tailback has rushed his way into the Iowa record books as the most prolific runner in school history. You name the category — he owns the record.

He has had to adjust from an inner city lifestyle to living in laid-back Iowa City. And he's had to deal with the media attention that comes along with his stardom.

But, through it all, one thing has stayed the same — Shaw remains humble. Ask him about his fame and he'll give you the same response he would have given you four years ago.

"What fame?" Shaw said heading into the ninth game of his senior season. "I just look at

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Sedrick Shaw, Iowa running back on being judged by NFL scouts

myself as another person around Iowa City that goes to school here. I just happen to play football."

He also happens to be pretty good at it. What Shaw won't tell you is that he is the all-time leading rusher in Iowa history with 3,699 yards. He has more rushing attempts (749) than any Hawkeye and more rushing touchdowns (27). Last season, he set single season records in all three categories.

This year, Shaw has run for 659 yards in seven games. His numbers are down from last year, but only because he has been hampered by a number of injuries all season long.

"I don't really complain about

it," Shaw said of his injuries, which have ranged from bruised ribs to a sprained ankle to a broken thumb. "It's just one of those things that happens. You play a contact sport, it's bound to happen. I've been fortunate enough up to this point to avoid them."

Iowa coach Hayden Fry, who said Shaw is one of the best running backs he has had in 45 years of coaching, noted that Shaw has done well not to dwell on his misfortune this season.

"He's such a mature young man. He's been injured, but he knows that happens in a contact sport," Fry said. "It's been difficult for him to handle because he's never been injured before. He loves playing football and he hates missing it."

But the injuries appear to be in the past. After not playing at all three weeks ago, Shaw played last weeks game without his thumb in a cast and without his ribs wrapped.

With 341 yards in his next three games, Shaw would become only the eighth player in Big Ten history to rush for over 1,000 yards in three separate seasons. But Shaw has still kept his goals simple.

"Just to finish the season healthy," he said. "That's it."

Most players in his situation would be looking at a possible career in the NFL and concentrating on what they need to do to reach that level. Not Shaw.

"I'm not looking that forward down the road," he said. "I'm looking at Northwestern. Everything else is down the road."

Shaw may refuse to look down the road, but his teammates don't.

Shaw's teammate and friend Damien Robinson, who is looking forward to a pro career of his own, is confident Shaw will make it to the NFL.

"I know Sed can make it," Robinson said. "He's a great player. How many backs can do the things Sed



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HUMBLE HALFBACK: Iowa senior Sedrick Shaw has avoided the hype of being a top college athlete.

we're just winning game."

The Hawkeyes are on pace to win more games this season than in any other season Shaw has been here. Iowa quarterback Matt Sherman knows Shaw has been a key factor in that.

"He's a gutsy guy," Sherman said. "He gives 100 percent each play. Sedrick's one of a kind."

One of a kind as a running back and one of a kind as a person.

Shaw was highly recruited out of LBJ High School in Austin. He describes himself as having "all the mentality and mind frame of a person from the city," yet he left the big city behind to come to Iowa City.

"I wanted to be somewhere a lot smaller so I could focus in on school," he said. "I really didn't want to be in the city."

Shaw said he's seen it all living in Austin — gang violence, prostitution, violence — but he was always able to separate himself from those things.

"I didn't pay attention. You respect people. They respect you," he said.

Things weren't always that easy for some of Shaw's friends, who were not able to avoid some of the distractions. Yet, Shaw never lost respect for those friends.

"I can't pass judgment on another man or woman for decisions they made in their life because I'm not standing in their shoes," Shaw said.

Shaw doesn't judge people, and he doesn't look to be judged. Since he first stepped foot on this campus, he has never tried to prove himself to other people. He has only tried to prove his ability to himself, which he now feels he has done.

"I think I've proven more than enough to myself," he said.

While he doesn't try to prove himself to others, he does feel the need to entertain people every time he sets foot on the field.

"That's all it is, a show," he said of the game of football. "On the football field, you go out there and perform."

"First and foremost, when you go out there, you want to win. That's the first objective of the game. Second of all, you want to perform. You want to give people something to talk about."

Of course there is one personal award Shaw is looking forward to getting, a degree.

He will graduate with a bachelor's degree in sociology next May.

can do? He contributes every week."

As far as impressing pro scouts, Shaw could care less about personal glory. He is first and foremost a team player.

"It's possible that I may have a chance to play in the NFL," he said, taking a rare moment to reflect on a possible pro career. "If so, you're still playing football, which is a team sport. However they judge you is however they judge you. I can't concern myself with that."

He also refused to concern himself with Heisman talk at the beginning of the season. His 1,477 yards as a junior brought with it the label "Heisman hopeful" this season. The cover of the Iowa media day program labeled Shaw a Heisman candidate and the media was quick to pick up on that.

But not Shaw. "I didn't pay attention to it," Shaw said. "That's other people. That's not me. I wasn't concerned about it."

"I think the media pays attention to those things that I don't pay attention to. I'm happy when

The last line of defense

Chris Snider
THE DAILY IOWAN

A lot of factors weighed into Iowa free safety Damien Robinson's decision to attend the University of Iowa: Iowa City's environment, the Hawkeye coaching staff and Iowa's academic tradition, to name a few.

But one more thing intrigued the Blue Chip all-American from Hillcrest High School in Dallas, Texas.

"A lot of snow," Robinson said. Four Iowa winters later, the 6-2, 205-pound senior has changed his mind.

"Being from Texas, we never did get much snow," he explained. "Now that I've gotten adjusted to it, I'm ready to go back to the heat, back in the south."

Whether Robinson will get his wish of moving back south remains to be seen. If Iowa coach Hayden Fry's predictions are correct, Robinson may end up somewhere like Green Bay or Buffalo. It all depends who selects him in the 1997 NFL draft.

Fry has already compared Robinson favorably to former Hawkeye and current San Francisco free safety Merton Hanks.

"This guy is becoming like a linebacker out of the secondary," Fry said. "He is so far ahead at this point of say, Merton Hanks, who recently signed for about seven million with the 49ers. Robinson is really showing all-Big Ten credentials."

Naturally, Robinson's eyes light up when the subject of the NFL draft comes up. He said it has been a dream of his since he first started playing football at the age of five. For the most part, though, he keeps things in perspective.

"If my opportunity comes and presents itself, that's later, but right now, I'm all about playing for the Hawks," Robinson said. "This is my last go-around. I don't have any more, so I've just got to give it my all these last couple games."

As far as the comparisons to Hanks, Robinson said he isn't there yet.

"I'll take it if (Fry) gives it to me, but I think Merion is better right now because he's making the most money," Robinson said. "He's got a lot of riches right now."

And if those riches come Robinson's way in the future? "I won't complain about it at all," he said.

Robinson excels as Iowa free safety

Fry isn't the only one Robinson is impressing. Iowa sophomore defensive lineman Jared DeVries, an NFL prospect in his own right, marveled at the play of Robinson in last week's Hawkeye victory over Penn State. Robinson finished the game with 14 tackles, including a number of blistering hits.

"You don't find many safeties coming out of the secondary and just laying the wood on people," DeVries said. "That's just amazing. He is laying the wood on people — every play. That's the great part of our defense. Our secondary can hit."

Robinson, who was not known as a physical player last year, decided he needed to work on his hitting over the summer. So far, it has paid off. Last week, he met Penn State fullback Aaron Harris head to head, and put Harris out of the game.

"I'm trying to be more physical because that's the only way you can compete in the Big Ten," Robinson said. "I felt that kept me from making some plays last year."

The days of Robinson not making plays are apparently over.

"I have never in all of my coaching, had a free safety hit with the authority that Damien Robinson has in the last three or four ball games," Fry said. "He has really come on as a football player."

Fry hopes that rubs off on some of his other defenders.

"I think that's going to motivate even some of our other guys to hit with a little bit more ferocity because it's a lot of fun," he said. "He's found out it's a lot of fun to hit like that, and I think it's rubbing off."

The person most responsible for getting Robinson to the next level, aside from himself, is Iowa secondary coach Chuck Long, a nine-year veteran of the NFL.

"He always tells us a lot about how they practice in the NFL, things like that," Robinson said. "Coach Long pretty much puts it all out there straight as it's going to be."



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HARD-HITTING FREE SAFETY: Already known for interceptions, Damien Robinson's hitting ability has made him a force in the Iowa secondary this season.

Long also puts Robinson's prospects as an NFL player right out there straight as it's going to be.

"He has that talent to play on Sunday," Long said. "It's up to him to work toward playing on Sunday. He's come leaps and bounds from last year, but he still has a lot to prove this year to get to that next level."

"My job is to keep him improving and see how far he can take his ability."

Robinson started 10 games at free safety after making the switch from cornerback last year, picking off five passes and finishing fifth on the team with 77 tack-

les.

But there was still something missing, something Robinson found prior to the start of this season.

"I think the main thing I've done is rededicated my life to Christ," Robinson said. "I let Christ shine through me and I give it my all out there on the football field."

Robinson feels his new-found success this season has been a direct result of his new-found faith.

"I found myself in situations where sometimes you find yourself as a player, playing mediocre," Robinson explains. "A lot of people expect so much from you and you're trying to give it your all, but somehow you

just keep coming up short."

"I was falling short in other phases of my life, so I just felt I had to rededicate my life to Christ because I wasn't doing something right."

This year, it seems Robinson can't do wrong. Seemingly every time an opposing offensive player goes down, Robinson is there.

He is third on the Hawkeyes with 61 tackles in five games. In Big Ten games, he is second with 37. He also leads the team and is second in the league with four interceptions.

That gives him 12 interceptions for his career, tying him for third on Iowa's all-time list. Nile Kinnick and Devon Mitchell share the Iowa record with 18 picks.

Hughes bounces back

from biggest hit

Iowa linebacker forges special bond with teammate after brother's death

By Pat Harty
The Press-Citizen

Hidden within each college football team are hundreds of stories about personal triumph and tragedy.

Ronnie Hughes is part of one such story.

He is the father of Iowa sophomore linebacker Matt Hughes and a longtime high school football coach.

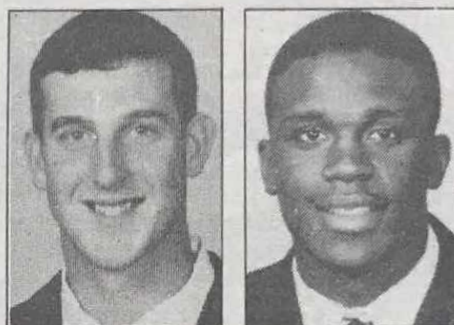
Ronnie moved from Eastland, Texas, to Centralia, Ill., last summer to be closer to Matt, who leads Iowa with 74 tackles heading into Saturday's game against No. 2 Ohio State. Ronnie made the move after being hired to coach the varsity football team at Centralia High.

With the UI campus only six hours away by car, Ronnie now spends more time with Matt. Ronnie cherishes his role as a college football parent.

In a kinder world, Ronnie would have spent the past four years playing that role.

But Ronnie lost the opportunity when his oldest son, Dan Hughes, was killed in an automobile accident in the fall of 1992. Dan Hughes — Matt's older brother by two years — was a freshman quarterback at Sam Houston State when the tragedy occurred.

Matt Hughes was a junior at



Matt Hughes Rollins

Eastland High School and one of the best players on Ronnie's team at the time of his brother's death.

"I believe that Dan's up there helping Matt right now," Ronnie said Monday. "His death put everything in perspective."

"Matt is a pretty tough young man because he's had to be tough. He's had a tough life. He and his brother were close."

