

Rose Review 1982



**University of Iowa vs. University of Washington
January 1, 1982
Pasadena, California**





January 1, 1982 proved to be a disappointing climax to a Cinderella season for the Iowa Hawkeyes. The Hawks never seemed to get unwound and eventually fell to the Washington Huskies 28-0 in the 68th Rose Bowl Game.

"Washington put it to us good in all phases of the game — starting with the coaching and on down. They were excellent on offense and devastating on defense," said Head Coach Hayden Fry after the game.

"We didn't look like the Iowa Hawkeyes today and the University of Washington was the reason."

To the 105,611 in attendance and millions more in the television audience (largest ever for a Rose Bowl!), it became apparent that this was not to be Iowa's day. Turnovers and penalties continuously halted Iowa drives.

Washington's first touchdown came early in the second quarter on a six-yard Jaque Robinson run. Robinson, who was named the most valuable Huskie player for the game, lugged the ball 20 times for a total of 142 yards.

Robinson wasn't without competition.

Linebacker Mel Cole was named Iowa's most valuable player for his defensive contributions. Cole led Iowa with 12 tackles.

(Opposite) Hayden Fry receives a California welcome from Tournament of Roses Queen Kathryn Ann Potthast.



Late in the second quarter, Iowa failed to convert on a fourth down play at the Washington 40 and the Huskies took over and promptly marched 60 yards to take a 13-0 lead to the locker room at halftime. A crucial pass interference call was the difference, moving the ball to the one-yard line, where Vince Caby's burst into the end zone gave the Huskies their second touchdown.

A rejuvenated Hawkeye team took the field to start the second half and drove to the Washington 29 with the running of Norm Granger, before an errant Gordy Bohannon pass was intercepted by the Huskies' Ken Driscoll. Granger led Hawkeye rushers with 80 yards, 74 of them in the second half.

Following a scoreless third quarter, Washington ran wild in the final period, scoring first on a 34-yard burst by Robinson. Late in the contest, reserve Huskie quarterback Tim Cowan capped an 18-yard drive, following another Iowa turnover, with a three-yard run to wrap up the tally.

Iowa ended the season 8-4 and although the finale was discouraging, the Hawkeye fans will not soon forget the '81 Hawks. The Big Ten Co-Champs will be remembered for their intensity, desire and ability to overcome adversity. But most of all, this team of fighters will go down in Hawkeye annals for bringing Iowans a long-awaited winning season and their first trip to Pasadena in 23 years.

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Iowa Governor Robert Ray and his family take an ice cream break in Disneyland.

"This has been a great year for University of Iowa athletics. If fans respond next year the way they responded this year, we'll have another great year at Iowa."

Robert Ray
Governor of Iowa





Iowa fans gather on December 31 for a pep rally at Citrus College. John Finger, a California local, gets into the spirit with UI cheerleaders.



"Even the loss didn't wreck my trip. They were champions just being there."

Denny Ellis
Iowa City

"The demonstration of great support until the end of the game was an exceptional performance. It was great, just great."

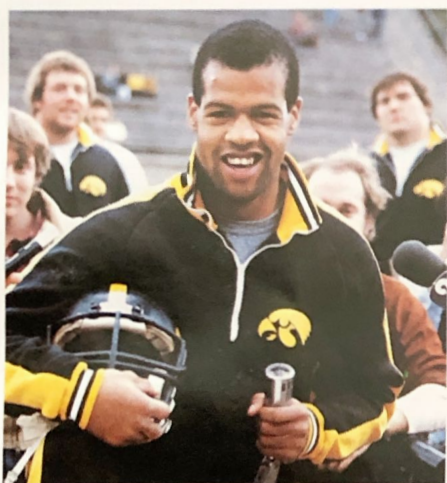
Bump Elliott
Director
Men's Athletics

"I went to the Farmers Market, where I couldn't even get a seat because of all the Hawk fans. I guess they were everywhere!"

John Loughran
Iowa City

Hawkeye players Mel Cole and Mark Bortz get dancing tips at Disneyland's Tahitian Village.





Linebacker Mel Cole, named Iowa's most valuable player in the Rose Bowl, addresses the pep rally crowd of 6,000.

The "All-Iowa Bash," hosted on December 30 by the UI Alumni Association, celebrates an early New Year. Even "Herky" joins the more than 12,000 Iowans who packed the Los Angeles Century Plaza.





To some, it meant spending a damp, chilly night wrapped in a soggy sleeping bag, sitting on a hard Pasadena curb. To others, it meant getting a 5:30 a.m. hotel wake-up call, battling the Los Angeles freeways and buying a \$3 garbage bag from a street vendor to stake out a claim along a rain-soaked parade route. To others still, it meant arriving late and spending two and half hours standing in the back of a pickup truck and peering over the heads of countless people.

