

**College Football**  
Nation's top football teams should stay undefeated.  
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## Red Peppers

by Gus Schrader  
Gazette sports columnist

### Modern thieves

• Do you realize no Iowa Hawkeye player has intercepted more passes than the immortal Nile Kinnick, even though it's been 42 years since he played?

That's not all. Iowa played only eight games a season then, and Kinnick, winner of the 1939 Heisman Trophy, had only three seasons because freshmen weren't eligible.

Now all major schools play 11 contests a year (some even play in post-season bowl games, we hear), and frosh are eligible. So today's Hawkeyes have the opportunity to perform in 44 games as opposed to Kinnick's 24.

What's more, games today are much longer because the clock is stopped frequently and there are far more passes — intercepted passes, too. The NCAA tells us games now have about 32 more plays (by both teams) than they did even 15 years ago.

Finally, Kinnick played both ways in 1937-8-9, but you knew that from hearing about the deeds of the "Iron Men."

Anyway, Kinnick holds Iowa records for most passes intercepted in one season (eight in 1939) and in a career (18).

They could have named the stadium after him for defense alone!

### King and King

The Hawkeye with the best chance to break the interception record for a season is Lou King, senior cornerback who has stolen two this year. Bobby Stoops, junior strong safety is the current Hawk with the most for a career. He has six — three in 1979, two in 1980 and one this year.

We caught up with King the other day to talk about interceptions. This Lou King, of course, is not to be confused with Lou King, the Amana Refrigeration vice president who was the No. 1 quarterback in 1946 and '47. Amana's Lou is left-handed.

"Yes, I met Mr. King three years ago when he congratulated me for intercepting a pass against Purdue," said young Lou, a marketing major who measures his words as carefully as he reads pass receivers.

"Yes, that pass was thrown by Mark Herrmann. You know, he was my favorite quarterback. I mean it. He was an outstanding passer, and it was a reward just to get to play against someone who could pass like that. That was a big thrill for me — intercepting one of his passes." King hasn't exhibited the same awe for the quarterbacks he's faced this season. The Iowa coaches are hoping he doesn't change the rest of the way.

### Pass the hash

• Iowa basketball fans have asked about the Hawkeyes' trip to play in the Kettle Classic at Houston Dec. 18-19. Iowa will play Clemson in the first round. Houston meets Mississippi State in the other game.

Meacham Travel Service of Iowa City has set up a package air trip, including three nights at the Marriott Hotel West Loop.

• Iowa officials say they are confident Decorah's Lon Olejniczak will be granted a red-shirt year to replace this one, as he suffered a broken leg in his third game.

While the Big Ten rule specifies a player cannot get a "hardship year" if he participates in more than 20 percent of his team's scheduled games, this has always been "rounded off" to include the first three games.

• This isn't the most stirring tribute to Olejniczak we have heard, but one sports department headline writer exclaimed, "Sure a shame Olejniczak got hurt just when we had finally learned to spell his name without looking it up!"

## Big ground game lets Marion cruise

By Don Doxsie  
Gazette sportswriter

The Marion Indians had trouble converting extra points Friday night. But that was about the only thing they had trouble doing.

The Indians rolled up more than 400 yards on the ground as they cruised to an easy 38-0 victory over

Maquoketa before a packed homecoming crowd at Thomas Field.

Junior fullback Todd Twachtman, one of the few returning starters from last season's Class 3A state championship team, led the way as he charged for 185 yards in just 15 carries. His one-yard touchdown plunge in the first quarter upped the Indians' lead to 12-0 and

his 60-yard dash on the Indians' second play of the second half made it 26-0.

Senior Mike Skilling added 113 yards in 10 carries and also scored twice, giving him five touchdowns in two weeks. As a team, the Indians averaged more than eight yards a carry, netting 413 yards in 50 running plays.

"I'd say this was our best games offensively," said Marion coach Dave Messerli after the win, which upped his team's record to 4-1 (3-0 in Wamac Conference play).