In the Hughes family, life revolves around family and football. Ronnie is in his 26th year of coaching high school football. That includes 25 years in Texas, where as a necessity of life, high school football ranks up there with water and oxygen.

Dan's death left Matt as the only child. While nobody will ever change that tragic fact, Matt has developed a special bond with

See HUGHES/3B

Hawkeye teammate Vernon Rollins, who starts next to him at middle linebacker.

On numerous occasions, Matt has referred to Rollins as the closest thing to a brother.

"I'd do anything to help Vernon and I know that Vernon would do anything to help me," Matt said earlier in the season.

Their relationship proves that opposites do attract.

Matt is a white kid who grew up in a closely-knit community in north-central Texas. Vernon is black and a product of Hackensack, N.J., near the New York City metropolitan area.

Matt and Vernon spent three days in Centralia this past summer visiting Ronnie. Their time together convinced Ronnie that his son had chosen the right person with whom to associate.

"Vernon and Matt are two special young men," Ronnie said. "We had a really good time when Vernon came to Centralia this summer.

"Vernon is pretty special to me. He's almost like a son himself."

The players arrived at Iowa in the fall of 1994 under different circumstances.

Rollins, a *USA Today* first-team all-American, was ranked among the top high school linebackers in the country. He signed with Iowa after being recruited by some of the top Division I programs in the country.

Matt, on the other hand, made honorable mention all-state in Texas as a defensive back and running back. He committed to Iowa early in the recruiting process and never gave much thought about attending another school.

Now they rank as one of the best up-and-coming linebacker combinations in the Big Ten. Each has been named Big Ten defensive player of the week this season.

Rollins earned the honor after helping Iowa defeat Arizona 21-20 in the season opener Sept. 7.

Ohio State at Iowa

When: Saturday, 2:30 p.m.

Where: Kinnick Stadium

Records: Ohio State is 6-0 overall, 3-0 in the Big Ten. Iowa is 5-1 overall, 3-0 in the Big Ten.

Rankings: Ohio State is ranked No. 2 in the Associated Press top 25 poll and No. 3 in the coaches' top 25 poll. Iowa is ranked No. 19 in the coaches' poll and No. 20 in the AP poll.

TV: KCRG-9

Matt earned it for his performance in a 31-10 victory against Indiana Oct. 12. He also had 14 tackles, three tackles for loss, two quarterback sacks and one fumble recovery in last Saturday's 21-20 victory against Penn State.

"They're both playing with a lot of confidence," Ronnie Hughes said. "Football is half in your mind. If you believe you can do it, you can.

"From what I can tell, they've made up their minds that they can play with anybody."

Following Saturday's game, Matt Hughes spoke like the son of a football coach.

"If you don't have confidence, you'll never win," Matt said.

It also helps to be a team player, which Matt learned from his father.

A lot of kids might have been jealous of Rollins because of all the attention he received coming out of high school. Hughes played sparingly behind departed senior Bobby Diaco last season while Rollins ranked second on the team with 100 tackles.

"If I have to be in somebody's shadow, it might as well be Vernon," Matt said at the time.

And besides, football is just a game. For Matt and Ronnie, that became painfully clear four years ago.

"I just tell him to keep his mouth shut," Ronnie said. "The loss of his brother made Matt a tougher individual.

"He dedicated his life to being that way. He doesn't mind being in the spotlight. But he's more concerned about winning."

Because someone close is watching.

SENIOR PROFILE

Knight's Hawkeye career winds down

Senior's career lasts
a year longer than
he expected it to

Saturday will be his final
game at Kinnick Stadium

Andy Hamilton
THE DAILY IOWAN

In 1992, very few people thought Tom Knight would still be around to play in the 1996 Iowa home finale, including himself. "I think I've been here forever," the senior from Marlton, New Jersey said. "When I first came, playing that first year, I was planning on getting out in four years and with the injury it seems like I've been here a real long time, but I think that's been good for me."

"Now that it's finally here that I'm going to be leaving, I'm very glad it didn't happen any sooner," Knight said.

Getting the chance to go toe-to-toe with top-ranked Miami as a 17-year old true freshman and holding his own, Knight appeared on a path leading toward the NFL.

That road took another direction during his sophomore year of 1993, when Knight suffered a season-ending knee injury in the third game of the season.

Knight went through rehabilitation and made it back for the season opener in 1994. Six games into the season, Knight re-injured the knee, forcing him to watch the final five games of 1994 and the first two games last year from the sidelines.

"It was just one knee injury really," Knight said. "I tore it my true sophomore year and then just did some straight rehab and finally had surgery on it. I think it was just something that I kind of played with rather than get it corrected the first time and that's the only reason why it affected me for as long as it did."

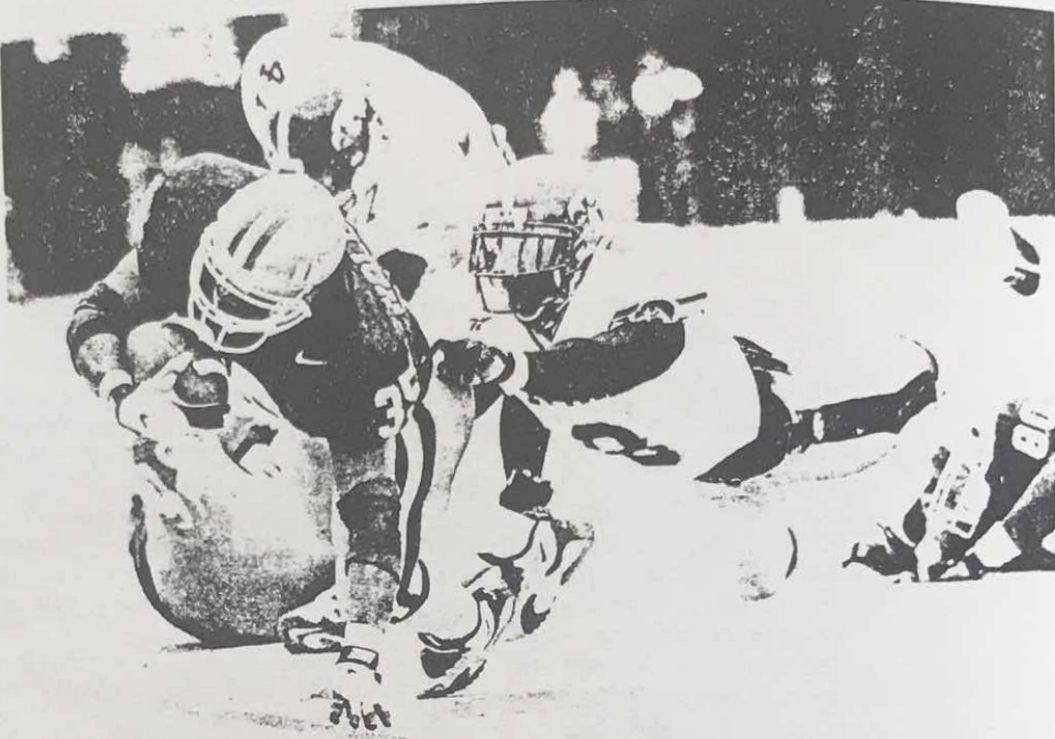
Putting the injuries behind him has been one of the toughest things Knight has had to do during his days at Iowa.

"Any time something happens now, I'm not concerning with the possibilities of this ever happening again," Knight said. "If it does, you can't really control that, but the biggest hurdle I've overcome, at least for this season, is that mental part of putting an injury behind me and that's been the biggest thing."

One season ending injury would be enough for some people to call it quits. After two, you would expect more people to give up the game, but for Knight, that really wasn't even considered.

"Coach Fry and the coaching staff has been of great assistance to me and that was never really an option for me," Knight said. "They've always been there for me. I think it would have been a let-down for everybody if I would have ever even had that thought cross my mind."

"I've been able to accomplish what I wanted to do and they've given me the



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GET OVER HERE: Iowa senior Tom Knight tries to stop Illinois running back Robert Holcombe from getting out of bounds in a game earlier this season in Illinois.

"I think I've been here forever."

When I first came, playing that first year, I was planning on getting out in four years and with the injury it seems like I've been here a real long time, but I think that's been good for me."

Tom Knight, Iowa senior cornerback

inner motivation to keep striving through all of this and make the best of a bad situation and that's what I've been able to do and that's why I'm here today."

Through all of the injuries, one thing has never changed-Knight's play.

"Tom Knight has got to be one of the top defensive cornerbacks in the nation," coach Hayden Fry said. "That's verified each week when the pro scouts come through. They think he and Shawn Springs of Ohio State are the two best defensive corners in the country."

For Knight, the NFL will wait. He is focused on what lies ahead of him in the near future.

"Any time you have an opportunity, sure, you'd love to have that. I think that would be a dream come true," Knight said. "Already playing at this level and to move on to the professional level is obviously something you aspire to, but at the same time you've just got to concentrate on what you've got to do in college first."

Maybe the fact that Knight is not looking ahead to the NFL has to do with how

much he enjoys playing at Iowa.

"Sure you're going to be a little bit down because you know it's going to be your last opportunity to play in front of this crowd and for this team, but at the same time, it's only going to be a sad time if you go out of here on a losing note. If you can go out of here on a winning note, then it makes all of this worth while."

Through all of the obstacles he has had to overcome, Knight looks back at all of the people who have stayed behind him the whole time.

"I think I've had a difficult career from my standpoint as far as having injuries," Knight said. "But I think the main thing I've learned about from being here is the crowd is always behind you and it's going to mean a lot to me to come out and play my last home game here in front of these fans that we have, but it's all been great. It's been wonderful. I have no bad memories."

Coming to Iowa has been everything Knight expected coming out of high school as a highly sought after recruit.

He ended up choosing Iowa over Penn State, Tennessee and Rutgers.

"The biggest thing for me was the people," Knight said. "Once I came out here I felt so comfortable, so at ease. I decided not to take my last two visits."

Entering the Iowa program, Knight was known for making big plays and that hasn't changed since becoming a Hawkeye.

Knight is the Iowa career leader in interception return yardage with 234, including last season's heroic 60 yard touchdown return to secure Iowa's 22-13 win over Indiana.

Many people would expect that moment to be the biggest thrill in his career at Iowa, but it happened during that Miami game of 1992.

"When I first came out of that tunnel, the very first time was against Miami and it meant a great deal," Knight said. "I was a true freshman, I was 17 years old and I didn't know what to expect, but I learned one thing on that day and that was Iowa football means a lot."

"It means a lot to the people in this state, the people at this university and to the guys that play for it. To put on that black and gold is very special and it's something I've never taken for granted. I'm really looking forward to this last opportunity and hopefully we can go out on a winning note."

Going out a winner is something every Iowa fan should want for someone that personifies being a Hawkeye. And in every sense on and off the field, Knight is just that.

Banks: Iowa's back of future, present

Backup's 182-yard, 3-TD effort kindles visions of next fall

by Chad Leistikow
Voice assistant editor

Tavian Banks runs fast, but not warp-speed fast. However, the junior tailback did put Iowa football fans in a time machine set for next season with his dazzling performance in last Saturday's 38-13 whipping of Iowa State.

Banks slashed, juiced and sped his way to a career-high 182 rushing yards on 18 carries with three touchdowns, including a pivotal 89-yard gallop that sent Iowa to the lead on the last play of the first quarter.

The opportunity to step into the game's spotlight seemed improbable for Banks before Saturday's contest, considering the matchup of Heisman Trophy candidates Troy Davis of Iowa State and Sedrick Shaw of Iowa was hyped all week.

