



Glenn Buggs



Dave Moritz

1981 Results

Won 8, Lost 4, Tied 0

| Opponent | Score | Attendance |
|-------------------------|---------|------------|
| Nebraska* | W 10-7 | 60,160 |
| Iowa State | L 12-23 | 53,922 |
| UCLA* | W 20-7 | 60,004 |
| Northwestern | W 64-0 | 30,113 |
| Indiana* | W 42-28 | 60,000 |
| Michigan | W 9-7 | 105,915 |
| Minnesota* | L 10-12 | 60,000 |
| Illinois | L 7-24 | 66,877 |
| Purdue* | W 33-7 | 60,114 |
| Wisconsin | W 17-7 | 78,731 |
| Michigan State* | W 36-7 | 60,103 |
| Washington ¹ | L 0-28 | 105,611 |

*Home Games

¹Rose Bowl

Home Attendance: 360,381
(60,064 average)

Road Attendance: 441,169
(73,528 average)

Total Attendance: 801,550
(66,796 average)

Final 1981 Depth

(Players in boldface on 1982 roster)

Offense

| | | |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| SE | Jeff Brown | Dave Moritz |
| LT | Dave Mayhan | Loren Gerleman |
| LG | Joe Levelis | Jon Roehlk |
| C | Bill Bailey | Dave Oakes |
| RG | Ron Hallstrom | Tom Humphrey |
| RT | Paul Postler | Brett Miller |
| TE | John Alt | Mike Hufford |
| QB | Gordy Bohannon | Pete Gales |
| RB | Phil Blatcher | Eddie Phillips |
| FB | Norm Granger | Jeff Forte |
| WB | Ivory Webb | Vince Campbell |
| PK | Tom Nichol | Reggie Roby |

Defense

| | | |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| LE | Andre Tippett | Straun Joseph |
| LT | Mark Bortz | Clay Uhlenhake |
| NG | Pat Dean | Bill Bradley |
| RT | Jim Pekar | Dave Browne |
| RE | Brad Webb | Bryan Skradis |
| LB | Todd Simonsen | James Erb |
| LB | Mel Cole | Kevin Spitzig |
| LC | Lou King | Keith Hunter |
| SS | Bobby Stoops | Mike Stoops |
| FS | Jim Frazier | Jay Bachmann |
| RC | Tracy Crocker | Zane Corbin |
| PT | Reggie Roby | Tom Nichol |



Tom Grogan



Eddie Phillips

1981 Game by Game Statistics

| Game | Score | First Downs | Rushes—Yards | Yards Pass. | Passes | Punts—Avg. | Fum.—Lost | Pen.—Yards |
|----------------|-------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Iowa | 10 | 11 | 52-169 | 28 | 7-11-0 | 6-53.7 | 3-3 | 7-35 |
| Nebraska | 7 | 13 | 49-153 | 81 | 8-18-2 | 5-39.6 | 5-3 | 2-18 |
| Iowa | 12 | 14 | 28-79 | 190 | 13-27-1 | 6-52.5 | 0-0 | 8-56 |
| Iowa State | 23 | 17 | 61-209 | 106 | 6- 8-0 | 5-45.0 | 0-0 | 6-66 |
| Iowa | 20 | 21 | 63-279 | 57 | 7-17-1 | 5-43.6 | 4-3 | 7-50 |
| UCLA | 7 | 7 | 31-35 | 86 | 7-17-3 | 8-35.3 | 4-2 | 3-26 |
| Iowa | 64 | 25 | 51-277 | 181 | 10-18-1 | 2-51.0 | 1-0 | 10-95 |
| Northwestern | 0 | 8 | 31- 6 | 72 | 12-25-2 | 9-30.6 | 3-2 | 8-55 |
| Iowa | 42 | 16 | 44-216 | 185 | 8-14-1 | 4-52.8 | 1-1 | 10-69 |
| Indiana | 28 | 20 | 40-85 | 327 | 19-38-4 | 4-38.3 | 4-1 | 7-59 |
| Iowa | 9 | 19 | 54-171 | 127 | 10-19-0 | 6-40.7 | 1-1 | 6-50 |
| Michigan | 7 | 15 | 36-155 | 108 | 6-20-1 | 5-45.6 | 2-1 | 3-33 |
| Iowa | 10 | 10 | 42-116 | 88 | 6-17-1 | 7-31.1 | 1-0 | 4-35 |
| Minnesota | 12 | 13 | 42-88 | 171 | 16-28-1 | 8-28.6 | 4-1 | 5-55 |
| Iowa | 7 | 18 | 41-133 | 221 | 18-33-2 | 4-44.5 | 5-4 | 4-43 |
| Illinois | 24 | 15 | 34-43 | 263 | 22-34-0 | 7-41.1 | 2-1 | 6-61 |
| Iowa | 33 | 16 | 42-193 | 136 | 9-18-0 | 5-47.4 | 1-0 | 5-49 |
| Purdue | 7 | 20 | 38-102 | 211 | 21-42-2 | 6-21.7 | 0-0 | 3-20 |
| Iowa | 17 | 7 | 40-123 | 118 | 11-17-2 | 9-47.6 | 3-1 | 14-101 |
| Wisconsin | 7 | 15 | 36-43 | 190 | 18-39-3 | 7-36.3 | 2-2 | 3-15 |
| Iowa | 36 | 25 | 63-397 | 91 | 10-23-1 | 3-37.0 | 1-1 | 9-83 |
| Michigan State | 7 | 18 | 23-37 | 219 | 21-46-3 | 7-33.0 | 4-2 | 9-81 |
| Iowa | 0 | 14 | 43-180 | 84 | 10-21-3 | 5-47.0 | 2-2 | 6-73 |
| Washington | 28 | 22 | 51-186 | 142 | 15-29-1 | 7-35.6 | 0-0 | 3-28 |



