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Jitters, then Cyclone deluge

AMES — So Iowa State whipped Northern Illinois, 54-10, in its season-opener Thursday night. Does that make the Cyclones a good, or even competent, football team?

Let's keep the jury sequestered for another eight days until ISU hosts Iowa. We did learn the Cyclones are capable of quashing a lesser opponent after getting rid of early quasiness. There have been recent Iowa State teams that couldn't do as much.

"This game showed us we have to be patient, very patient," Cyclones fullback Chris Ulrich said. "Things opened up, and nobody really knew when it would stop."

It stopped, mercifully, at the final gun. Iowa State scored 37 second-half points, maximizing virtually every opportunity after a shaky first quarter.

The Huskies had the marquee running back in LeShon "Cowboy" Johnson, a big bull who moves like a frisky calf. But the big play wore a cardinal-and-gold jersey all night long.

Between the second quarter's start and the halfway mark of the third, the Cyclones ripped off plays of 50, 46, 53 and 48 yards. Two were by air, two by ground. ISU led 31-10.

Forty-two seconds later, Kevin Fulton went 41 yards with a Johnson fumble for another Cyclone TD. The Huskies clearly weren't ready for prime-time.

James Brooks had a 77-yard touchdown reception from ISU quarterback Bob Utter with 2:28 left in the third quarter. Eleven minutes and three touchdowns earlier, Brooks scored on a 53-yard Utter bomb.

Brooks, a junior from Houston, came from two steps out-of-bounds to reel in his first career TD.

"I got shoved out, came back in, and the ball was right there," Brooks said. And typically, the defender wasn't.

If the Huskies weren't buying into Utter's pump-fakes, they were fumbling the ball away. Or committing one of their 14 penalties. Or putting a knee on the turf after catching a kickoff at their 4-yard-line.

The Cyclones, meanwhile, were adhering to the principal goals of the sport. Their defense didn't allow a touchdown, while their offense scored them quickly and in large volume.

Chew-'em-up drives weren't Iowa State's specialty this game, but yardage counts just as much in single clumps of 50 as in 10 patches of five.

"BIG PLAYS just take the heart out of you," ISU Coach Jim Walden said, "and I think that's what happened to Northern Illinois."

A 54-10 win over Northern Exposure University would be uplifting to a program that had gone 4-7 last year. Though one can't help but reserve judgment on Iowa State's football merits until it has played someone, its coach calmly insists a tendency for big-yardage plays should be a Cyclone staple.

"Last year, even though we were 4-7, we had more gains of 25 or more yards than any team I've ever coached," Walden said.

The trick will be to save some for the teams ahead that will remind no one of Northern Illinois. Iowa comes to mind, with the following games at Wisconsin and Rice two more examples.

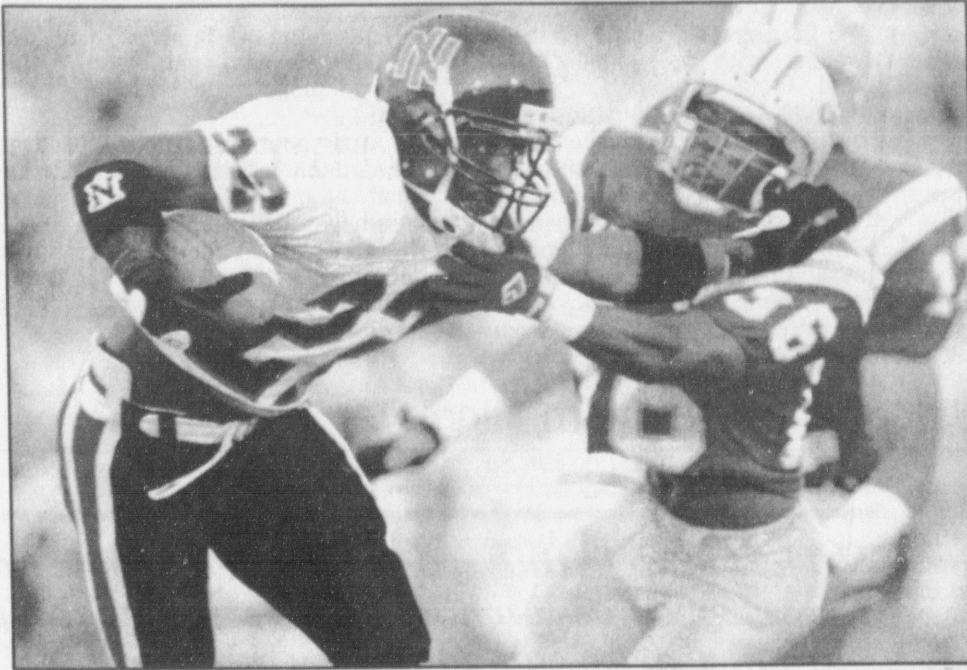
Walden said the thing that should make his squad's triple-option offense explosive is an effective passing attack ("our ace in the hole") for when defenses lock into the run.