But for thousands of Iowa fans, the 93rd Annual Tournament of Roses Parade was pure elation.

Maybe this elation was because of the fact that, for many, this parade is something normally viewed from an easy chair in their living rooms — not from a folding chair or on bleachers on Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena.

Or maybe this elation came from the fact that many thought stars such as Jimmy Stewart and Ricardo Montalban were untouchables who could only be viewed from a movie screen, not people who waved from atop antique cars and golden pyramids decked with roses less than 10 feet away.

But perhaps most of all, this elation was because these Iowa fans knew that for the first time in 23 years, the Big Ten parade entry would feature a marching band and cheerleaders decked out in black and gold and a Hawkeye mascot named Herky, all from The University of Iowa in a town called Iowa City.

Had it been possible, this multitude of Iowans would have reversed the damp, chilly weather with their spirit alone. There were too many fans with too many memories to let weather conditions overshadow their enthusiasm.

"The Big Ten Dinner was an important event. There were mostly Iowa fans of the Big Ten, but that's probably because the other (Big Ten) teams are more used to this than us.

"I think it was super. If they went every year, I'd be back again."

*Dick McKeen
Iowa City*



When the initial notes of the "Iowa Fight Song" became recognizable through the din of cheers and whistles, perhaps the Iowans remembered the 10-7 revenge victory over the Nebraska Cornhuskers in the season's opener.

As the black and gold flowers of the Big Ten float came into view, maybe the fans remembered the 20-7 upset over a stunned UCLA team. Giant killers, they were called.

Smiling cheerleaders waved to an ecstatic crowd and maybe the Iowans remembered Tom Nichol kicking Michigan's hopes out of a Rose Bowl berth, as the Hawks slid past the Wolverines 9-7, and a crowd of 105,915 looked on.

A cheering Herky raised his fist in triumph, perhaps recalling Hawkeye routs over Northwestern and Indiana

As flag girls and marching band baton twirlers flashed black and gold in front of NBC cameramen, maybe the fans recalled the long streak of losing seasons snapped by a 33-7 cannon blast over the Purdue Boilermakers.

And the overall scene might have caused the fans to remember a bitterly cold day in November when Ohio State's upset of Michigan paved the way westward for the Cinderella team who held a 36-7 thrashing of Michigan State as its ticket.

The floats, the bands, the royalty and even the policemen who rode motorcycles down a crowd-restraining blue line on the pavement didn't "make" this parade. The spirit of the 93rd Annual Tournament of Roses Parade was the people — the fans who came 3,000 miles to see their team play football, those Iowans who didn't miss their chance to sing the words of the "Iowa Fight Song" when a stalled float kept the Hawkeye Marching Band on national television for 10 minutes.

This spirit made the parade. This spirit is Iowa.

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"I look at the game differently than most other fans. I know the players under their helmets, and so I get more emotionally involved than most. I know a lot of these kids, and so when they win, I share in their happiness. And when they lose, I also share in their unhappiness."

*Earl Murphy
Iowa City*





Parade Marshal Jimmy Stewart and his wife, Gloria, greet parade viewers.