But it was the other guy, Banks, who showed that he is not only Iowa's back of next year, he is the back of this year, too.

Banks says he has always felt — and still does feel — like Shaw's understudy, and that next year is *his* year. But for one Saturday, at least, Banks was the No. 1 guy.

That became possible as Shaw was hobbled early with a slight ankle sprain.

"This sort of does (give a glimpse of the future). But I've always thought about that anyway," Banks said. "This is just another stepping stone for next year."

Despite the hoopla of a No. 2 tailback rambling for 182 yards against Iowa's in-state rival, it's not as if Banks has been a secret weapon in coach Hayden Fry's arsenal.

Opponents are well-aware of his abilities.

"I think Tavian Banks and Sedrick Shaw are two of the best backs in the country," Iowa State coach Dan McCarney said. "Both of them could play for anybody in college football." Banks realizes he is a marked man, too.

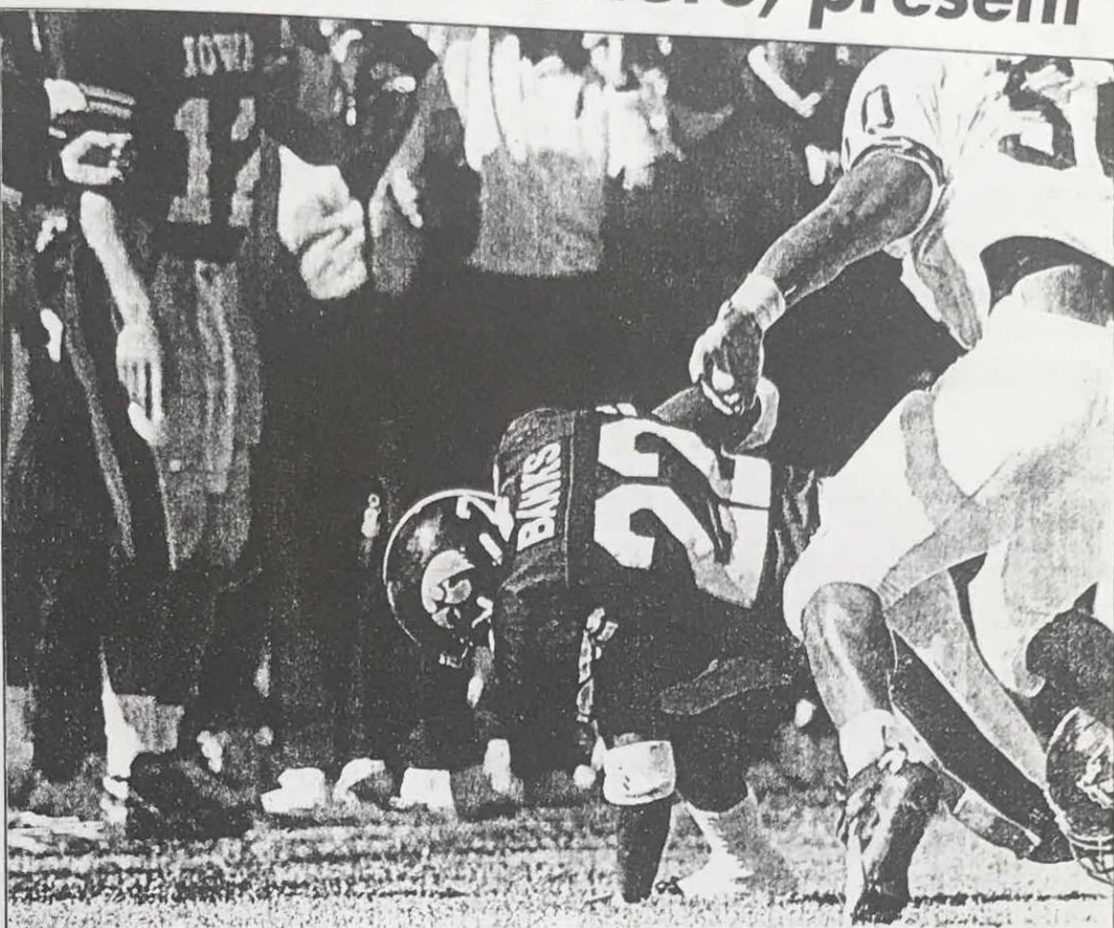
"I'm pretty sure all teams know that Iowa has two backs that can go," Banks said.

A look at Banks' career stats confirms that.

The 5-foot-11, 195-pound native of Bettendorf, Iowa, has never started a game at running back, but still has 884 career rushing yards, just 116 shy of becoming Iowa's 33rd 1,000 yard rusher.

What is more remarkable is Banks' per-carry average. With 131 lifetime rushes, he is averaging 6.75 yards per attempt.

"I don't really look for one or two yards, I'd rather run the distance," Banks said. "That's why I always cut all the time. I don't like contact that



Tavian Banks (22) keeps his balance to crawl for extra yardage while Kipwana King tries to tackle.

much, so I try to avoid it."

Banks has been successful with that strategy. Of his 10 career touchdowns, six have come from 25 yards out or longer. He also ran for 74 yards (but was stopped short of the goal line) in the Sun Bowl last December.

Banks' dislike for contact has diminished somewhat recently. He has started gaining tough yards between the tackles, as he did in Iowa's 21-20 win over Arizona on Sept. 7.

"We haven't done a very good job of coaching him to run inside (in the past)," Fry said. "He's always had that ability. He runs tough inside for a guy who runs so graceful in the open field. He's really a beautiful runner."

Banks displayed his gracefulness and pure speed with 9 seconds left in a scoreless tie in the first quarter of last Saturday's game.

Lined up with Shaw in the backfield, Banks took a handoff to the right side, went around end, then cut straight upfield to blaze for an 89-yard scoring run.

"Up to that point, we had been playing pretty solid," McCarney said. "But credit Iowa's offensive line and Banks, because there wasn't anybody on our defense that was going to catch him."

Getting the key block on that scoring run was Shaw, Iowa's all-time leading rusher.

"Sedrick had a key block on that, and I just read from that," Banks said.

"And Tim (Dwight) had a good block downfield, and I read from him."

Banks added scoring runs of 12 and 28 yards Saturday, and also caught a team-high four passes for 23 yards. He even forced a fumble that Iowa recovered after an Iowa State interception.

Not bad for a back-up.

"Tavian's an outstanding back," Iowa quarterback Matt Sherman said. "It makes my job easier and Sedrick's job easier when Tavian can come out and play well. It's a beautiful 1-2 punch that we have."

Next year, Banks will be at the front end of that "punch."

But for the time being, Banks is still the No. 2 man. And the Iowa State game is his career highlight.

"To this point," he said. ■

YARDS IN THE BANKS

Junior tailback Tavian Banks is on pace to become Iowa's most efficient runner in school history. He only needs 116 yards to become Iowa's 33rd 1,000 yard rusher. A list of Banks and Iowa's 1,000-yard rushers, ordered by yards per carry:

PLAYER	ATT	YDS	AVG	YEARS
Tavian Banks	131	884	6.7	1994-pr
Eddie Vincent	227	1,373	6.0	1953-55
Larry Ferguson	215	1,297	6.0	1959-62
Bob Jeter	171	1,016	5.9	1957-59
Nick Bell	311	1,748	5.6	1988-90
Jerry Faske	223	1,240	5.6	1948-50
Silas McKinnie	254	1,390	5.5	1965-67
Norm Granger	203	1,099	5.4	1980-83
Owen Gill	489	2,556	5.2	1981-84
Ronnie Harmon	443	2,271	5.1	1982-85
Sedrick Shaw	646	3,234	5.0	1993-pr
Phil Blatcher	213	1,061	5.0	1978-81
Rick Bayless	317	1,561	4.9	1984-87
Ryan Terry	293	1,443	4.9	1992-94
Tony Stewart	532	2,562	4.8	1987-90
David Hudson	340	1,629	4.8	1985-88
Mike Saunders	309	1,476	4.8	1988-91
Eddie Phillips	465	2,177	4.7	1980-83
Kevin Harmon	243	1,151	4.7	1984-87
Dennis Mosley	458	2,133	4.6	1976-79
Levi Mitchell	425	1,927	4.5	1969-71
Jim Jensen	367	1,661	4.5	1972-75
Tim Sullivan	357	1,584	4.4	1967-70
George Rice	238	1,050	4.4	1951-53
Bill Reichardt	384	1,665	4.3	1949-51
Ed Podolak	407	1,710	4.2	1966-68
Marvin Lampkin	256	1,066	4.2	1989-92
Mark Fetter	242	1,006	4.2	1972-75
Lew Montgomery	266	1,093	4.1	1989-92
George Broeder	256	1,025	4.0	1951-54
Jon Lazar	304	1,225	4.0	1975-78
Butch Caldwell	330	1,061	3.2	1972-76

Soccer skills lead Hurley to football

Former City High star excels at long range field goals

Pro career may be next

Chris Snider
THE DAILY IOWAN

Call him the Happy Gilmore of football. Just as the fictional character Happy Gilmore used his great hockey slapshot to land a spot on the professional golfers tour in the movie *Happy Gilmore*, Iowa senior Brion Hurley has used his abilities as a soccer player to land him a spot on the Iowa football team.

Hurley's size dictated that he

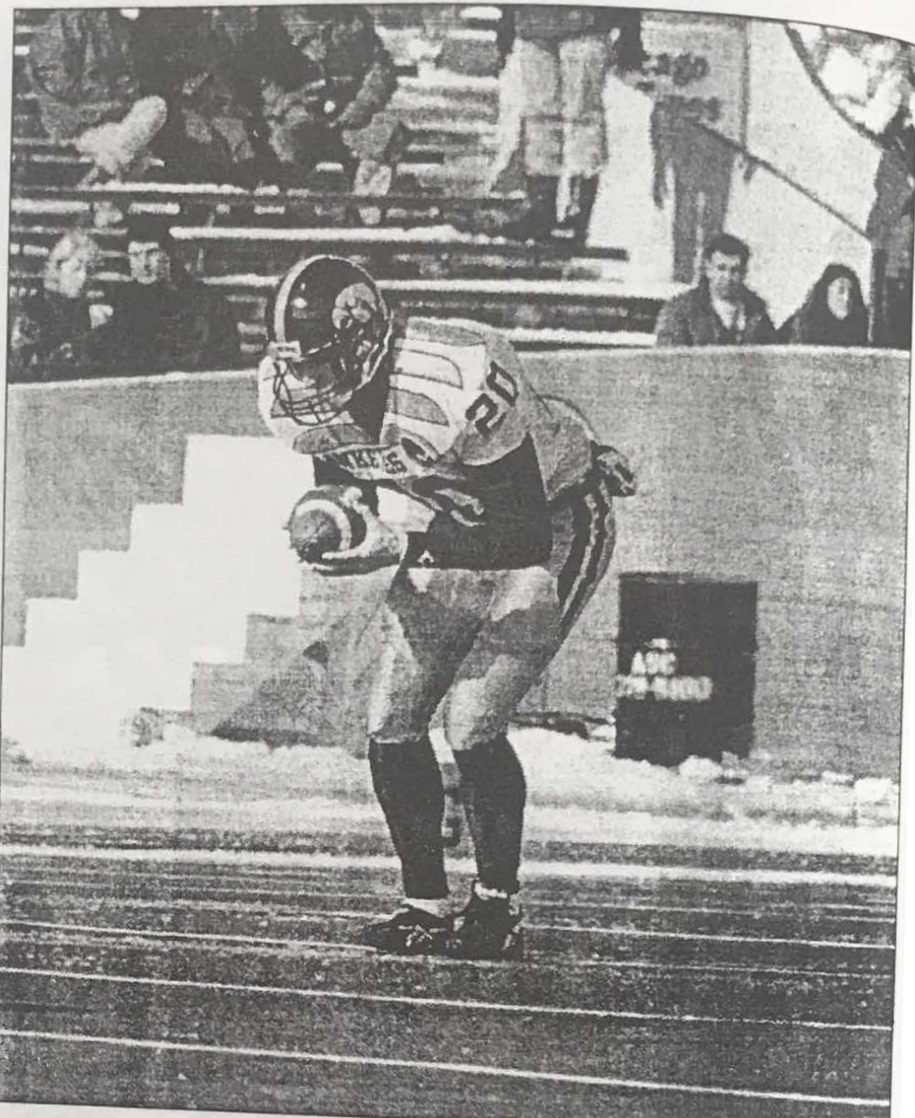
ball player as we've had here in a long time."