You watched Thursday's game and thought it couldn't be this easy. If it is, the oranges a few fans tossed onto the field after Iowa State's first touchdown will be symbolic of more than sarcasm.

The lackluster first quarter was forgotten as 35,706 fans headed home. Northern led 7-0 at quarter's end, and that old familiar fear of another underwhelming performance against an underwhelming opponent swirled through Cyclone Stadium.

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Utter destruction, 54-10



AP photo

Northern Illinois running back Steve Rodgers, left, tries to evade Iowa State defender Kevin Fulton Thursday night in Ames. ISU won, 54-10.

QB leads Cyclones to opening rout of Northern Illinois

By Mike Koolbeck
Gazette sportswriter

AMES — Just call him Big Play Bobby.

Bobby Utter scampered 50 yards for one touchdown and threw passes of 46, 53 and 77 yards for three more scores as Iowa State successfully opened to 1993 college football season Thursday night with a 54-10 rout of Northern Illinois.

A Cyclone Stadium crowd of 35,706 saw Iowa State record its sixth straight season-opening win under Coach Jim Walden.

Utter, playing just three quarters, completed 7-of-9 passes for 206 yards and the three touchdowns were the most by an Iowa State quarterback since Bret Oberg threw four TD passes in a 43-41 loss to Oklahoma in '89. It also was one more than he threw a year ago in an injury-plagued cam-

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paign.

The fourth-year junior also ran 10 times for 70 yards, giving him a career-high 276 yards of total offense. He had 269 yards pf total offense against Iowa in 1990 in his first collegiate start.

Despite all the superlatives, Utter called his night "average. I put the ball on the ground too many times," and was more anxious to talk to the media through that engulfed him about his postgame marriage proposal to Iowa

Bobby Utter

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Braves close the gap

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves left their mark on Dave Burba and the San Francisco Giants.

The Braves cut San Francisco's lead in the NL West back to 3½ games, winning their last scheduled meeting against the Giants, 5-3, Thursday night on Ron Gant's ricochet single off pitcher Dave Burba.

The Braves, who swept a three-game series at Candlestick Park last week with 10

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home runs, won two of three from San Francisco this week with the help of Gant's line drive single in the seventh inning off Burba's right but-

tock. "Four of six is what we had to have, but five of six is really great," Braves Manager Bobby Cox said. "Six of six would have been tremendous, but I'll take five of six."

Atlanta has won nine of 11 and 18 of 22. The Giants have lost six of nine. This weekend, the Braves will be home against San Diego while the Giants will be at St. Louis.