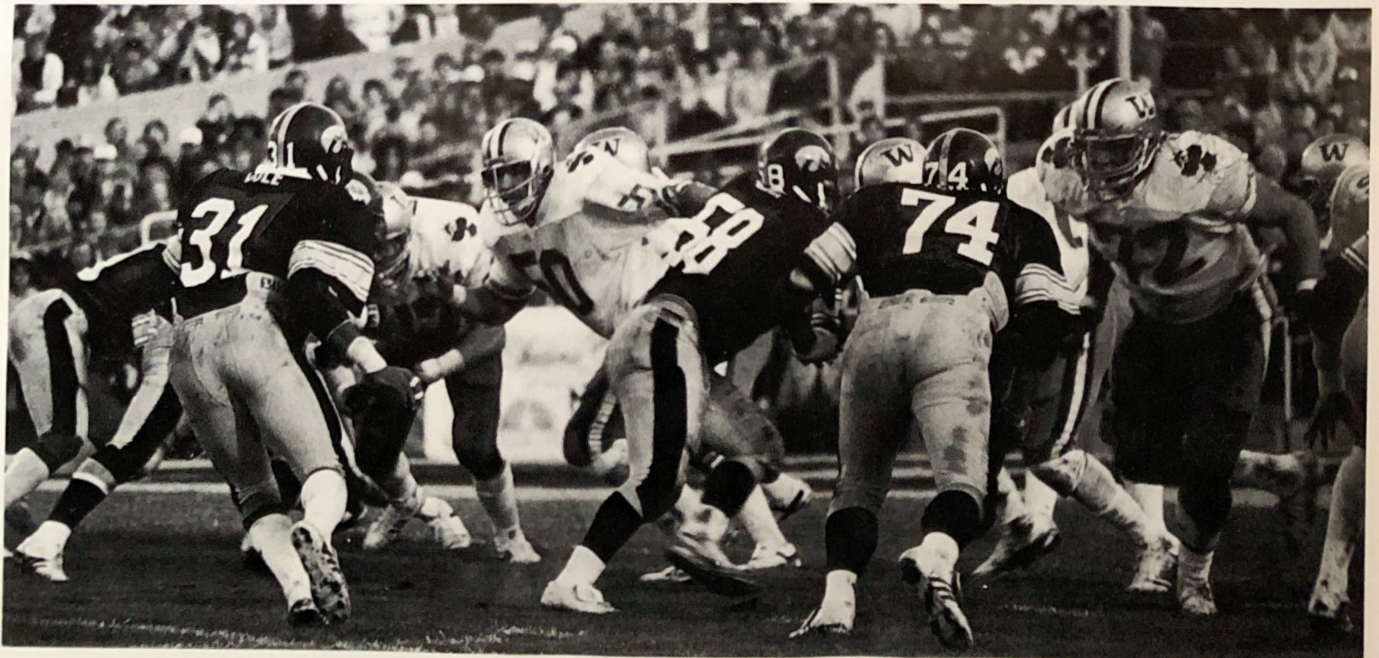
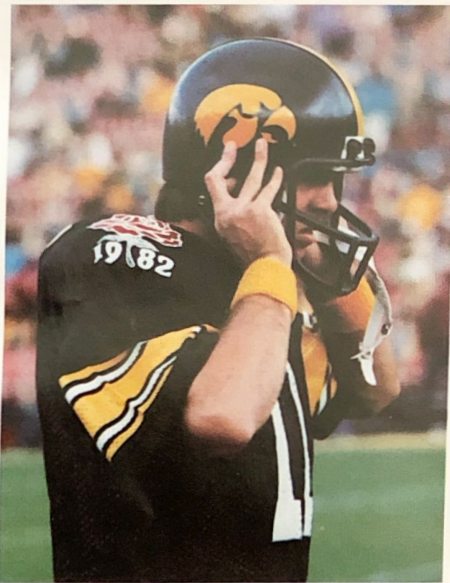
Iowa cheerleaders and pompons flank the Big Ten float in the 93rd Annual Tournament of Roses Parade. Following behind, the Hawkeye Marching band (right) entertains with the "Iowa Fight Song" and "On Iowa."

"The highlight of the game was the last two minutes when tears were streaming down fans' faces as they sang the "Iowa Fight Song," and the Washington fans were just stunned because we were still cheering and singing."

*Mimi McCarragher
Iowa City*

"Getting tackled was the highlight of the game for me. I got a charge out of it. It made the game unique."

*"Herky"
Kevin Krause,
Hampton, Iowa*





"The 1981 Hawkeye football season is now history. It will long be remembered for the exceptional achievements of a valiant Big Ten championship team, whose members accomplished so much and in the process won the deep respect and affection of the people of Iowa.

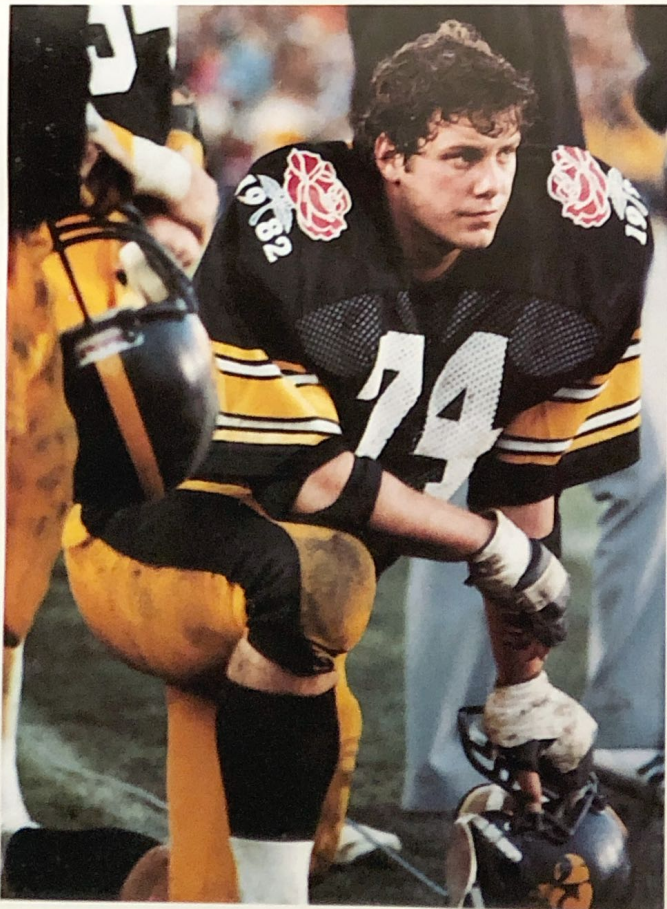
"It will also be remembered for the tremendous performance of the Hawkeye Marching Band at various University functions on the West Coast during Rose Bowl week, and most especially in the Rose Parade and at the game, they made us all proud.