Hurley feels the fact that he isn't kicking short field goals or extra points because Zach Bromert handles those duties and the fact that he is stuck behind Nick Gallery in punting assignments will hurt his chances at the pros. But he is not ruling out the possibility.

"I know I'd like to try out and see if I can get a shot somewhere," he said. "I don't know what I would do. I'd probably concentrate on my punting. I think that's probably my best shot."

Fry, who said pro scouts have contacted him about Hurley, knows the senior can hit short field goals and extra points, but says other players deserve playing time, too.

"He can hit them for us," Fry said. "We're trying to make everybody happy, kind of like playing Tavian (Banks) and



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Brion Hurley • K/P

Sr.

Year	PAT	FG	Long	Points
Fresh.	2-2	1-1	42	5
Soph.	23-26	2-5	32	29
Junior	4-6	5-8	50	19
Senior	0-0	2-2	54	6

would be a better soccer player than football player at City High School in Iowa City, but he wasn't dedicated enough to the sport with the rounder ball.

"Most of the kids playing soccer were playing all year round," Hurley said. "I was still wanting to play basketball and football. I couldn't specialize like they were doing."

So Hurley made his way over to the football field, where he currently handles kickoffs, long field goals and short-yardage punting duties for the Hawkeyes.

Hurley first recognized the need for a kicker on his junior high team and jumped at the opportunity. While in seventh grade, he used to practice kicking the football before school and after soccer practice.

So far, his hard work has paid off. A senior who has already graduated with a degree in statistics, Hurley is looking at a possible pro career.

"I think he has an excellent chance at the pros because he's also an excellent punter, as well as field goals and kickoffs," Iowa coach Hayden Fry said. "He's probably as improved of a foot-

Sedrick (Shaw) in the same backfield. That's a good problem to have."

Hurley accepts this fact.

"You always feel like you want to do more, but I don't feel like I'm any better than the people that are doing the job now," he said. "I feel like if someone goes down, I can step up and fill the job."

Hurley said he knows his chances at reaching the pros are slim, but that he would jump at any opportunity, even if it was with the Iowa Barnstormers of the Arena Football League.

"Any chance I can get, anywhere, I'll take it," he said.

A first-team all-state selection in high school, Hurley actually had no intentions to stay in Iowa City for college. But when the

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Hayden Fry, Iowa football coach on Brion Hurley

Kickin' it: Iowa senior Brion Hurley will try to take his kicking abilities to the pros next season. Hurley has kicked a 54-yard field goal this season, but thinks his best chance at the next level is as punter.

scholarship offers failed to come in, he walked on at Iowa.

"Coming up to my junior and senior year, I didn't really feel that was the right spot for me," Hurley said. "(Placekicker Todd) Romano had come in. I kind of wanted to move away from Iowa City and start somewhere new, but they were really the only school interested in me, so I came here."

After redshirting his first year, Hurley was given a chance to do some punting his freshman season. As a sophomore, he shared kicking duties with Romano and earned a scholarship.

Then as a junior, Hurley began having troubles hitting extra points and short field goals. Before he knew it, Zach Bromert had taken over those duties.

"It was a little frustrating," Hurley said. "Going into the season, I really felt like that was something I've been working for, trying to get that position. To have it kind of fall apart was frustrating."

This season, Hurley has his confidence back from short range, but hasn't been able to show it. He is two-for-

two on field goals, hitting on a 54-yard attempt and a 45-yard attempt.

"I changed up some things. The year before, I was worrying about being able to hit from anywhere," he said.

"I was working on killing the ball so much that I lost some accuracy when I was throwing up extra points."

He has made six straight field goals dating back to last season, all of which have been over 45 yards.

"It seems like the further away we get from the goal line, the more accurate Hurley is," Fry said.

That's only fitting. After all, Happy Gilmore was best known for his long drives.

PLAYING DEFENSE THE SOUTHERN WAY

By Mike Finn
Voice editor

"You can tell what kind of character and athletic ability you have when it's just you and someone else. You don't have any inside help and no one is surrounding you. That's the competitor in me. When I'm in a guy's face, I'm just thinking about me and him. I'm going to bring what I have to offer to him first before he shows off his talents to me. It's a matter of survival. It's like going to war but you're the only guy out there going against the enemy."

— Kerry Cooks on playing man-to-man defense



Scott Miller / Voice of the Hawkeyes

NOT THIS YEAR: Strong safety Kerry Cooks (15) blanketed Iowa State's Ed Williams most of last Saturday, limiting the Cyclone to just two catches after the receiver grabbed eight in the 1995 game.

It's hard to tell whether Iowa's junior starting strong safety is talking about playing football today or defending the Alamo from legend's past when the subject of the game's pressures is brought up. That's because Kerry Cooks can't help but think of his Texas roots that keep pulling him back when he's taking on the Big Ten's best receivers.

"A lot of guys down south use a lot of man-to-man coverage. Football is so competitive that you can't run zone defenses," said Cooks, four years removed from his prep days at Nimitz High School in the Dallas suburb of Irving, Texas.

THE TEXAS PIPELINE

The following Hawkeyes are natives of Texas.

Name	Year	Pos	Hometown
Plez Atkins	Junior	DB	Bartlett
Corey Brown	Fresh.	DL	Houston
Raj Clark	Fresh.	LB	Baytown
Billy Coats	Senior	CB	Grand Prairie
Kerry Cooks	Junior	SS	Irving
Justin Craun	Fresh.	OL	Weatherford
Rodney Filer	Senior	FB	Waco
Damon Gibson	Junior	WR	Houston
Matt Hughes	Soph.	LB	Eastland
Paul Moten	Fresh.	DE	DeSoto, Texas
Demo Odems	Senior	WR	Austin
Tariq Peterson	Fresh.	DE	Lexington
Brandon Phearse	Fresh.	LB	Garland
Shalor Pryor	Fresh.	OL	Stephenville
Damien Robinson	Senior	FS	Dallas
Sedrick Shaw	Senior	RB	Austin
Evan Wardell	Fresh.	DE	Houston

After listening to Cooks, it may be no secret that 11 of the 17 Texas natives on the Iowa roster play defense. Of those, four are defensive backs including three starters: cornerback Plez Atkins from Bartlett; free safety Damien Robinson of Dallas; and Cooks. (Billy Coats of Grand Prairie, Texas, is a back-up to New Jersey-native Tom Knight at the other corner.)

That is because Cooks takes much pride in his southern roots and made sure he would not forget his past when he tattooed the words "Southern Way" with a Texas Longhorn on his right shoulder. (The term also is the name of two songs performed by rappers Big Mike and the Outcasts.)

"It kind of symbolizes how we do things down south, how football is so big down south and that coming up here is a different lifestyle," said the 6-0, 200-pound Cooks. "I'm used to the big city, the fancy cars, compact streets and things like that. The way of life up here is relaxed, different to me. I had to give myself something to remind me."

Though Cooks has spent the past three years in Iowa City, he still finds the Iowa lifestyle confining compared to Texas.

"I feel like I'm in a sand box when I'm in Iowa and I can't move," Cooks said. "Everything I want in Iowa, I just reach right or reach left. When I'm at home, I can drive 50 miles and still be in the same city."

Sedrick Shaw of Austin, Texas, concurs. "We do things very different from the East,

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— Kerry Cooks

mentality to physically punish you." But it's also Cook's battles in the secondary that take on more notice. And although Iowa is giving up more yards passing, Cooks does not worry. "You just have to realize getting beat is a part of the game," Cooks said. "You can't worry about that and use the tools that God gave you. Whatever happens, happens."

In fact, it's those individual battles that separate Cooks and his fellow Texans apart.

"I like to be able to express myself and whatever freedom they give me," Cooks said. "If that means playing man-to-man, I'm going to take it to its fullest." ■

Secondary challenges make Texas-native Kerry Cooks feel right at home

Midwest and the West," Shaw said. "Texas is extremely different. It's attitude in sports, the weather, climate. In Texas, we have several big cities. Here, you just have a couple. It teaches you to value a lot of things."

Cooks also has learned to value his playing time after playing behind Robinson at free safety for the past two seasons before getting his chance to replace the graduated Chris Jackson at strong safety.

"As a free safety, you get to roam the field a lot more; see a lot different things," said Cooks, who first appeared two seasons ago when he returned a recovered fumble 51 yards for a touchdown against Iowa State. "As a strong safety, you play the run first and then pass. The free safety looks for pass first, then run."

With an emphasis placed on stopping the run the past two seasons, a lot more pressure has been placed on Iowa's secondary. Cooks said he wel-

comes that so-called pressure.

"I don't feel the pressure. We have the people who have played a little more man coverage; people who can match up one-on-one with receivers," Cooks said. "In the secondary, there's not one guy who doesn't like that challenge. If you get beat you look at it as it's just part of the game. I don't think it's pressure. It's just a challenge."

After two games this season, Cooks' hard-nosed style has led to seven tackles, including four against Iowa State and Heisman Trophy hopeful Troy Davis.

"He's a very good running back to do the things that he's done in the past when Iowa State wasn't as complete as they are now," Cooks said before last Saturday's game. "He's a good running back. He's got good speed and the

TEST TIME

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Classroom whiz Matt Reischl learns to become Big Ten lineman

by Chad Leistikow
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Now in his third year at Iowa, Matt Reischl has earned just one grade below an A during his college academic career.

It was an A-minus in a course titled Statistics and Probability.

"That hurt," Reischl said.

Only a straight-A student like Reischl could make such a comment.

Reischl — who happens to be the starting left guard on Iowa's football team — has received high marks from university professors, as well as the Hawkeye coaching staff.

The 6-foot-5, 295-pound Finance major earned his first collegiate start in Saturday's 21-20 victory over Arizona.

But before Saturday, the main topic surrounding Reischl has always been academics.

"My first year and a half here, I think I went out about three times," Reischl said. "I studied all the time and I was always in my room. So I guess it's fair to say I got a lot of kidding about that."

Last fall, some of Iowa's upper-classmen took advantage of Reischl's naiveté.

When Reischl was requested for the first time by a media member for an interview, his teammates told him he had to dress up if he was going to be interviewed.

Reischl arrived to a group of reporters wearing a coat and tie. His teammates wore their standard attire of shorts and a t-shirt.

"He's pretty gullable," laughed Hawkeye coach Hayden Fry.

He may have been easily-fooled in the past, but Reischl is a master of

learning.

Reischl's dedication to his schoolwork has helped him to his current grade-point average of 4.0. That figure would actually be higher, but the university does not list cumulative GPA's of above 4.0.

