



Forest Evashevski

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Hayden Fry

You can count Evy among Fry's many new fans

By Brian Chapman
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OK, let's lay the facts on the table right at the outset: Hayden Fry is no kin of Forest Evashevski.

Not surprisingly, you can hear comparisons made between the two almost everywhere sports enthusiasts gather around this part of the state.

"That Fry, he's another Evy," one will say. "Yeah, they're two of a kind all right," the other guy will retort.

Oh, not that anyone really thinks Evashevski, the man who led Iowa football out of the wilderness some two decades ago, and Fry, Iowa's current mentor, are actually blood related. But there are uncanny resemblances between the two, some which suggest the two are of a spiritual kindred.

There are a few meaningless similarities. For instance, both were college quarterbacks, Evashevski at Michigan and Fry at Baylor. And each taught hand-to-hand combat while in the service.

More importantly, their styles are much the same, calling upon forceful personalities that exude a natural

brand of leadership, one that subordinates find hard to defy. Perhaps that has something to do with the fact that they majored in psychology and applied heavy doses of same to football.

But all of that is really beside the point: What really seems to be the common denominator between the two, the thing that seems to make them click, is challenge.

And in Iowa City, football challenges come with a capital C. But if the barriers to success loom large, then opportunity is correspondingly great. The rewards for success at a have-not university like Iowa will occasionally attract a quality coach willing to take the gamble.

It remains to be seen whether or not Fry can revive the Iowa program, but talking with Evy, you get the idea he believes Fry is the man to get it done.

"They're a quality staff, they have a lot of class and will be very well received (on the recruiting trail)," said Evy in a telephone interview from his home in northern Michigan.

"No doubt Iowa has some talent on the squad, but it's a credit to the

staff that they have been able to get almost every effort possible from the ballplayers."

In fact, Evy is so impressed with the job done to this point that he feels some good things could happen to the Hawkeyes in the near future.

"The key to 1980 is injuries," Evy replied when asked how he thought Iowa would fare next season. "They'll start with a real fine nucleus, but Hayden needs depth. His decision not to scrimmage much this year was wise — his squad was fresh for their games and not riddled with injuries."

"I wouldn't rule them out of the title race," said Evy seriously. "They were in every game they played this year except Ohio State, and they were their own undoing against the Buckeyes when they committed so many turnovers (10)."

"Sure, they've got a chance if they get all good breaks — I don't want to put the coaches on the spot, but I've got to be realistic."

Fry took over the Iowa program last December and inherited a humbling record: The Hawkeyes had failed to have a winning season since

1961. That 17-year streak is tops in the nation. But Fry built a reputation by performing major overhauls on needy programs — at Southern Methodist and North Texas State.

Few probably remember that Evashevski's rise in the coaching profession traveled a similar route.

After resurrecting a downtrodden Washington State program by turning the Cougars into a Rose Bowl contender in only two years, Evy joined the Hawks. That was 1952, and Iowa hadn't cracked the .500 mark in five years.

According to The Associated Press in 1952, Iowa and Pittsburgh were the two worst college coaching jobs in the nation. The AP was right, but not for long.

After a miserable first season, the Hawks rebounded in Evashevski's second year to finish 5-3-1 and cracked the AP's top ten rankings.

Iowa became a powerhouse because it had a coach who was a "free-thinker," one who disavowed a doctrinaire approach to the game of football. Evy gave his players an added weapon — deception. Many coaches felt then, as they do now,

that a football team had to make the running game go before they could pass.

Well, not Evy. Take the 1958 campaign as an example. The NCAA reported after the season that there had been a tremendous increase in collegiate passing statistics that year, and right at the head of the list were the Hawkeyes. Evy liked to "scratch where it itches," to borrow a phrase from Fry.

Clearly, Evy appreciates Fry's keep 'em guessin' style.

Said Evy: "One of the many good things Iowa did this year was to keep the opponent off balance — they would run on third and long, throw on first and 10."

"Usually, I can get a tendency of what a team will do in a particular situation, say on third down and two yards to go. I tried to chart Iowa for my own information, to help me with my color commentary (Evashevski just completed his second year as commentator for WHO in Des Moines), but I just had a hard time getting any tendency from them."

"Hayden's style is effective," continued Evy. "Michigan State (a 33-23

Iowa win in the final game of the season) is used to blitzing on third down, but they just couldn't do it against Iowa because they had no idea what was coming."

"They've done something different in almost every game; they've set in the 'I' (formation), set with split backs, used a five receiver formation, set the fullback to the flank on the short sideline . . . Iowa is the kind of school that needs someone to try different things."