Owen Gill



Norm Granger

1981 Team Statistics

| | Iowa | Opp. |
|---------------------------|------|------|
| First Downs | | |
| By Rushing | 110 | 66 |
| By Passing | 64 | 84 |
| By Penalty | 8 | 11 |
| Total | 182 | 161 |
| Rushing | | |
| Times Carried | 520 | 421 |
| Yards Gained | 2398 | 1463 |
| Yards Lost | 245 | 507 |
| Net Gain | 2153 | 956 |
| Touchdowns | 20 | 7 |
| Passing | | |
| Attempted | 214 | 315 |
| Completed | 109 | 156 |
| Had Intercepted | 10 | 21 |
| Yards Gained | 1422 | 1834 |
| Touchdowns | 7 | 7 |
| Total Offense | | |
| Plays | 734 | 736 |
| Net Yards | 3575 | 2790 |
| Punting | | |
| Number | 57 | 71 |
| Yards | 2585 | 2493 |
| Average | 45.4 | 35.1 |
| Had Blocked | 1 | 5 |
| Punt Returns | | |
| Number | 28 | 32 |
| Yards Returned | 220 | 316 |
| Touchdowns | 2 | 0 |
| Pass Interceptions | | |
| Number | 22 | 10 |
| Yards Returned | 269 | 130 |
| Touchdowns | 1 | 0 |
| Kickoff Returns | | |
| Number | 19 | 30 |
| Yards Returned | 552 | 574 |
| Touchdowns | 1 | 0 |
| Fumbles | | |
| Number | 21 | 30 |
| Lost | 14 | 15 |
| Recovered for Touchdown | 1 | 1 |

| | Iowa | Opp. |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Penalties | | |
| Number | 84 | 55 |
| Yards Penalized | 666 | 489 |
| Scoring | | |
| Touchdowns | 32 | 15 |
| By Rushing | 20 | 7 |
| By Passing | 7 | 7 |
| By Interception | 1 | 0 |
| By Fumble Recovery | 1 | 1 |
| By Kickoff Return | 1 | 0 |
| By Punt Return | 2 | 0 |
| Field Goals | 12/24 | 8/11 |
| Kick Conversions | 28/31 | 15/15 |
| Two-Point Conversions | 0/1 | 0/0 |
| Safeties | 2 | 0 |
| Total Points | 260 | 129 |
| Score by Quarters | | |
| Iowa | 100 | 64 |
| Opponents | 56 | 40 |
| | 260 | 129 |