The transition from high school — where Reischl ranked No. 1 out of 190 in his graduating class — to college has been smooth academically for Reischl.

Now the Greendale, Wis., native hopes to bring his football genius to the Big Ten level.

"I think I am ready to take that step, but there is going to be that period of adjustment," Reischl, a prep all-American, said. "I've just got to be ready for that, and correct any of the mistakes I make so I don't make them twice."

Correcting mistakes is something Reischl has perfected with a notebook and pencil.

He is now trying to do the same with a helmet and shoulder pads.

Offensive line coach Frank Verducci coached wide receivers at Northwestern from 1987-88 and is in his eighth year at Iowa, but has never come across a player with a mind like Reischl's.

"It's funny, because I coached for a couple years at Northwestern, which has a reputation for having intellectual kids," Verducci said. "But Matt has got the intellect and mental aptitude for the game. He understands the blocking schemes very well."

Studying Iowa football is something Reischl did plenty of while backing up all-Big Ten left guard Matt Purdy for two seasons.

Reischl — a sophomore eligibility-wise — played sparingly against Northern Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Washington (all wins) as a freshman. Being behind Purdy helped him tremendously.

"I watched his techniques, and how he approached the game," Reischl said. "He had a very hard-nosed attitude. I've got to try and incorporate

that in my game."

Reischl probably knows the game as well as anybody on the Hawkeye roster. But his desire to be flawless is sometimes a negative.

"He's a perfectionist, which can be bad," Fry said. "If he misses a block or does something wrong, it really bugs him."

That is another area where Reischl is learning to improve.

"I guess I try to be perfect, sometimes a little too much," Reischl said. "In the classroom, you can afford to think about everything. On the field, that's sometimes a detriment to your performance."

That improvement is starting to show. Reischl was part of an offensive front that helped Iowa beat an Arizona defense that is perennially among the nation's best.

Fry has confidence in Reischl, too. The majority of Iowa's running plays went over the left side Saturday, including Sedrick Shaw's 1-yard touchdown dive in the third quarter. "He's starting to relax a little bit," said senior Ross Verba, who lines up at left tackle, the position next to Reischl.

"He's extremely quiet, but he's starting to loosen up and kind of crack jokes. We're trying to get him so he's not worrying about what he has to do so much."

And (not surprisingly), Reischl is learning from his teammates.

"One of the things the older guys have taught me is that during practice, you can try to be perfect," Reischl said. "But once you get out there to play in a scrimmage or game situation, you gotta stop thinking and let yourself do what you practiced to do." ■

Out of the spotlight

Mike Triplett
The Daily Iowan

To say Demo Odems is Tim Dwight's John Taylor would be an unfair comparison because Taylor was a large step down talent-wise from Jerry Rice.

Still, Odems remains the overlooked half of Iowa's receiving duo — despite the fact he actually has the most experience under his belt.

Odems isn't bitter about being the other guy. When asked who would be harder to find: someone who could pick Odems out of a crowd or someone unable to pick Dwight out of a crowd, Odems chose the former.

"I just kind of have to take my backseat role and do whatever I can to help win games," Odems said.

If picking Odems out of a crowd isn't challenging enough, maybe you'd like to try and pronounce his full first name. Demoseneeds Odems III, however, will stick with Demo.

The 5-foot-10, 180-pound senior from Austin, Texas, doesn't want to cut back on anything but his name, though. He hopes he can suit up for more games than last season (nine starts due to a leg injury) and pull down a few more passes (19 catches, 338 yards, one touchdown).

Odems scored three touchdowns as a sophomore and took over for Harold Jasper at the starting wide-out spot last season. Dwight took his first career turn at receiver, splitting time with Willie Guy at the other offensive end.

While Dwight quickly adapted to his new spot, pulling down 46 catches for 816 yards and nine touchdowns, Odems slowly faded to the background. He had his shining moments — three catches for 72 yards at Iowa State and five catches for 110 yards at Ohio State — but injuries kept him out of two games and slowed him in two others.

"I have to be mentally tougher," Odems said. "When I got injured, it kind of got to me. It took away from my game. This year I'm coming into it with an open mind, just to have fun. A free mind and a free spirited-attitude."

Odems, who played high school ball with Sedrick Shaw, is easily the most experienced in an Iowa receiving corps that includes Richard Willock, Damon Gibson and Ricchard Carter. That experience may just have Odems battle-tested enough for a breakthrough season.

"I've been in the backseat role and I've been in the front-seat role," Odems said. "I've learned a lot and I know a lot, but there's always room for improvement. So I'm going to continue striving to learn, learning the other defenses and learning our offense better. I can't settle for what I have now."

It seems that Odems should be one of the most comforting presences in Iowa's lineup — he and Shaw are the only seniors at the so-called skill positions. However, it is Dwight, who never lined up on the outside until last season, that has fans looking forward to seeing quarterback Matt Sherman take to the air.

Dwight compares his transformation from running back to receiver to a cucumber's switch to

a pickle — "You don't see it, it just happens."

Despite the shaky comparison, the fact remains, Dwight is now a full-blown receiver.

"That's kind of spooky. But I think of myself as a wide receiver now and not as a running back anymore," Dwight said. "I mean, when I look at films and stuff, I don't look at running backs. Like when I was watching the pro games the other day, I wasn't watching (Rashaan) Salaam or any of those other guys, I was watching receivers."

Dwight probably had his eye on the running backs a little bit. Same goes for the kick returners and who knows whom else.

I'll play some "quarterback, punter, place kicker. I'm taking (kicker Zach) Bromert out. I told him earlier he's going out because I can make them from 15 yards," Dwight joked.

Kidding aside, Mr. Versatility will return kickoffs and punts and maybe spend a few plays at run-

Odems at ease with Dwight's fame

ning back, where he has 20 carries, 169 yards and three touchdowns at Iowa.

But receiver is where the national magazines say Dwight's a first-team all-Big Ten talent, even though he doesn't much care for such predictions.

"I don't know what's up with that," Dwight said. "They called me first-team all-Big Ten last year because I led the Big Ten in punt returns my freshman year, then I didn't do squat. So they're entitled to do whatever they want, but I'm not going to worry about it."

"I mean, go out and play football because you love the game and you love to play the game, not because you want to be all-Big Ten or make money or whatever."

Dwight and Odems especially love the select company they're a part of. Both players mentioned their deep receiving family, as well as an incredibly potent offense.

"We've got Demo, we've got Ricchard, we've got Damon, we've got Rich, we've got me once in a while," Dwight said. "We've got Tavian (Banks), we've got Sedrick. Man, who else do we got? (290-pound offensive lineman Matt) Reischl can maybe carry the ball if you put him at fullback."

Maybe not. Coach Hayden Fry will have enough trouble spreading the offense around as it is.

Gibson takes off for Hawks

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THE DAILY IOWAN

During his senior year of high school, Iowa receiver Damon Gibson had high hopes. The plan was to play for the University of Miami — a breeding ground for future NFL receivers.

Certainly he didn't expect to spend the next three years of his life in Iowa City, never catching more than five passes in a season.

"When I was coming out of high school, I had big dreams," Gibson recalled. "I think any freshman expects to play right away, and I did. I was watching 'Rocket' Ismail and Desmond Howard, and I thought I could step right in and do just what they did.

"But that hasn't happened. Now I see myself as a couple years behind. And that's OK; I just have to work that much harder."

After redshirting his first year, the 5-foot-9, 180-pounder from Houston, didn't catch a pass during his freshman season. Last year, he caught five balls for a total of 59 yards.

But this year, he's coming into his own. He nearly doubled his career yardage in one play — a 45-yard diving catch at Tulsa. He more-than-doubled his '95 catch total in one game, pulling down six passes for 91 yards at Indiana.

For the season, he has 12 receptions for 217 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

"During those first couple years, I was seeing how hard other guys worked in the off-season," Gibson said. "I wanted to do the same; I didn't want to be left behind.

"I worked even harder last summer. I knew sooner or later it would pay off."

His efforts have been noticed. Iowa coach Hayden Fry said Gibson has made drastic improvement since last season.

"He and Rich Willock have probably made as much improvement at receiver as anybody we have," Fry said.

Gibson is flattered by such comments, but said the rewards from his hard work lied in knowing what he could do and regaining some of that old confidence.

"Even if Coach hadn't said that, I could feel myself improving," Gibson said. "I kind of lacked a little confidence after my freshman year. You start doubting yourself. I had lost some confidence in my ability."

Gibson's strength lies in his speed. Until teammate Tim Dwight pulled down a 65-yard pass last week at Penn State,



PETE THOMPSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

IN THE ZONE: Iowa wide receiver Damon Gibson scores a touchdown against Arizona in the first game this season for the Hawkeyes. Gibson has been a big play threat for the Hawkeyes this year.

Gibson had consistently been the Hawkeyes' deep threat this season.

He showed off his speed early, breaking loose for an 18-yard touchdown on a short screen pass in the season opener against Arizona. A week later, he was on the receiving end of a 42-yard touchdown bomb against Iowa State.

"He has outstanding ability, he's learned how to catch the ball and man, he can fly," Fry said.

Gibson talked about using his speed to his advantage.

"Whatever defensive back I go against, I feel like I have an advantage over them," Gibson said. "I don't like to say how fast I am or sound like bragging, but I feel whenever the ball goes up in the air, I've got the edge."

"The guy covering you has to react from your movement to the ball, so if you have that break of

speed, it's a tremendous advantage."

Gibson, with his 4.4-speed, was featured at running back while playing for Forest Brook High School, though he said he always felt like a receiver just playing running back. And though he rushed for 1,650 yards and 25 touchdowns as a senior, he was recruited at the wide receiver position.

Gibson attracted a lot of attention out of high school. He orally committed to both Pittsburgh and Miami before again changing his mind and coming to Iowa, the last school he visited.

"At the time, everybody was like, 'Miami this' and 'Miami that,'" Gibson recalled. "I was like that, too, because they were real good back then and my cousin went there."

"But I decided to go with what my mother wanted and got away from the city. I felt it was time

for a change; I wanted something different."

As it turned out, the Pittsburgh football program is now in shambles and the Hawkeyes, as of this week, are actually ranked ahead of once-powerful Miami.

"Who knows? I guess it was meant to be," Gibson said. "And had I went to Pittsburgh, I probably would have been regretting it right now."

One thing Gibson has never regretted is switching back to receiver. He knows the running backs get their hands on the ball more often, but he doesn't like to think of it that way.

"Playing receiver, you don't get the ball as much. But that just motivates me to try and do something special every time I get the ball because I only get so many chances and I want to make the most of them," Gibson explained.

Those chances have been fairly limited at Iowa, which doesn't exactly have an all-out air attack. But with an outstanding rushing duo of Sedrick Shaw and Tavian Banks in the lineup, Gibson said he doesn't blame the coaches.

In high school, Gibson didn't drop a pass, but he said the team didn't throw the ball often. He remembers pressuring the coach to air it out more. Now, though, he said his attitude is different. What's best for the team is what's best for him.

Still, opportunities do exist. Against the Hoosiers, quarterback and former scout team partner Matt Sherman called his number time and time again.

"I know he has a lot of talent, we just had to figure out how to get him in game situations," Sherman said. "He's worked hard and put in the time. For us, he hasn't been a surprise."

Dedication Is Paying Off For Hawkeyes' Chambers

BY ELIZABETH MERRILL
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Iowa City, Iowa — Before the Iowa defense hits the field every week, each player dedicates the game to someone, defensive end Brett Chambers said.