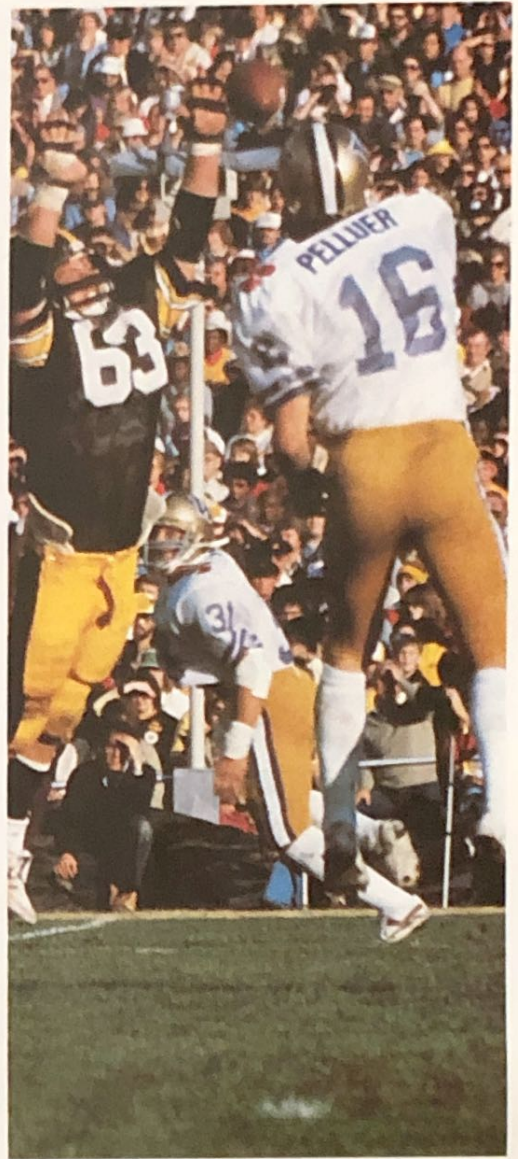
"Equally, if not more important, were the fans. Throughout Rose Bowl week — at the all-Iowa Alumni Party, at the pep rally, and at the game with their marvelous waving sea of black and gold pompons — the Iowa fans set a new standard for spirit at the Rose Bowl. The steadfast support that they have maintained through the years was again demonstrated when they gave the team a rousing salute during the final minutes of the game despite the score.

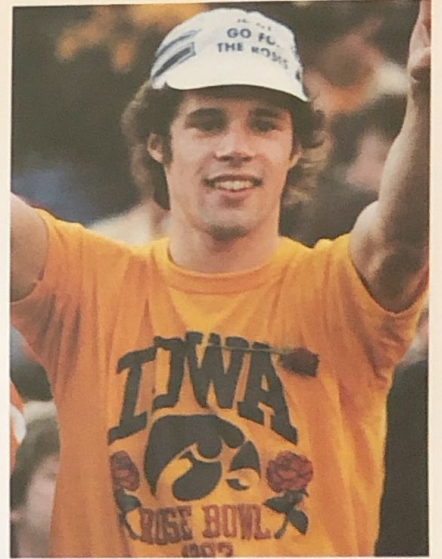
"To the estimated 30,000 Iowans who made the long journey west to cheer on their team in person and the hundreds of thousands of others who were unable to go but watched the game on television, I wish to express the University's gratitude. We appreciate more than words can say the consistency of your support and the wonderful quality of spirit that it symbolizes."