Evashevski and Fry, who have had a "couple of long talks" since Fry came to Iowa City, are old acquaintances . . . sort of. Evy's son Frosty played against Fry's SMU teams and Evy handled the color commentary on several Mustang games while he worked with ABC.

"Hayden has been a solid coach, and has always had interesting ballclubs."

Turning around the Hawkeye program has proven tougher than ridding a hungry tiger, and most who have tried have been eaten alive. Evashevski rode the beast and in doing so brought it to heel. The same challenge is now Fry's.

Loss at home leaves Eagles 3-3

By Don Dossie
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Byron Lehman wasn't threatening to punch any of his players in the mouth for grinning — ala Hayden Fry — but he wasn't exactly passing out "Smile" buttons either.

Lehman's Kirkwood basketball team had just played a solid game against a potent Ellsworth Community College club, but the Eagles lost, 36-85, at Harding Junior High Saturday night.

And Lehman was sounding very much like Iowa's Fry.

"I was happy at Burlington when we played the 13th-ranked team in the nation on the road and lost," said Lehman. "But when we play at home we should win; we expect to win. We've long since proven that we can compete with the good teams. We should be beating them now."

The Eagles, now 3-3, played the

powerful Panthers head-to-head all the way and held a seven-point lead early in the second half. They still led by three, 85-82, when center James Craig dropped in two free throws with 1:50 remaining but a 10-foot jumper by Ellsworth's Jim Dorlack cut the lead to 85-84.

Guard Tim Thomas drove the lane for two points to make it 86-85, Ellsworth, with 15 seconds to go and two deperation shots by Craig in the closing seconds missed, sealing the Eagles' fate. Craig's final attempt from 15 feet fell short with just a second to go on the clock.

"We didn't have any particular player we wanted to take the shot," said Lehman of his team's strategy in the final seconds. "We just wanted to run a play. I was happy with the shot we got."

"That's one of the few times James hasn't played well in the

clutch for us since he's been here," added Lehman of Craig. The 6-5 sophomore center averaged more than 24 points a game in leading the Eagles to a 12-12 record last season after they had been 0-26 in Lehman's first season at Kirkwood.

With the emergence of former Cedar Rapids Washington star Rick Keel, however, Craig's scoring has dropped off. He scored 17 points Saturday but had just four free throws in the second half.

Keel, in the meantime, carried the club for much of the second half, finishing with 32 points. He came into the game as the nation's No. 4 juco scorer, averaging 27 a game.

"He's an outstanding player," said Lehman. "He may very well be the best guard in the state."

Former Cedar Rapids Jefferson standout Jeff Payton added 14 points while Brett Higgins, a freshman from

Dubuque, added 12 points off the bench.

Ellsworth, now 5-2, got standout performances from 6-3 forward Terrence Watson and 6-7 center Sam Mosley. Watson made 15 of 21 shots from the field while scoring 32 points and Mosley, a dominant force on the boards, added 20 points.

The Panthers shot a blistering 57 percent from the field in the contest, 67 percent in the second half. Kirkwood shot at a 45 percent pace.

Kirkwood, which has still never beaten Ellsworth during Lehman's tenure, will play Indian Hills at Ottumwa Saturday.

Ellsworth 86, Kirkwood 85

Ellsworth: Thomas 6-1-13, Hannon 6-3-15, Mosley 9-2-20, Watson 15-2-32, Jelacic 0-0-0, Delio-Vedova 1-0-2, Wallican 1-0-2, Dorlack 1-0-2. Totals 89-80-86.

Kirkwood: Keel 13-4-32, Hodges 4-0-8, Craig 6-5-17, Payton 4-6-14, Sneed 1-0-2, Higgins 5-2-12. Totals 33-19-28-85.

Hoist: Ellsworth 42, Kirkwood 42. Fouls: Ellsworth 13, Kirkwood 13. Technicals: Watson, Higgins.

Downs leads Prairie boys, 69-58

MONTICELLO — Center Ron Downs continued his outstanding scoring Saturday night, leading undefeated Cedar Rapids Prairie to its third straight basketball victory 69-58 over Monticello.

Downs, a 6-4 senior, led the Hawks with 25 points, boosting his season scoring average to 22.0. But Downs wasn't Prairie's only offensive weapon, as Mike Porter scored 14 points, Jim Rotter had 12 and Mitch Porter 10.

The loss was Monticello's second in as many games, coming one night after dropping its season opener to Anamosa 80-65.

Prairie continued to show a strong defense. The Hawks have allowed only 174 points in three games, a 58.0 defensive average.

C.R. Prairie 69, Monticello 58

Cedar Rapids Prairie: Ron Downs 25, Mike Porter 14, Jim Rotter 12, Mitch Porter 10, Don Jansa 8. Monticello: Todd Schneider 23, Ben Eastburn 11, Matt McQuillen 10, Stan Franzburg 8, Chris Lock 4, Kevin Burman 2.