Many times over the past few years, Chambers has dedicated games to his old Treynor High School coach, Randy Donahue.



Chambers

Donahue, who died after a long battle with liver complications in 1994, has been on Chambers' mind ever since he became a Hawkeye, he said. And his coach is especially in his thoughts this season, as the senior has finally won a starting job with the 2-1 Hawkeyes after years of struggling as a walk-on.

"When I went on to play Division I football, I had all of these thoughts about wanting to make so many people proud," Chambers said. "I wanted to make my family and friends proud, but the one I really want to make proud was Coach Donahue. It's kind of sad he didn't get a chance to see me play. But I know he's watching me now."

Chambers hopes his coach is smiling, just as the town of Treynor is. The town followed Chambers, a two-way star who was raised in rural Council Bluffs, when he went to Iowa City to pursue his Division I football dream.

In those first few years, Chambers didn't have much to write home about. He redshirted in 1992, and was limited to the scout team in '93. In his third year at Iowa, Chambers worked his way through the Hawkeye depth chart, passing up scholarship players to earn a start against Michigan when John Hartlieb was injured. But the next week, he was back to the second team, a spot he held again all of last season.

Whenever he got frustrated, Chambers said, he thought of his family and friends back in Treynor — and of Donahue.

"There were games I didn't take 10 plays," said Chambers, who earned a scholarship last season. "It's hard to prepare emotionally when you only take 10 plays in a game. It was a tough road. You have to have a lot of drive to stay with it. There were times where I was feeling pretty good, but there were other times where I felt like things weren't working. Luckily, I had a lot of support from my parents and friends."

Iowa Defensive Coordinator Bob El-

liott said Chambers probably could win a team award for persistence. He remembered Chambers in those first years as a player who was smaller than most of his defensive counterparts, but had a strong desire to improve.

"He was a skinny kid who played hard and remembered things well," Elliott said. "He just wasn't physically well enough to do some things."

"He's still not big yet at about 227 pounds. But he uses his size very well, and is physically tougher than he ever was before."

Elliott said he saw those changes in Iowa's last game against Tulsa two weeks ago. Chambers earned the team's Defensive Hustle Award for registering six tackles in the Hawkeyes' 27-20 loss to the Golden Hurricane.

Chambers has 13 tackles in three games and is third on the team in sacks with two.

"He's playing the best football of his career right now, and he's getting better," Elliott said. "When you talk about a fifth-year senior getting better every day, that's an amazing thing."

Chambers said it hasn't been hard to get motivated to play better this year, even in practice. Being a starter — and one of only four seniors on the defense's two-deep roster — changes your perspective, Chambers said.

"I've got a lot more confidence this year," Chambers said. "I know I have to be ready at all times. That comes through in practices during the week. I'm taking practice a lot more seriously. I've always had the work ethic, but now I'm getting more mentally focused at practice."

Hawkeye defensive captain Bill Ennis-Inge, a three-year starter, said Chambers is a nice addition to the starting lineup.

"We all came in together, so all of the guys in our class are really close," he said. "He knew if he kept working and doing what he was supposed to do, it would have to pay off."

"We depend on him. We depend on all the guys in our starting lineup, and there aren't any weak links there. He's not a weak cheese. He's in there ready to play winning Big Ten football."

Chambers said he hasn't given up on his other college football goal — taking the Hawkeyes to the Rose Bowl. Iowa will get its first Big Ten test this weekend in an 11:20 a.m. home game against Michigan State.

"I'm playing the best football I've ever played right now, and that's what I need to be doing now for this team," Chambers said. "I want to get better every day, every week and every game."

Walk-on players key Iowa success

Becky Gruhn
THE DAILY IOWAN

Imagine working 40 hours a week without a paycheck. How about going to practice five days a week and spending countless other hours lifting weights or watching films without reaping the benefits of an athletic scholarship. That is the scenario faced by walk-on athletes at the University of Iowa.

UI sophomore Zach Bromert, a Hawkeye placekicker and a

looked at real closely by a lot of big schools after my junior year of high school. But we didn't make the playoffs my senior year and that hurt my chances of going anywhere as far as Division I is concerned. But in a way, I'm glad things didn't work out in that respect because I ended up here and things have worked out great. I think everything happens for a reason," Bromert said.

Bromert was the only true freshman to play for Iowa in 1995. He has connected on 45-

"The scholarships we award yearly are based on how many are available due to the graduation of senior players. On average, between two and three walk-on athletes end up getting a scholarship yearly."

Gene Jones, Iowa recruiting coordinator

Kinnick Stadium favorite, took a gamble and came all the way from Pensacola, Fla., in order to walk on at Iowa.

"I sent my tape up here and the coaches said they'd like to have me walk on here," Bromert said. "I came up and visited the campus and really liked the program a lot. The coaching staff is great and I was really impressed with the whole situation so I decided to take a chance and come up."

"I had a few scholarship offers from some small schools to play soccer. For football I was being

of 46 PATs in his career, including 23 straight, and has hit on 8-of-10 career field goals.

But his popularity with the crowd is something Bromert never expected.

"That was an absolute surprise to me," he said. "I just wanted to get a chance to step on the field. I guess once you step on the field, that stuff comes with it."

Gene Jones, UI recruiting coordinator and assistant wide receiver coach, said there are two types of walk-on athletes.

"We have 'recruited walk-ons' and other 'walk-ons who give us



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SIT DOWN: Iowa walk-on defensive end Brett Chambers, along with linebacker Matt Hughes, puts Tulsa quarterback John Fitzgerald on his back Sept. 21 in Tulsa.

a call.' A recruited walk-on is someone we contact and feel has the potential to develop and get bigger and stronger, but unfortunately there just isn't a scholarship available for the athlete," Jones said.

According to Jones, the Hawkeyes receive 15 to 20 letters or tapes a day from athletes interested in trying out for the team, but NCAA guidelines allow teams to give out just 85 scholarships.

"The scholarships we award yearly are based on how many are available due to the graduation of senior players. This usually averages out to around 18 to 20 a year. On average, between two and three walk-on athletes end up getting a scholarship yearly," Jones said.

UI senior defensive lineman Brett Chambers and defensive lineman Jason House are two of the few football walk-ons who have earned a scholarship.

Like Bromert, both turned down scholarship opportunities from other schools in order to attend Iowa.

"I'm from Iowa City so I've always been an Iowa fan," House said. "It seemed like the best opportunity for me was here at

Iowa. Most offers I turned down were from smaller schools, but there were a couple lower-level Division I schools I turned down as well. I wanted to play at this level and in the Big Ten.

"Iowa has had a lot of success with their walk-ons, so I thought this was the best place to do it. I felt like I could play at this level."

Although the decision to play at Iowa was a relatively easy one for both players, Chambers admits the path to attaining a scholarship wasn't easy.

"It is really tough," he said. "If you talk to any walk-on around here, they'll tell you it is a tough road. You have to have a lot of drive. There are times you feel like it's working good and then there are times you feel like there's no way it is going to work out."

"As a walk-on you're not in a position where it is assumed you can play. You have to prove that you can play. I had a lot of support from my parents, friends,

and overall community support from my hometown of Treynor, Iowa. Those people, mostly my parents, were always there encouraging me to stay with it when it didn't look promising."

Chambers attributes being awarded a scholarship his junior year to a lucky break he got during his sophomore season.

"I got a break my sophomore year when John Hartlieb got hurt," he said. "I was still a walk on and they really didn't have a solid No. 2. The whole week in practice after he got hurt I really stepped up and got to start the next week."

House probably won't ever forget the moment he found out he had received a scholarship.

"After my freshman year Coach Fry called me into his office and told me that they were going to put me on scholarship. That was a very good feeling, definitely like a dream come true," he said.

But lack of a scholarship is not a concern to many UI walk-on football players. It's more about playing the sport they love.

"Even if I wouldn't have played in a game last year, I would have worked just as hard as I did," Bromert said. "That's just the kind of person I am. Walk-on or not, I'm going to put in the same amount of work."



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FRESHMAN SENSATION: Iowa placekicker Zach Bromert was the only true freshman to see action for the Hawkeyes last season and became a crowd favorite.

HAWKEYE PROFILE

Former tight end excels at fullback

James Kramer
THE DAILY IOWAN

Hawkeye Mike Burger has made the transition to the Iowa backfield

When Michael Burger arrived on the University of Iowa campus in the fall of 1994, he didn't expect to see much playing time for awhile. And who could blame him? Burger came to Iowa City as a

tight end, and with Scott Slutzker and Derek Price ahead of him on the depth chart, the current Iowa fullback could look forward to a long wait.

Fortunately for Burger, a coaching experiment early last season changed his agenda for the better.

"I hadn't expected to play much my first two years," Burger said. "Then all of the sudden, they came up with the idea that maybe I should try fullback. I said I'd do anything to help the team."

His chance to help the team came, sadly, at the expense of a teammate. On the first play of Iowa's game at Northwestern last year, starting fullback Rodney Filer injured his knee and was lost for the remainder of the season.

Burger, who was a red-shirt freshman at the time, needed to step up his game and try to make up for Filer's loss. Iowa still had a couple Big Ten games left and a potential bowl berth. This was a lot of pressure for a young player, but Burger said things turned out better than expected.

"At the beginning of the season, I was doubtful," the Iowa sophomore said. "But when I was thrown in there, I was pretty confident. You learn quick

when you're thrown into a situation like that."

Burger's efforts for the remainder of the season were admirable, if not enviable. The Harlan, Iowa, native rushed 35 times for 153 yards and caught eight passes for 102 yards. In addition, Burger scored five touchdowns — three on the ground and two through the air.

One factor that enabled Burger to make the transition easier is shielded by a black and gold helmet on Saturdays — his brain. Burger works as hard in the classroom as he does on the field, with comparable results. He was a Big Ten all-academic selection last year.

"It might be a part of my personality," he said. "I tend to pick up things pretty quick."

On the other hand, Burger added, his time spent at tight end was probably the most crucial factor in his switch to another skill position.

A solid mind can be important to making a difficult transition, but experience is the ultimate learning tool.

"Once you learn the offense at a skill position, you pretty much know what everybody else is doing," Burger said. "You pretty much have to, because it all gets together."

At the beginning of this season, Burger was in a much better position than one year earlier. He knew he was the team's No. 1 fullback, and would be considered a bigger part of the Iowa offense.

Through nine games this season, Burger has rushed 42 times for 198 yards. Hawkeye quarterbacks have hooked up with the fullback six times for 52 yards. He has scored two touchdowns.

Unlike most Iowa teams, this year's version has not relied upon its tight ends to supply a lot of receiving yardage. In previous years, players like Marv Cook and Slutzker gave the Hawkeyes a potent option that most opponents didn't have.

For a variety of reasons, quarterback Matt Sherman has not utilized his tight ends much this season. Sophomore Chris Knipper and freshman Zeron Flemister, who have combined for just 12 receptions, are used predominantly as blockers. As a former tight end, Burger can't quite explain this phenomenon.

"A lot of it has to do with the play-calling," Burger said. "A lot of times, the tight end isn't considered the primary receiver. Whether that's due to their youth or not, I'm not sure."

"But a lot of times, the tight end's not open. For us, it all depends on what the defense is going to throw at us."

In certain formations this year, Burger actually lines up near the end of the line to block, almost like a tight end. Offensive lineman Matt Reischl said that although Burger has done a good job, a switch like that can be difficult.

"It's a little bit of a transition," Reischl said. "Anytime you have a change in your position, it's going to put some demand on you. But I think he probably remembers a little bit from his tight-end days."