"We were due for a good offensive performance. Todd (Twachtman) ran extremely well but all our backs ran well tonight. I was very

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## Cougars bag homecoming victory

By Bob Denney  
Gazette sportswriter

Scott Owens says he misses playing wingback for Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School.

Sorry Scott, but Coach knows best.

Owens, starting his second straight game at tailback, rushed for a career-high 150 yards and hauled in a 50-yard screen pass from Brad Sleep, to lead Kennedy to a 14-7 Homecoming football victory over Dubuque Senior at Kingston Stadium.

"We really needed that win," said happy Cougar Coach Greg Reed. "Our defense was the most satisfying thing of the night for me. And, Owens had his best game for sure. He also got nice blocking from (Tom) Murphy. That's our bread and butter play. You can call this our second season now, and we're 2-0."

The win was the Cougars second straight in the Mississippi Valley Conference, making them 2-2 and 2-3 overall. Senior fell to 0-3 and 0-5 overall, leaving Rams Coach Roger Bentley scratching his head over his team's misfortune.

"I'm afraid that big plays are the story of our season so far," he said. "We were beat on a 90-yarder and a counter play last week against Iowa City High and then there was tonight. Kennedy ran the ball well and he (Owens) read his holes well. We knew Kennedy passed the ball well and we had to respect that, too."

Owens was in his second week as a replacement for Tom Myers, who was lost for the year after suffering a broken leg the first game of the season. Owens was bullish on the Rams, crashing around and through the Senior defensive line. He carried 40 times, 22 times in the second half and every running play in the fourth quarter, as Kennedy maintained ball control.

"I'd rather play wingback and have Tom (Myers) healthy," said Owens. "But I guess I like wingback enough, especially when you have the offensive line we have."

Senior appeared to have a psychological edge the opening series, when quarterback Jim Kieffer broke through a mass of humanity with 10:10 left in the first quarter, racing up the middle 34 yards to score.

But it was the last offensive punch by Senior, as Kennedy rallied for two touchdowns in the

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Gazette photo by John McIvor

Kennedy defenders snare Dubuque QB Jim Kieffer (10) just as he launches a pass Friday

## 'Lightweight' M-F-L spoils Elkader homecoming

By Jack Ogden  
Senior sportswriter

ELKADER — M-F-L of Monona, a team only lightly considered in pre-season guessing, took over the Upper Iowa Conference football lead here Friday night.

Paced by 185-pound running back Brad Mohs, coach Steve Becker's Bulldogs handed Central of Elkader its first league loss, 24-8, spoiling homecoming festivities for the Warriors.

It put M-F-L 4-0 in league play. Mohs carried the ball 36 times for 220 yards and scored two touchdowns. He was also a key for M-F-L on defense.

"Mohs had his best night running," said Becker. "He also had his best night on defense. He may have been our leading tackler."

Becker was relieved to get past the Warriors.

"I'm real happy," he said. "It's a big one for us. We just came out and did a good job right from the start."

"In the second half we had our backs against the wall and the defense came through."

"Defense was our big worry before the season started, but it has been excellent in all of our four league wins."

Central coach Wayne Mager was more than disappointed. In addition to losing its first league game, Central also had quarterback Bryan Kraus injured late in the game.

Elkader scored its only TD in the second half and had drives stalled on M-F-L's 1 and 2 yard lines.

"I haven't checked the penalties (133 yards), but I'm sure they hurt

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And I know our mistakes hurt.

"We are a young ballclub, and we got down on ourselves. You can't do that just because things don't go your way."

"Yes, we played better in the second half, but we should have played like that all the way."

M-F-L did get a fast jump.

The Bulldogs scored the first time they handled the ball, going 62 yards

in eight plays. Mohs went the final six.

It was 14-0 at halftime when M-F-L scored after an interception. It took just three plays to go 64 yards with Ron Kregel scoring on a 53-yard run.

The Bulldogs virtually wrapped it up in the third on an 80-yard drive in 17 plays, with Mohs scoring from the two.