Wahlert girls slip past Jefferson

By Mark Dukes
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It was demonstrated for the umpteenth time Saturday night that, in order to win, a team must play well in both halves of a basketball game.

Dubuque Wahlert did, Cedar Rapids Jefferson didn't.

Wahlert's Mary Pat Kerper, Martha Kalb and Sara Loetscher combined to convert 28 of 34 free throw attempts as the Golden Eagles held off Jefferson for a 78-68 Mississippi Valley Conference girls basketball victory.

While snapping Jefferson's four-game winning streak, Wahlert increased its record to 4-1. The J-Hawks are 5-2.

"The kids weren't mentally ready to play the first half," Jefferson Coach Larry Niemeyer said. "We were very fortunate to be down only

18 points; it should have been 25 or 30."

"We played lackadaisical the first half, and it really wasn't an intelligent basketball game on our part. There was a time in the second half where we could have won, but couldn't handle the pressure."

Wahlert rolled to an 18-point half-time lead (42-24), relying mainly on its performance at the free throw line. The Golden Eagles made 13 of 15 in the second quarter while outscoring Jefferson 25-10.

"I was surprised that Jefferson really didn't go to Steffen that often in the first half," Wahlert Coach Carole Schneider said. "She's their key player, and I thought they'd go consistently to her."

Loetscher's basket opening the second half gave Wahlert a 20-point cushion, but Steffen rallied the J-Hawks to within eight by the end of the quarter.

Steffen, the Metro area's leading scorer with a 32.3 average, totaled 16 of her game-high 44 points in the third quarter. She made eight consecutive field goals during one stretch, and ended the game hitting nine of 10. She also snared seven rebounds.

Sue Overman's basket with 1:03 remaining trimmed Wahlert's lead to six (72-66), but Kerper and Kalb preserved the Golden Eagles' victory by canning three free throws apiece.

Wahlert was selective in its shots and got several opportunities within eight feet of the basket. Its final shooting percentage was 65.7 percent (25 of 38), much better than Jefferson's 45.9 (28 of 61).

The J-Hawks' other two forwards, Overman and Angie Rajtora, both had trouble scoring. Rajtora, averaging 18 points per game, scored just nine, while Overman (16.2) scored 15 but was only five of 17 from the

field. Steffen was 19 of 35.

"Our guards didn't take a lot of things away from them," Niemeyer said. "That, coupled with our poor shooting, was the story. We can play with anybody, but it's up to the kids if they want to get up for Kennedy (Thursday night)."

Kerper and Kalb both made 11 of 14 foul shots and were Wahlert's top scorers with 33 and 27 points, respectively.

Wahlert 78, Jefferson 68

DUBUQUE WAHLERT: Mary Pat Kerper 11-11-33, Martha Kalb 8-11-14-27, Sara Loetscher 6-6-18, Terry Green 0-0-0. Totals 75-28-34-78.

C.R. JEFFERSON: Tina Steffen 19-6-44, Angie Rajtora 4-1-5-9, Sue Overman 5-7-15, Sandy Munson 0-0-0. Totals 28-12-20-68.

Hoist: Wahlert 42, Jefferson 24. Fouls: Wahlert 19, Jefferson 24.

Fouled out: Jeff — Julie Boardman, Jan Sedlack.

FG shooting: Wahlert 25-38 — .657; Jeff 28-61 — .459.

Cornell wrestlers finish 1st in six-team Wartburg tourney

WAVERLY — Cornell College built an insurmountable team lead heading into the finals of the Knights' wrestling tournament here Saturday and went on to win the title in the six-team meet with 88.5 points.

Buena Vista was runnerup with 74 and host Wartburg had 68.5, good for third.

Cornell's Mike Colwell, 126-pound champ, was voted the tournament's most valuable wrestler by the coaches.

Team Totals

1. Cornell 88.5, 2. Buena Vista 74, Wartburg 68.5, Central 60.5, Simpson 51, Upper Iowa 15.

Semifinal Round

118: Don Stewart, Simp.(W); dec. Curt Cowley, BV, 12-7; Bill Plein, Cen. dec. Gary Feese, Simp., 6-4.
126: Dave Smith, Cen. dec. Dave Schwoerer, Warl., 2-0; Mike Colwell, Cen. dec. Bob Kriese, Simp., 4-0.
134: Jan Stierner, BV, dec. Zach Driscoll, Cen., 9-7; Scott Tschetter, Warl., dec. Matt McPherson, Cen. (WC), 4-3.
142: Rick Dawson, BV, threw Dan Thompson, Cen. (WC), 1-22; Randy Stewart, Cen. threw Gary Weber, UI, 3-57.
150: Scott Jones, Cen. dec. Dennis Krueger, UI, 5-4; Mark Arios, Warl., dec. John Butler, BV, 10-3.
158: Rich Wagner, Warl., dec. Pat Waddell, BV, 8-3; Will Kober, Cen. dec. Steve Kappel, Cen., 6-4.
177: Ron Peterson, BV, dec. Jerry Miller, Warl., 13-8; Dan Sauer, Cen. dec. Ryan Abel, Warl. (WC), 10-3.