A natural question fans might ask is whether Burger would be able to step into the tight end role if the situation presents itself.

"I don't know if I'd be 100 percent confident," Burger said. "But I think if I were thrown into that situation, I could do a decent job as far as play assignments."

"The harder thing for me would be the different routes to run with the different coverages that are shown."

For now, though, Burger is perfectly content with his position in the backfield. He seems to have found his comfort zone at the position, and the other Iowa offensive players are comfortable with him there.

In order to keep the top fullback fresh, the Hawkeye brain-trust has employed Aaron Granquist as a backup for Burger. Granquist, a senior, has rushed seven times for 70 yards this season. Burger likes the situation.

"You might as well shuffle guys in there and keep us fresh," said Burger, who stands 6-foot-3 and weighs 229 pounds. "There's not a drop-off when Aaron goes in, as far as I'm concerned."

"It's worked out for us, and I hope it continues."

In retrospect, the move has truly been a blessing in disguise.

Burger likes the situation so much that he might be reluctant to move back to tight end if asked to do so. He said he would have to analyze the situation in detail.

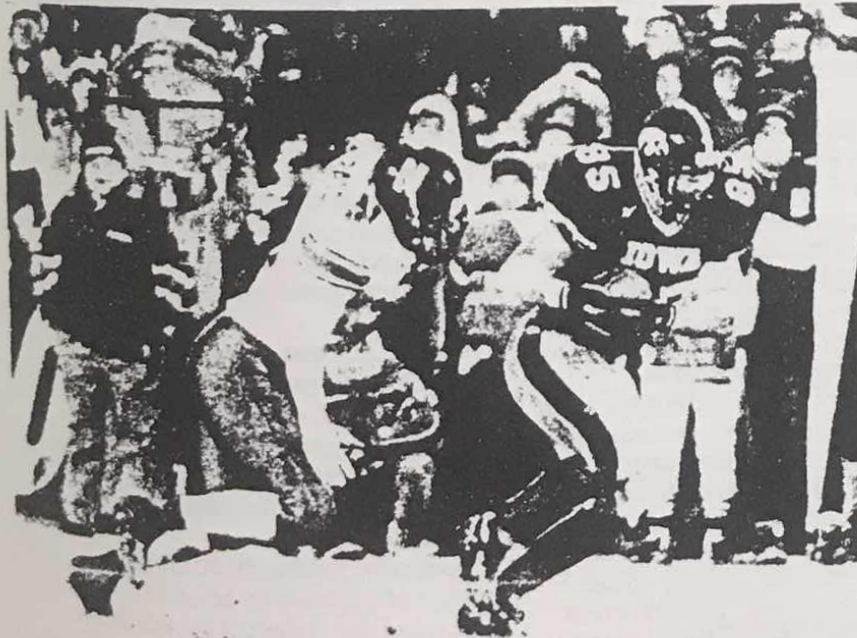
"When I moved, it was on the condition that I was going to stay," he said. "I didn't want to be shuffled around from year to year."

"The decision is ultimately up to the player. If they asked me to move again, I'd really have to take into consideration if it would be beneficial for the team, and for myself."



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POWER FOOTBALL: Burger runs the ball straight up the middle against Michigan State earlier this season.



BRIAN RAY/THE DAILY IOWAN

FORMER TIGHT END: Burger shows that he still has some talent in the open field last week.

IN GOD PLEZ TRUSTS

By Mike Finn
Voice editor

Excuse Plez Atkins if he feels like walking on Cloud Nine when he adds to his ever-increasing interception total. That's because the junior cornerback can't help but have heavenly thoughts whether it's covering the Big Ten's best receivers or simply living his life.

"When I think about (intercepting passes), I just say, 'Wow, how did Jesus let me do that?' ", said Atkins who returns in 1995 as the Big Ten's interception leader (with six). "I love getting interceptions. This year I don't know what I'm going to do but I'm pretty sure that Jesus will take care of everything. Football means a lot to me but I've got to be right with God."

Atkins, a native of Bartlett, Texas, does not talk about his religious convictions as a fanatic.

"I'm not trying to make anyone else believe in what I believe," Atkins said, adding that football has provided him a vehicle to reach out to others. "In high school, I prayed and put football in my life. He's got me in football to help other people."

But Atkins also spent his prep years at Bartlett High School as a quarterback and defensive back, proving that it's better to receive than give ... at least in terms of interceptions.

No one in the history of high school football in Texas has ever intercepted as many passes in a career than Atkins, who stepped in front and caught 41 opposing passes, including 11 as a senior when he ran back three for touchdowns. Atkins also added 27 offensive touchdowns that season in leading Bartlett to the Class A state championship with 1,272 yards rushing and 1,058 passing.

But it has been Atkins' defense that made him a starter the final three games of 1994 and 10 of 12 last season.

Following a redshirt season in 1993, his first interception came against

Northwestern in 1994. Atkins continued his knack of turning an interception into paydirt by scoring twice off picks in 1995. The first interception return for 31 yards and six points came in the season opener against Northern Iowa and he followed that with another interception return of 23 yards for a touchdown against New Mexico State.

Then to prove this skill was not a fluke, he doubled his pleasure by coming up with a pair of interceptions against both Michigan State and Minnesota.

"I've been blessed for a knack for the ball, with some anticipation. I won't say it's me. I don't sit back and ponder on it," said Atkins, whose six interceptions were the most by a Hawkeye since Kerry Burt grabbed seven in 1987. Iowa's school records for interceptions in a season are eight by Nile Kinnick (1939) and Lou King (1981), while the career mark of 18 is held by Kinnick and Devon Mitchell (1982-85).

Fellow cornerback Tom Knight said Atkins proved he was a factor at a young age.

"(Atkins) is capable of playing man-to-man or is solid in zone," Knight said. "In year's past we might have taken a good corner and rotated him."

Atkins, 22, comes from an athletic family. He has two brothers, Norris, 24, and Eric, 27, who also played small college and junior college football in Texas. He also has a sister, Letha, 25, a former basketball player at Texas Tech.

Ironically, Atkins does not have a conflict of philosophy when it comes to playing the violent sport while he expresses his religious beliefs.

"Football is not that violent," Atkins said. "You are just out there tackling, wrapping up guys. It's like wrestling with your brother. You can beat him up but not try to hurt him." ■

STRONG PRESEASON BUOYS IOWA QUARTERBACK

Healthy Sherman ready to play

Confident veteran will lead Hawkeyes against Arizona in season opener Saturday.

By **RON MALY**
REGISTER STAFF WRITER

Iowa City, Ia. — Matt Sherman said things have changed.

"Last season, I was kind of the new guy on the block," the Iowa quarterback explained. "If I made a mistake, it was OK. But this year I'm a veteran — and I need to play like a veteran."

Sherman, a 212-pound junior from St. Ansgar, is the No. 1 quarterback for an Iowa football team that opens its season against Arizona at 11:30 a.m., Saturday in Kinnick Stadium.

Much is expected from the man who passed for 2,546 yards and 14

touchdowns while starting all 12 games last season. He ranked third in the Big Ten Conference and 17th nationally in passing efficiency.

With 3,282 yards, Sherman already ranks fifth on Iowa's career passing list. The leader is Chuck Long, who passed for 10,461 yards from 1981 through 1985. Long now is an Iowa assistant coach.

"Matt is a great passer and has a great touch on the ball," Coach Hayden Fry said. "He's a very intelligent quarterback."

Sherman, who had surgery on his left foot after spring practice,



Sherman
Ready to go

can't wait for the opener.

"As far as confidence goes, I'm sky high," he said. "I'm healthy and I feel great. I'm very excited about where I am."

Don Patterson, who coaches Iowa's quarterbacks and is the team's offensive coordinator, said Sherman has had a strong preseason camp.

"He makes consistent progress all the time," Patterson said. "That's the thing we like about him."

"He understands the work ethic that's needed. I guess you could say he has a blue-collar attitude about football. Every day he feels he has to make himself better as a player."

"The year-round, he's looking at videotape or doing such things as jumping rope to help with his pass drop or playing racquetball to get

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IOWA CAREER PASSING LEADERS

Player	Comp.-Att.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Seasons
1. Chuck Long	782-1,203	.650	10,461	74	1981-85
2. Chuck Hartlieb	512-802	.638	6,934	37	1986-88
3. Matt Rodgers	550-905	.608	6,725	41	1988-91
4. Gary Snook	280-631	.443	3,738	20	1963-65
5. Matt Sherman	202-354	.571	3,282	17	1994-
6. Larry Lawrence	201-395	.509	2,987	17	1966-69
7. Paul Burmeister	242-419	.578	2,943	16	1990-93
8. Randy Duncan	186-328	.564	2,615	23	1956-58
9. Ed Podolak	172-398	.432	2,316	8	1966-68
10. Phil Seuss	175-325	.538	2,196	12	1977-80

better agility."

Sherman knows he can't let up because Ryan Driscoll, a senior who started the first six games of the 1994 season before breaking his collarbone against Indiana, is waiting.

Being pressured by Driscoll doesn't shake Sherman.

"That happens at every university," Sherman said. "If it doesn't, they obviously don't have very good quarterbacks."

"We have good quarterbacks at Iowa and always have had good quarterbacks. The competition makes you a better player. I know it's made me a better quarterback."

Patterson said Driscoll has also had a good preseason camp.

"I can't imagine a Big Ten team with a better one-two punch at quarterback than what we have," Patterson said.

"I wouldn't trade Sherman and Driscoll for any other two quarterbacks in the conference."

Sherman said he likes the Iowa team that hopes to improve on last season's records of 8-4 overall and 4-4 in the Big Ten.

"We can be awfully good," he said. "We have the potential. It's just a matter of going out and being consistent. But we need to avoid mis-

takes."

Fry said Sherman is a member of a backfield "that's probably the best two-deep I've had at Iowa. We have depth we've never had."

Sherman has confidence in his offensive line — the key to the success of any quarterback.

"We lost a couple of key guys in guard Matt Purdy and center Casey Wiegmann, but our offensive line works very hard," Sherman said. "Those guys don't get a whole lot of credit, but they don't want credit. They just want to do their job."

"Tackles Ross Verba and Jeremy McKinney and guard Mike Goff are veterans. Bill Reardon will do a good job at center, and so will Matt Reischl at guard."

Sherman said he expects no communication or handoff problems with Reardon.

"Coach Fry knew Billy would be our center a couple of years ago," he explained. "All of our quarterbacks know Billy. He learned from one of the best in Wiegmann."

Sherman hasn't had any trouble in practice with his left foot. He had surgery to repair a broken bone two days after completing 12 passes for 159 yards and two touchdowns in the spring game.

"I played all spring with the broken bone," he said. "But I have no pain now, and I feel 100 percent."

'97 HEISMAN CANDIDATE?

By Mike Finn
Voice editor

Tim Dwight has never been one to say something bold unless he can back it up. So it should be no surprise if he or anyone suggests that the junior wide receiver should be listed among the Heisman Trophy candidates for the 1997 season.

"It's an award that goes to the best player in college football and I'd like to think that I am one of them," said Dwight, whose 123.5 all-purpose yards per game continues to make him Iowa's most dangerous offensive player since perhaps Iowa's only Heisman Trophy winner, Nile Kinnick, of 1939.

"I just know Tim's the greatest competitor I've ever had," said Hayden Fry, who has coached on the Division I level for 35 seasons, including the past 18 at Iowa.

Dwight tries to be the realist.