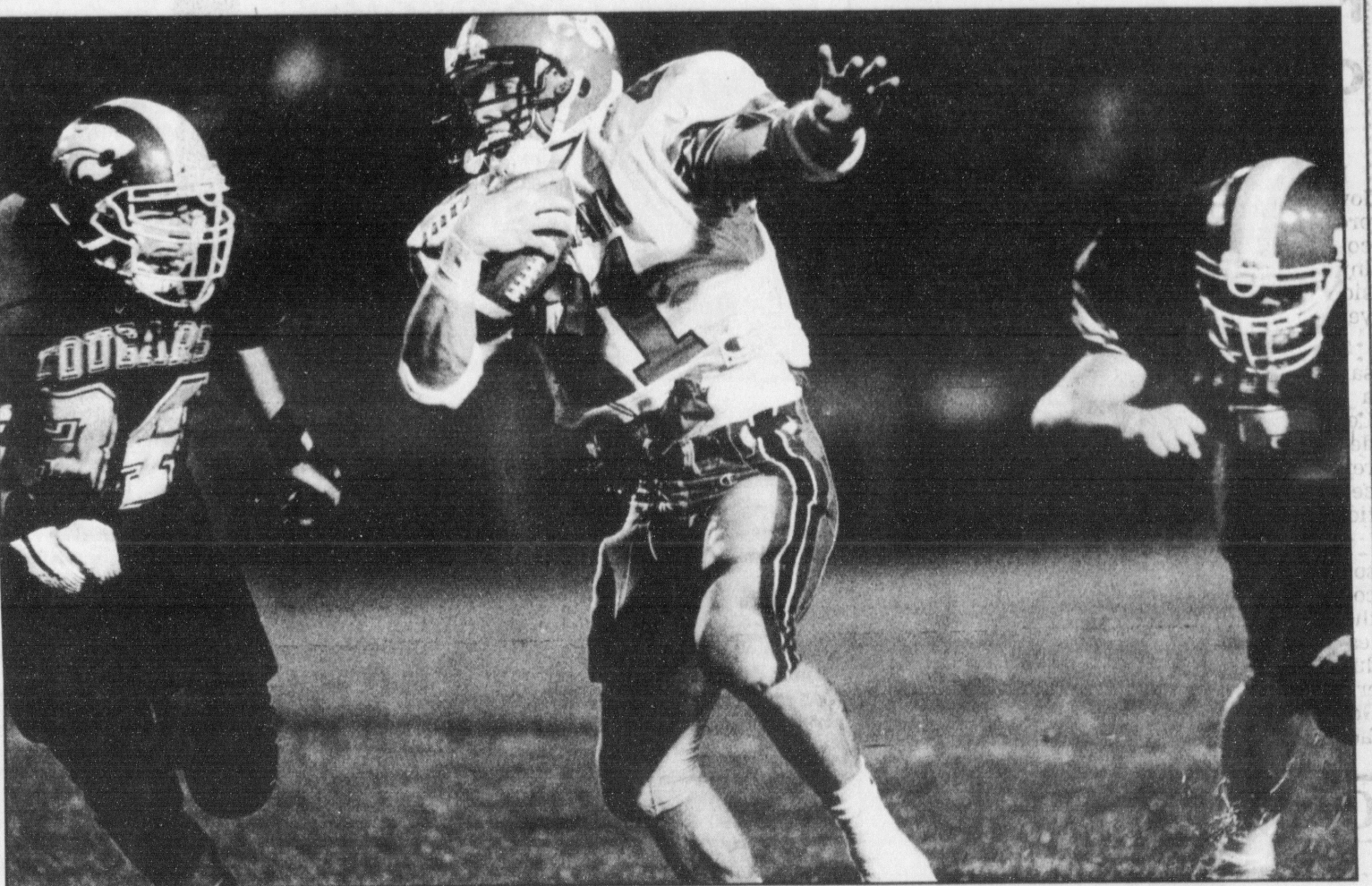
"Huge," Braves starting pitcher Steve Avery said. "With a month left, it would have been nearly impossible if we had lost. Now we need some help from our friends and our enemies."

Barry Bonds hit his 40th home run and Giants pitcher John Burkett hit an RBI single, putting San Francisco ahead 3-2 in the fourth inning and knocking out Avery.

THE BRAVES still trailed 3-2 in the seventh when pinch-hitter Tony Tarasco doubled with one out off Jeff Brantley (4-6). Otis Nixon followed with a chop single that tied the score. After Jeff Blauser walked, Nixon stole third for his second steal of the game and 34th of the season.

Burba relieved and Gant hit a line drive that hit Burba in the backside. The ball caromed toward the first base line, about 15 feet in front of the plate, and catcher Kirk Manwaring retrieved it. Nixon and Manwaring both dove for home, and Nixon was safe.

"Yeah, it still hurts," Burba said. "It hit me right on the rear end."



Gazette photo by Todd McInturf

Iowa City High's Tim Dwight, center, dances between Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Jason Humphrey, left, and Shane Gladwin during a first-half touchdown run Thursday night at Kingston Stadium. The Little Hawks cruised, 42-20.