177: Curt Sauer, Warl., dec. Mike Boyle, Cen., 12-2; Scott Fredrickson, BV, threw Jeff Wachel, Cen., 1-21.
190: Mark Robora, Cen. dec. Lynn Kuecker, Warl. (WC), 4-3; Steph Hansen, Warl., dec. John Brown, BV, 11-5.
220: Wayne Cole, Simp., threw Craig Vogel, Warl., 2-22; Mike Deutmeyer, Cen. threw Curtis Bird, BV, 3-51.
Hvwl.: Gary Shover, Cen. dec. Mike Nickerson, Simp., 8-1; Paul Tanis, Cen. threw Randy Alger, BV, 3-20.

Final Rounds

118: Plein dec. Stewart, 9-2; 126: Colwell dec. Smith, 6-2; 134: Stierner dec. Tschetter, 10-4; 142: Dawson dec. Stewart, 3-0; 150: Arios dec. Jones, 10-6; 158: Wagner threw Kober, 3-25; 167: Sauer dec. Peterson, 12-5; 177: Sauer dec. Fredrickson, 11-2; 190: Robora dec. Hansen, 8-2; 220: Cole dec. Deutmeyer, 8-0; hvwl.: Shover dec. Tanis, 2-0.



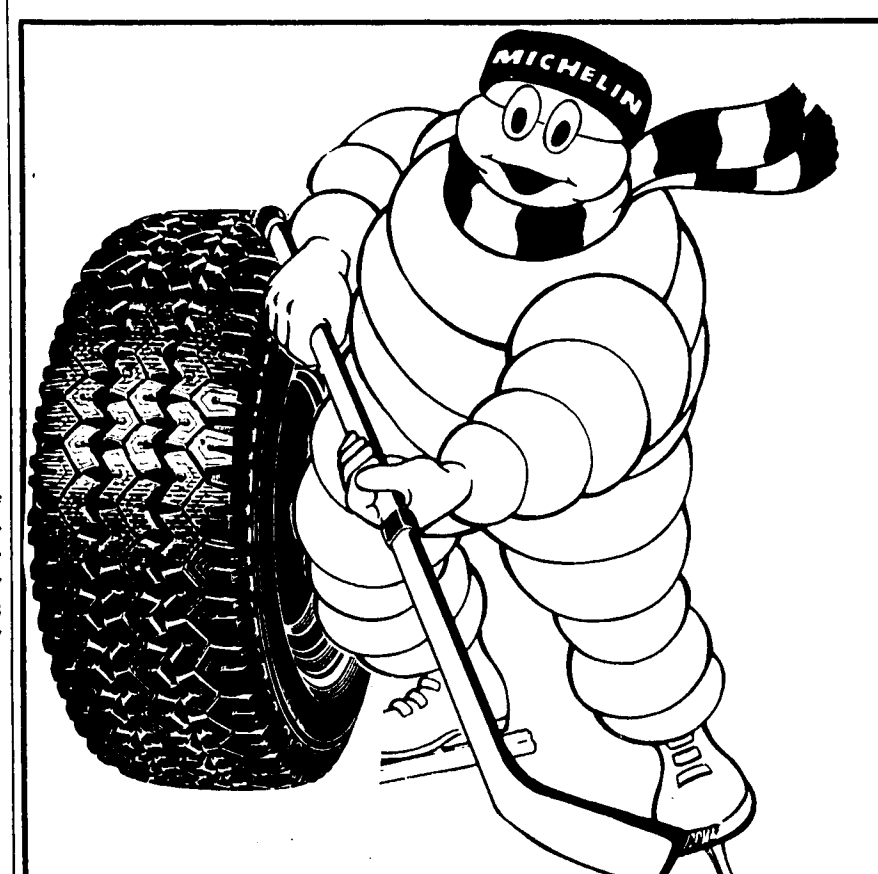
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Kirkwood women fall, 76-47

Ellsworth Junior College handed Kirkwood Community College a 76-47 defeat in women's basketball Saturday at Harding Junior High School.

Luann Kimm led the Kirkwood team with 16, while Mary Rausch added eight. Kirkwood is now 2-4 for the season.

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