"It's a slim chance when you don't get as many opportunities," said the 5-foot-9, 190-pound receiver who has caught over half

his season's reception totals in the last three games and has touched the ball on 88 plays this season (compared to 217 by Sedrick Shaw and 155 by Tavian Banks). "It would probably take a bunch of kickoff and punt returns and maybe playing some nickel-back (on defense)."

That "Ironman" role was what Dwight played as a true freshman in 1994 and he has not lined up as a cornerback since then, but admitted he might welcome an opportunity.

"I get pretty tired on offense but it would be nice to switch over on defense," said Dwight, perhaps realizing that Iowa loses two starters (Damien Robinson and Tom Knight) and a top reserve (Billy Coats) in the secondary for next season.

Sports Illustrated recently listed several players who play both as offensive receivers and defensive backs, including Michigan's Charles Woodson.

"He's a damn good player," said

Dwight, who still covers punts for Iowa. "I just hope some day I'll get that shot."

Dwight also has been one of the more exciting punt returners in the nation — scoring on a pair of long returns vs. Penn State and Ohio State in successive weeks — even though his average (19.0) has dropped him to No. 2 in the country with opponents avoiding him. (In the last four games, Dwight, one of two safeties used on punt returns, has returned just five punts for 23 yards and had a total of three returns for zero yards in three of those contests.)

For Dwight to grab the attention of Heisman voters, he would have to play like former Wolverine Desmond Howard, a rare receiver to win the Heisman Trophy (in 1991, when he caught 62 passes for Michigan. He and Notre Dame's Tim Brown, who won the trophy in 1987, are the only receivers to garner the award since 1973.)

The most significant thing Howard did that in 1991 was score: he produced 23 touchdowns overall, 19 through the air, three via the rush and one on a kickoff return (against Iowa). That helped Howard become the first receiver in Big Ten history to lead the conference in scoring. He also had the second-largest margin of victory in the history of the trophy.

Dwight, who has 21 career entries into end zones, has not scored as often this season (nine overall: four via the pass, three rushing and two punt returns) as he did last season, when he caught nine of his career-high 11 touchdowns. But he also has one bowl game left which — especially if it is the Jan. 1 Outback Bowl — would provide a national stage to show off his potential.



Tim Dwight
Heisman Trophy
hopeful in 1997?

The return of quarterback Matt Sherman should also help Dwight in 1997.

The duo has been especially hot the last three games — with Dwight catching 23 passes — while Sherman's season's stats have improved. (Sherman ranks as the Big Ten's No. 4-rated quarterback.)

Iowa's schedule could play a big role for Dwight next season, especially when Iowa faces Ohio State and Michigan in back-to-back road games in October.

And even though the Hawkeyes' non-conference slate of Northern Iowa, Iowa State and Tulsa may not draw national attention, the Hawkeyes' meeting with ISU would let Dwight face his biggest rival in Troy Davis (if the Cyclone junior doesn't opt for the NFL). Davis improved his Heisman chances this

season by becoming the first back to rush for over 2,000 yards in back-to-back campaigns.

Davis, who leads the country in rushing, has been utilized as ISU's only weapon even though the Cyclones have won just three games

But Fry, as he was asked this preseason about Sedrick Shaw's chances at such a notable award, said Dwight may not have the highest-rated personal numbers while playing within Iowa's team philosophy.

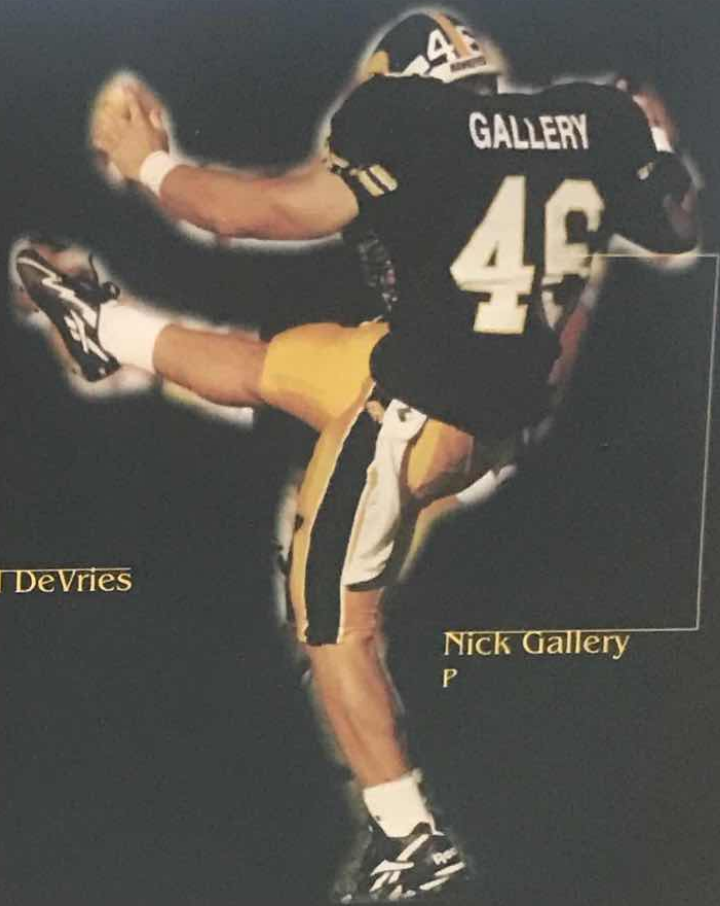
"He may not have the stats to capture the East Coast votes (from football writers and broadcasters)," said Fry, who played the Heisman-hype game

the mid-1980s with Chuck Long, who was edged by Auburn's Bo Jackson. "(Tim) plays on a balanced offense as opposed to us throwing him the ball every play."

But then again, Dwight, who Fry has called "Superman," has proven that big things can come in small packages. And may provide the biggest surprise of all if he makes the most of few opportunities. ■



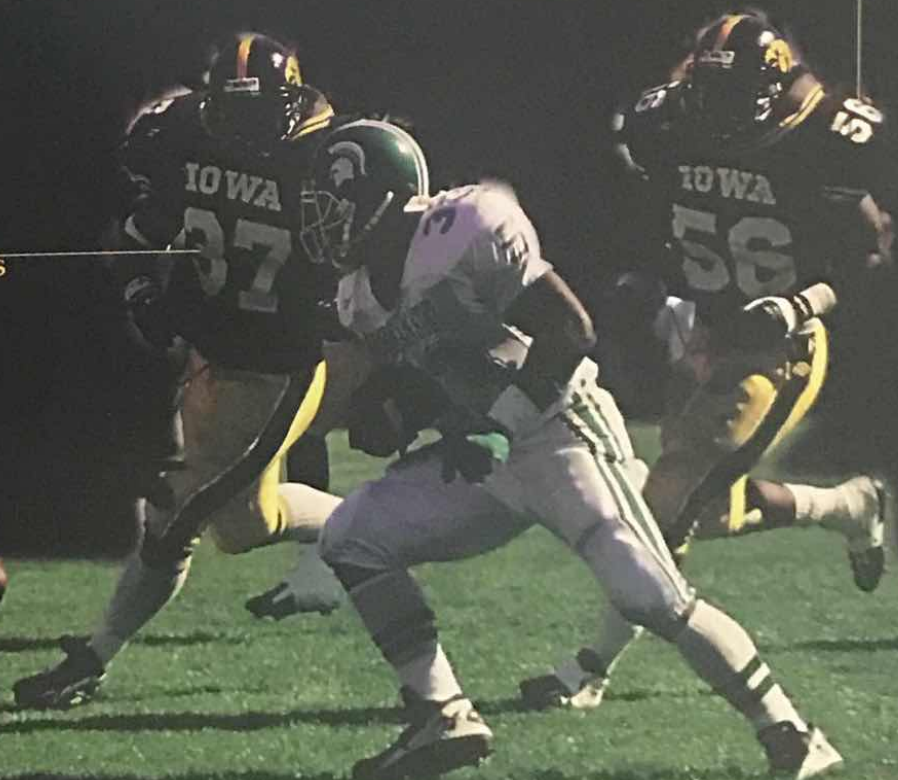
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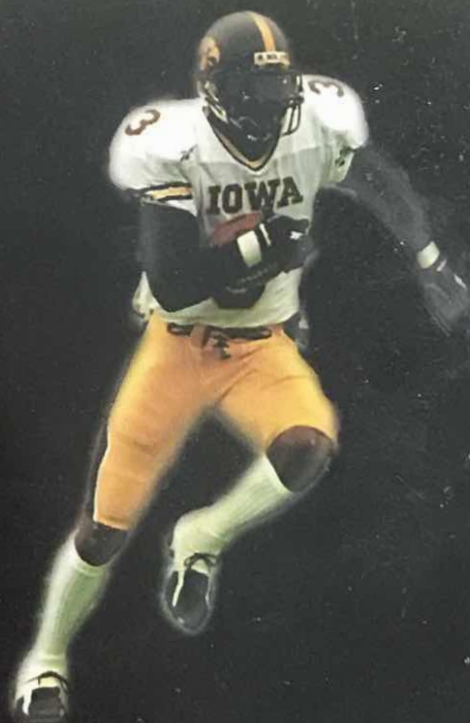
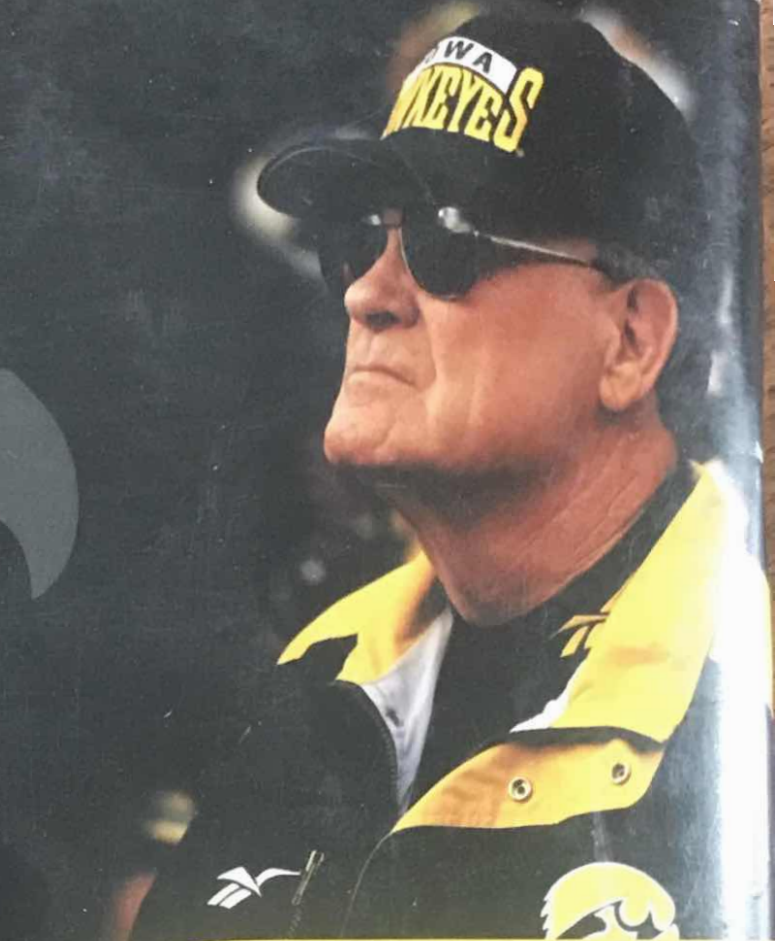
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