Central got its only TD with 4:07 left in the game.

Bob Burgin, Elkader's top runner, capped a 33-yard drive from the one. Burgin wound up with 137 yards in 17 carries.

Central actually had an edge in statistics.

Elkader led 14-12 in first downs and 310 to 299 in total yards.

Besides the penalties and missed opportunities, Central may also have lost its quarterback, Kraus.

He suffered a possible broken ankle with 48 seconds remaining and left the field by ambulance.

"We won't know if his ankle is broken or not until it is checked at the hospital," said Mager.

Nothing went well for Central's homecoming celebration.

During a parade earlier in the day, smoke bombs ignited a fire that destroyed the junior class float. Three students escaped without injury.

At halftime, the flat bed truck that had held the junior float was pulled across the field. Juniors held up signs that said "Up in smoke" and "let's burn 'em".

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### Iowa Colleges

## Drake seeks revenge; Iowa, ISU on the road

Associated Press

Back in late August, long before his football team was preparing to play at Oklahoma, Iowa State Coach Donnie Duncan was asked if he'd rather face the Sooners after they had beaten Southern California or after they had lost.

"Well, it's like this," Duncan replied. "If Oklahoma beats USC, they're thrust into the middle of the battle for the national championship. That means they'll want to beat us to stay in. If OU loses to USC, they're going to be madder than hell."

"The best thing that could happen is for Oklahoma to stay out there and play USC twice."

Of course, it doesn't work that

way. When Iowa State runs onto the field at Memorial Stadium today (game time is 1:30 p.m.) for the opening game of the Big Eight Conference season, the fifth-rated Sooners will be there, not in Los Angeles.

Despite Oklahoma's 42-7 win over Iowa State in Ames last year, Sooners Coach Barry Switzer said he's approaching the game with plenty of respect for the Cyclones.

"They're a better team than they were a year ago," he said. "I think Oklahoma, Nebraska and Iowa State are the three best teams in the Big Eight. Not necessarily in that order."

On a sad note, defensive end Chris Boskey reinjured his knee in practice this week and is question-

able for today's game.

"Chris was hit full force in a scrimmage pileup," said Duncan. "We're hoping it's mostly a strain and nothing more serious."

Boskey, a 6-foot-3, 240-pound junior, has been trying to come back from a knee injury suffered in 1979. Rodney Hutchins, a 215-pound junior, will replace Boskey in the starting lineup.

Facing a top-notch opponent isn't a problem Iowa Coach Hayden Fry, whose 2-1 Hawkeyes received a fair number of injuries in last Saturday's upset of UCLA, will worry about today. Northwestern, Iowa's host, will be trying mightily just to score, let alone win. The Wildcats, 0-3 and sporting a 23-game losing streak,

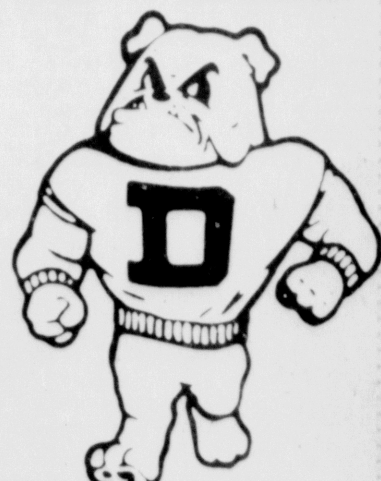
haven't scored in the last six quarters. Their test will be trying to penetrate a Hawkeye defense ranked first in the Big Ten in total defense, pass defense and scoring defense.

The Hawks haven't won three out of their first four games since 1964, when they were victorious in their first three outings before finishing 3-6. Game time is 1 p.m.

The state's other two major universities — Drake and Northern Iowa — are at home.

One thing is certain about Drake's 1:30 p.m. football game with Long Beach State — incentive will not be a problem for the Bulldogs.

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Drake's Bulldogs:  
There's bite in that bark