Dwight dominates; City High rolls

By Jeff Dahn
Gazette sportswriter

Any lingering doubts about the ability of Iowa City High football player Tim Dwight were washed away once and for all Thursday night at Kingston Stadium.

This kid's as good as advertised. Dwight rushed for 196 yards on just eight carries and scored 26 first-half points to lead Iowa City High to a 42-20 Mississippi Valley Conference win over Cedar Rapids Kennedy in the season opener for both teams.

A preseason all-Ammerican, Dwight played just over two quarters before sitting down with the rest of City High starters after building a 42-6 lead over the Cougars. Kennedy's offense, stagnant most of the first half, finally put 14 more points on the board in the fourth quarter to make the final score a little more respectable.

Dwight scored four touchdowns, all in the first half. They came on runs from scrimmage of 3, 48 and 97 yards and on a 50-yard pass interception return. He also caught a pass for 23 yards and had a 66-yard kickoff return negated by a penalty.

The Little Hawks dominated the game on both sides of the ball.

Led by Dwight and Corey Honore (61 yards on 11 carries, two TDs), they totaled 294 rushing yards. City High also

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had 121 yards through the air, with junior quarterback Zach Grabinski completing seven of 10 passes for 106.

Kennedy, meanwhile, was stymied. The Cougars finished with only 24 rushing yards, but Scott O'Shea did complete 10 of 19 passes for 201 yards and two TDs to Shane Gladwin. Most of that yardage came in the second half.

The Little Hawks de-emphasized Dwight on their first scoring drive, although that was when he caught his pass. He scored on a 3 yard run with 6:05 remaining in the first quarter, culminating the eight play, 74-yard drive.

The Little Hawks' Jeremy Harrod intercepted a pass on the Cougars' next possession, giving City High a first down on the Kennedy 48. Dwight got the



Tim Dwight
196 yards
on 8 carries

ball on a sweep on the the first play, headed toward the left sideline and breezed 48 yards untouched for the Little Hawks' second score with 4:59 left in the first quarter.

Kennedy started to move the ball on its next possession, when Dwight once again took center stage. He intercepted an O'Shea pass at midfield and sprinted the 50 yards for his third TD of the first quarter. Matt Gabel booted the second of his three extra points and the first quarter ended with City High ahead, 22-0.

Thanks to a booming 49-yard punt by Gladwin to end the first period, Kennedy finally got City High pinned deep in its own territory. You can never get deep enough to stop Dwight, however.

Working from a third-and-30 situation on their own 3 yard line, Grabinski handed the ball to Dwight, who broke a couple of tackles, found open field and raced 97 yards for his fourth touchdown of the half. City High's lead was 29-0 with 8:23 left in the first half.

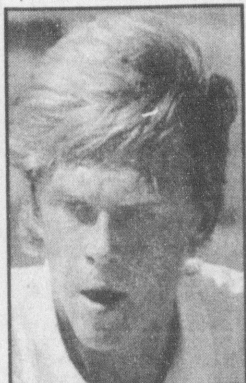
Kennedy finally got on the board with 2:17 left when Donnie Karr covered the final 4 yards of a five-play, 33 yard drive.

City High wouldn't rest, however, as Honore scored on an 8 yard run with 1:40 left following an 80 yard kickoff return by Rob Thein.

Dwight carried six times for 168 yards in the first half.

Edberg ousted at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Defending champion Stefan Edberg of Sweden is out of the U.S. Open.



Stefan Edberg

Karel Novacek, seeded 18th, dumped Edberg, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 Thursday.

Edberg's loss marked only the third time in the Open era that a defending champion has made an exit as early as the second round.

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TODAY'S TIPOFF

TELEVISION

■ **Tennis** — U.S. Open, Early-Round Matches. (Live) 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on USA
■ **Baseball** — American Legion Championship. (Tape) Noon on ESPN; New York Mets at Chicago Cubs. (Live) 2 p.m. on WGN; Chicago White Sox at Detroit Tigers. (Live) 6:30 p.m. on WGN, ESPN; San Diego Padres at Atlanta Braves. (Live) 6:35 p.m. on TBS; Toronto Blue Jays at California Angels. (Live) 9:30 p.m. on ESPN
Complete listing in Fine Print

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I've got to figure out a way to take a vacation from a vacation."