1981 Individual Statistics

| | Att. | Yds. | Loss | Net Avg. | TD | LG |
|----------------|------|------|------|----------|-----|------|
| Rushing | | | | | | |
| Blatcher | 145 | 740 | 32 | 708 | 4.9 | 8 46 |
| E. Phillips | 121 | 549 | 6 | 543 | 4.5 | 5 33 |
| Bohannon | 81 | 386 | 82 | 304 | 3.8 | 2 25 |
| Granger | 62 | 267 | 3 | 264 | 4.3 | 2 29 |
| Gill | 24 | 149 | 6 | 143 | 6.0 | 1 20 |
| Forte | 12 | 57 | 0 | 57 | 4.8 | 0 11 |
| Williams | 12 | 50 | 2 | 48 | 4.0 | 0 12 |
| Brown | 8 | 51 | 7 | 44 | 5.5 | 0 17 |
| Buggs | 7 | 23 | 0 | 23 | 3.3 | 1 6 |
| Gales | 45 | 122 | 100 | 22 | 0.5 | 1 16 |
| Strobel | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3.0 | 0 3 |
| Grogan | 2 | 1 | 7 | -6 | --- | 0 1 |

| Passing | Att. | Comp. | Pct. | Yds. | Int. | TD | LG |
|------------|------|-------|-------|------|------|----|----|
| Bohannon | 142 | 72 | .507 | 999 | 7 | 6 | 57 |
| Gales | 67 | 34 | .507 | 385 | 2 | 1 | 41 |
| Grogan | 3 | 1 | .333 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 20 |
| Long | 1 | 1 | 1.000 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Olejniczak | 1 | 1 | 1.000 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |

| Receiving | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | LG |
|-------------|-----|------|------|----|----|
| Brown | 20 | 301 | 15.1 | 2 | 33 |
| Moritz | 17 | 390 | 22.9 | 1 | 57 |
| I. Webb | 16 | 170 | 10.6 | 0 | 25 |
| Blatcher | 16 | 124 | 7.8 | 0 | 33 |
| M. Hufford | 10 | 181 | 18.1 | 2 | 29 |
| Olejniczak | 8 | 97 | 12.1 | 0 | 26 |
| E. Phillips | 8 | 23 | 2.9 | 0 | 12 |
| Granger | 6 | 7 | 1.2 | 0 | 8 |
| Strobel | 3 | 41 | 13.7 | 0 | 16 |
| Campbell | 2 | 20 | 10.0 | 1 | 11 |
| Jones | 1 | 51 | 51.0 | 1 | 51 |
| Alt | 1 | 13 | 13.0 | 0 | 13 |
| Gales | 1 | 4 | 4.0 | 0 | 4 |

| Scoring | TD | XP | FG | TP |
|---|----|------------|-------|----|
| Nichol | -- | 26/28 | 11/20 | 59 |
| Blatcher | 8 | -- | -- | 48 |
| E. Phillips | 5 | -- | -- | 30 |
| Granger | 3 | -- | -- | 18 |
| Brown | 3 | -- | -- | 18 |
| M. Hufford | 2 | -- | -- | 12 |
| Bohannon | 2 | -- | -- | 12 |
| Gales, Gill, Moritz, B. Webb, Buggs, Bortz, Jones, Crocker, and Campbell each have one TD for six points. | | | | |
| Olejniczak | -- | 2/3 | 1/1 | 5 |
| TEAM | | 2 safeties | | 4 |

| Punting | No. | Yds. | Avg. | LK |
|------------|-----|------|------|----|
| Roby | 44 | 2193 | 49.8 | 68 |
| Nichol | 11 | 349 | 31.7 | 43 |
| Olejniczak | 1 | 43 | 43.0 | 43 |

| Kickoff Ret. | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | LR |
|--------------|-----|------|------|----|----|
| Granger | 7 | 287 | 41.0 | 1 | 99 |
| Buggs | 8 | 198 | 24.8 | 0 | 77 |
| E. Phillips | 1 | 22 | 22.0 | 0 | 22 |
| Strobel | 2 | 31 | 15.5 | 0 | 22 |
| Forte | 1 | 14 | 14.0 | 0 | 14 |

| Punt Ret. | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | LR |
|------------|-----|------|------|----|----|
| Brown | 21 | 137 | 6.5 | 1 | 74 |
| Olejniczak | 4 | 33 | 8.3 | 0 | 16 |
| Erb | 1 | 47 | 47.0 | 0 | 28 |
| B. Stoops | 1 | 3 | 3.0 | 0 | 3 |
| Crocker | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |

| Int. Returns | No. | Yds. | TD | LR |
|--------------|-----|------|----|----|
| King | 8 | 62 | 0 | 31 |
| Frazier | 3 | 93 | 0 | 47 |
| B. Webb | 2 | 29 | 1 | 29 |
| Erb | 2 | 21 | 0 | 21 |
| Cole | 2 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Jansen | 1 | 24 | 0 | 24 |
| Crocker | 1 | 16 | 0 | 16 |
| Simonsen | 1 | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| Tippett | 1 | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| B. Stoops | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Defensive Statistics

| Tackles | Solo | Asst. | Total | T/Loss |
|----------------|------|-------|-------|--------|
| Mel Cole | 56 | 38 | 94 | 4/-19 |
| Todd Simonsen | 38 | 30 | 68 | 1/-2 |
| Pat Dean | 45 | 20 | 65 | 10/-47 |
| Mark Bortz | 41 | 24 | 65 | 11/-45 |
| Brad Webb | 35 | 26 | 61 | 8/-72 |
| Andre Tippett | 35 | 25 | 60 | 14/-77 |
| Lou King | 35 | 17 | 52 | 5/-41 |
| Tracy Crocker | 32 | 15 | 47 | 5/-25 |
| Jim Pekar | 31 | 16 | 47 | 7/-35 |
| Bobby Stoops | 29 | 13 | 42 | 4/-10 |
| Jim Frazier | 25 | 12 | 37 | 0/0 |
| Kevin Spitzig | 17 | 11 | 28 | 0/0 |
| Bryan Skradis | 15 | 11 | 26 | 6/-20 |
| Dave Browne | 12 | 14 | 26 | 7/-45 |
| James Erb | 15 | 8 | 23 | 0/0 |
| Straun Joseph | 12 | 2 | 14 | 4/-20 |
| George Little | 3 | 6 | 9 | 0/0 |
| Loren Gerleman | 7 | 1 | 8 | 0/0 |
| Dave Strobel | 6 | 2 | 8 | 0/0 |
| Dave Mayhan | 6 | 2 | 8 | 0/0 |
| Mike Stoops | 3 | 4 | 7 | 0/0 |
| Clay Uhlenhake | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3/-11 |
| Mike Yacullo | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0/0 |
| Keith Hunter | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0/0 |
| Zane Corbin | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0/0 |
| Paul Postler | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0/0 |
| Bill Bradley | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0/0 |
| Jay Bachmann | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0/0 |
| Reggie Roby | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0/0 |
| Jon Roehik | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0/0 |

Opponent Fumbles Recovered—Bortz 5, Cole 2, B. Stoops 2, Corbin 1, Nichol 1, Strobel 1, Crocker 1, Dean 1, Tippett 1

Blocked Kicks—Erb 2, King 2, Bradley 1

1981 Highlights

A Big Ten co-championship and a berth in the Rose Bowl brought a large number of honors to Iowa's 1981 football team.

National rankings by the wire services had the Hawkeyes as high as sixth on the polls of October 20. Iowa was ranked 15th in the final UPI poll, 18th in the AP.

Hayden Fry was named coach of the year by the Sporting News and ABC-TV; District Five coach of the year by the American Football Coaches Assn.; Big Ten coach of the year by UPI and the Midwest Media; national UPI coach of the week following Iowa's victory over UCLA.

Andre Tippett, senior defensive end, was named first-team all-America by the AP, UPI, Football Writers, Football News, Mizlou-Hartford, and WTBS-TV; second-team all-America by NEA; first-team all-Big Ten by the AP, UPI, and Chicago Tribune.

Reggie Roby, junior punter, was named first-team all-America by the AP, UPI, Football News, Walter Camp, and WTBS-TV; first-team all-Big Ten by the AP, UPI, and Chicago Tribune; AP defensive player of the week for performance vs Wisconsin.

Pat Dean, senior noseguard, was named second-team all-America by UPI; first-team all-Big Ten by the AP, UPI, and Chicago Tribune; AP defensive player of the week for performances vs UCLA and Michigan (also UPI vs UCLA).