*D.C. Spriestersbach
Interim President
The University of Iowa*

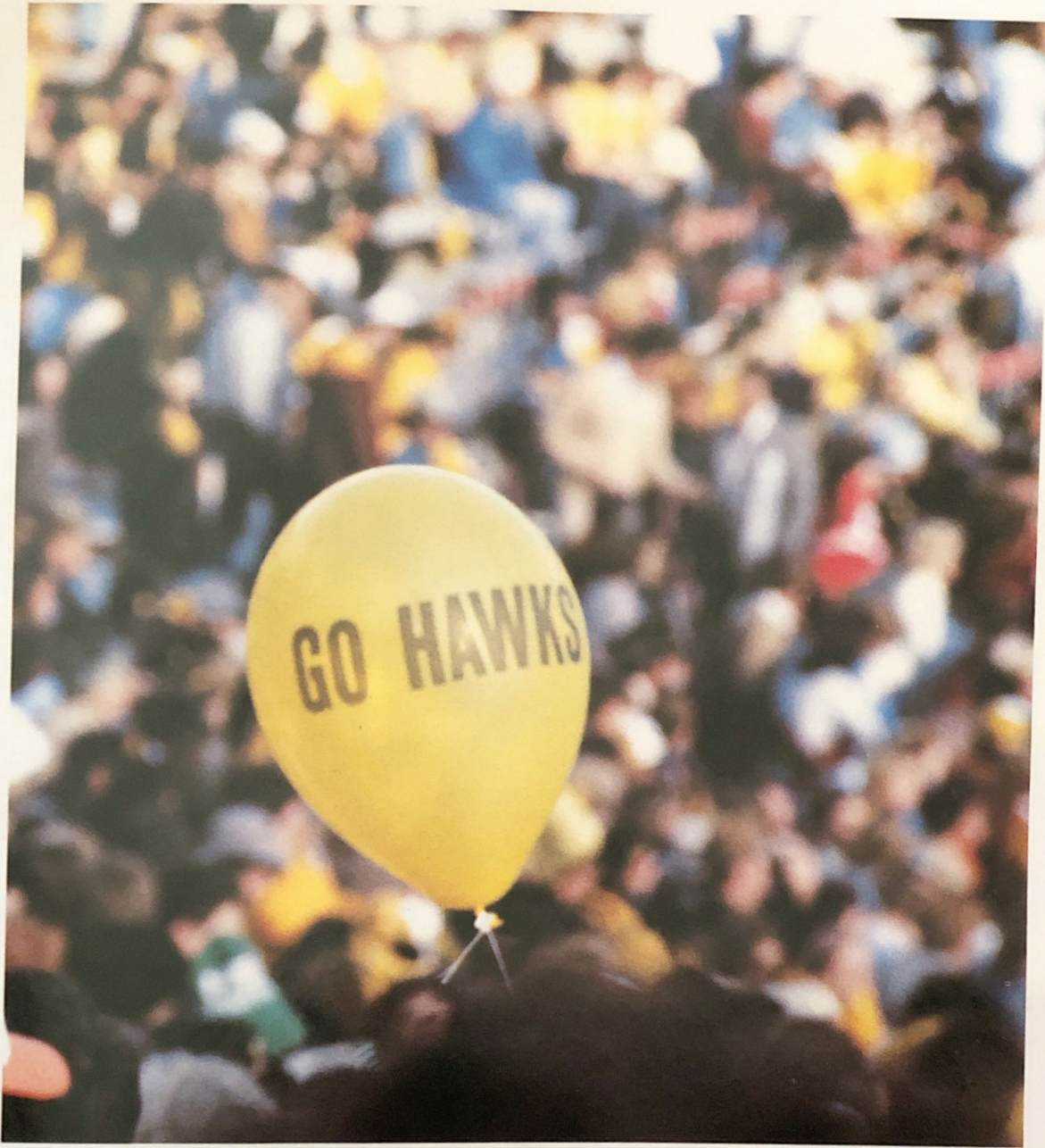








UI Alumnus Meredith Willson, writer and composer of the "Iowa Fight Song," directs the Hawkeye Band during their pregame performance of his UI tribute.



"As a resident of California, I certainly appreciate the refresher course I got New Year's Day on what truly great fans are. The enthusiasm and loyalty of the University of Iowa football fans in defeat outshone any I have seen in victory."

*Steve French
Galeta, California*



Rose Bowl Statistics

Iowa		Washington
14	First Downs	22
180	Net Yards Rushing	186
84	Net Yards Passing	142
64	Total Plays	80
264	Total Yards	328
10-21-3	Passes	15-29-1
5-47.0	Punts - Average	7-35.6
2-2	Fumbles - Lost	0-0
6-73	Penalties - Yards	3-28

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