— Dave Stockton, on playing the Senior PGA Tour.

EVENTS IN THE AREA

■ **Prep football** — Dubuque Wahlert vs. Jefferson at Kingston Stadium, 7:45 p.m.; Waterloo West at Prairie, 7:45 p.m.; West Delaware at Marion, 7:45 p.m.; Washington at Dubuque Senior; LaSalle at Vinton-Shellsburg.
■ **Volleyball** — Hawkeye Invitational at Iowa City.
■ **Auto racing** — Points races at Hawkeye Downs, 6:30 p.m.
■ **Greyhound racing** — At Dubuque Greyhound Park, 1 & 7:30 p.m.
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TRIVIA QUESTION

■ Who was the last major league pitcher to steal home?

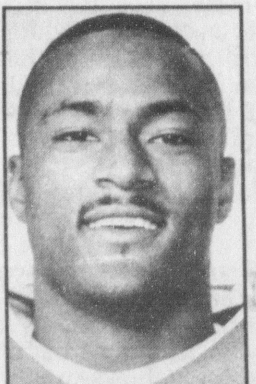
Answer in Fine Print

Falcons' Rison arrested

ATLANTA (AP) — Atlanta Falcons wide receiver Andre Rison was arrested Thursday and charged with beating his girlfriend and firing a gun after two men tried to stop him, Atlanta police said.

Falcons officials said they would not comment pending further investigation.

Police said Rison assaulted Lisa Lopes, a singer with the rap group TLC. Rison claims self defense.



Andre Rison

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AREA SLATE

Today
METRO PREPS
 Football: Dubuque Wahlert vs. Jefferson at Kingston Stadium, 7:45 p.m.; Waterloo West at Prairie, 7:45 p.m.; West Delaware at Marion, 7:45 p.m.; Washington at Dubuque Senior, 7:45 p.m.; at Vinton-Shellsburg.
AREA COLLEGES
 Volleyball: Hawkeye Invitational at Iowa City; Iowa State at Washington State Cougar Invitational; Northern Iowa at San Diego Invitational; Mount Mercy at NAIA Pre-season Classic at Marshall, Minn.
 Women's soccer: Teikyo-Westmar at Luther, 4 p.m.
 Men's soccer: Mount Mercy at St. Ambrose.
OTHERS
 Auto racing: Points races at Hawkeye Downs, 6:30 p.m.
 Greyhound racing: At Dubuque Greyhound Park, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

TV SLATE



Today
 Tennis — U.S. Open, Early-Round Matches. (Live) 10 a.m. on USA Baseball — American League Championship. (Tape) Noon on ESPN Baseball — New York Mets at Chicago Cubs. (Live) 2 p.m. on WGN Baseball — Chicago White Sox at Detroit Tigers. (Live) 6:30 p.m. on WGN, ESPN
 Tennis — U.S. Open, Early-Round Matches. (Live) 6:30 p.m. on USA Baseball — San Diego Padres at Atlanta Braves. (Live) 6:35 p.m. on TBS Baseball — Milwaukee Brewers at Seattle Mariners. (Live) 9 p.m. on KOCR
 Baseball — Toronto Blue Jays at California Angels. (Live) 9:30 p.m. on ESPN
 College Football — Pittsburgh at Southern Mississippi. (Tape) 2:30 a.m. on ESPN

MINORS

MIDWEST LEAGUE

SECOND HALF (Late games not included)				
Southern Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-Clinton (Giants)	44	25	.638	—
x-Springfield (Cards)	37	32	.536	7
Waterloo (Padres)	32	34	.485	10½
Quad City (Astros)	31	34	.477	11
Peoria (Cubs)	30	39	.435	14
Cardinals (Angels)	30	40	.429	14½
Burlington (Expos)	29	40	.420	15
Northern Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-South Bend (Wsox)	43	27	.614	—
Kadison (Athletics)	38	30	.559	4
Kane County (Marlins)	36	33	.522	6½
x-Rockford (Royals)	35	33	.515	7
Fort Wayne (Twins)	35	34	.507	7½
Beloit (Brewers)	32	38	.457	11
Appleton (Mariners)	28	41	.406	14½
x-won first half division title				
y-won second half division title				