Mel Cole, senior linebacker, was named Iowa's most valuable player; first-team all-Big Ten by the AP, UPI, and Chicago Tribune; Iowa's top player in televised games vs Minnesota and Washington; UPI defensive player of the week for performances vs Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Mark Bortz, junior defensive tackle, was named first-team all-Big Ten by the AP and Chicago Tribune, second-team by UPI; UPI and Sports Illustrated defensive player of the week for performance vs Nebraska.

Lou King, senior cornerback, was named first-team all-Big Ten by the AP and the Chicago Tribune.

Ron Hallstrom, senior offensive guard, was named first-team all-Big Ten by the Chicago Tribune and UPI, second-team by the AP.

Phil Blatcher, senior tailback, was named the AP, UPI, and Sports Illustrated player of the week for performance vs Michigan State.

Gordy Bohannon, senior quarterback, was named Iowa's top player in televised game vs Wisconsin.

Todd Simonsen, senior linebacker, was named second-team all-Big Ten by UPI, honorable mention by the AP.

Brad Webb, senior defensive end, was named first-team academic all-Big Ten; honorable mention all-Big Ten by UPI.

Dave Mayhan, senior offensive tackle, was named first-team academic all-Big Ten.

Mike Hufford, junior tight end, was named honorable mention all-Big Ten by the AP.

Norm Granger, sophomore fullback, was named honorable mention all-Big Ten by AP.

Iowa in the 1981 Polls

| | AP | UPI |
|----------|----|-----|
| Sept. 28 | 18 | 20 |
| Oct. 6 | 15 | 15 |
| Oct. 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Oct. 20 | 6 | 7 |
| Oct. 27 | 16 | 16 |
| Nov. 3 | -- | -- |
| Nov. 10 | -- | 18 |
| Nov. 17 | 19 | 17 |
| Nov. 23 | 13 | 11 |
| Nov. 30 | 13 | 11 |
| Jan. 3 | 18 | 15 |

I—FG Nichol 35
I—Blatcher 1 run (Nichol kick)
I—Blatcher 2 run (Nichol kick)
W—McFadden 52 pass from Cole (Doran kick)

IOWA 36, MICHIGAN STATE 7 (11/21/81)

IOWA CITY, IA.—Phil Blatcher rushed for a near school-record 247 yards and Iowa's destructive defense shut down Michigan State as the Hawkeyes won their way to the Rose Bowl 36-7. Blatcher, a senior who entered the season as the number three tailback, managed his total on 27 carries. He also scored on a couple of short runs as the Hawkeyes ran away with their 16-0 halftime lead. Michigan State did get one score, but on the whole their offensive game was shaky, netting only 37 rushing yards. Blatcher's backup, Eddie Phillips, also ran for 76 yards and scored on a one-yard dive. Iowa put forth a season-best 488 yards total offense with 397 coming from an explosive running game. Freshman Tom Nichol booted two field goals as the Hawkeyes earned the trip to Pasadena for the first time since 1958.

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|----------------|----|---|----|----|----|
| Iowa | 16 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 36 |
| Michigan State | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 |

I—Blatcher 9 run (Nichol kick)
I—Safety, blocked punt out of end zone
I—E. Phillips 1 run (Nichol kick)
MSU—Hodo 1 pass from Clark (Andersen kick)
I—FG Nichol 26
I—Blatcher 1 run (Nichol kick)
I—FG Nichol 23
I—Campbell 9 pass from Gales (Nichol kick)

WASHINGTON 28, IOWA 0 (1/1/82)

PASADENA, CAL.—Two second-quarter touchdowns were enough for Washington to upset Iowa 28-0 in the 68th Rose Bowl game. The champions of the Pac-Ten Conference drove 65 yards for their first TD, then got another score just before halftime when an Iowa gamble failed on 4th and seven at midfield. The Hawkeyes weren't able to generate any offense in the second half, but Washington turned loose an unheralded freshman named Jacque Robinson, who ran for 142 yards in 20 carries. Iowa turned the ball over five times, Washington only once. Fullback Norm Granger, with 80 yards in 13 carries, was Iowa's best offensive weapon. Mel Cole, with 10 solo tackles, was the best of Iowa's defenders.

| | | | | | |
|------------|---|----|---|----|----|
| Washington | 0 | 13 | 0 | 15 | 28 |
| Iowa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

N—Robinson 1 run (Nelson kick)
N—Coby 1 run (pass failed)
N—Robinson 34 run (Skansi pass)
N—Cowan 3 run (Nelson kick)