

Iowa State features the best corps of pass receivers in the Big Eight, led by all-conference tight end Keith Krepfle and a preseason all-Big Eight pick flanker, Willie Jones. Those two join the aforementioned Harris to provide ISU with a dangerous threesome when it comes to making the big play.

All-American guard Geary Murdock and second-team all-Big Eight center Dave Pittman anchor the offensive line. Those two held Nebraska's all-America middle guard Rich Glover to only five tackles in the ISU-NU struggle this past season.

DEFENSE

The stingy yet at times inconsistent Iowa State defense is led by end Merv Krakau, a senior all-Big Eight selection who was named national lineman-of-the-week for his outstanding play against the Cornhuskers. Merv has been in on 90 tackles, has thrown enemy ball carriers for 88 yards in losses, has knocked down 7 passes and has recovered 3 fumbles this year.

Joining Krakau in the line of ISU's 4-4 defensive alignment is tackle Lawrence "Big Daddy" Hunt, a sophomore first team all-American last fall; and sophomore end Doug Wilke, one of the most pleasant surprises from last year's freshman squad.

The kingpin of a strong two-deep linebacker corps is middle linebacker Ted Jornov. Jornov, a second-string all-conference pick as a junior this year, leads the Cyclones in tackles with 144. Other top linebackers are sophomore Brad Storm and veterans John McKillop and Ken Caratelli.

John Schweizer, another second-unit all-Big Eight choice, spearheads the defensive secondary. Although not big in stature, the 5-11, 174-pounder has been a valuable asset to ISU. He has been called upon to play defensive halfback, monster, and safety at various times this year due to injuries to key personnel. Schweizer is joined in the defensive backfield by George (Tommy) Campbell, an underrated senior from Uniondale, N.Y.

Those men will all try to make it a happy homecoming for Majors when Johnny comes marching home.

FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: Johnny Majors (Tennessee)
 ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Jackie Sherrill (Alabama)
 ASSISTANT COACHES:
 Joe Avezzano, offensive line (Florida State)
 King Block, offensive backfield (Idaho)
 George Boutselis, defensive ends (North Carolina)
 Jim Dyer, defensive line (Houston)
 Jerry Fiat, scout team (Iowa State)
 Ray Greene, receivers (Akron)
 George Haffner, offensive coordinator (McNeese State)
 Keith Kephart, freshman coach (Dubuque)
 Bobby Roper, defensive backfield (Arkansas)
 Keith Schroeder, linebackers (Iowa State)
 TRAINER:
 Frank Randall (New Mexico State)
 BUSINESS MANAGER:
 Jim Overturf (Northern Colorado)
 SPORTS INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:
 Harry Burrell, Director (Iowa)
 Tom Starr, Assistant (Iowa)

RESULTS OF THE 1972 SEASON

	ISU	Opp.
Sept. 16 At Colorado State	41	0
Sept. 23 Utah	44	14
Sept. 30 New Mexico	31	0
Oct. 14 At Colorado	22	34
Oct. 21 Kansas State	55	22
Oct. 28 At Kansas	34	8
Nov. 4 Oklahoma	6	20
Nov. 11 Nebraska	23	23
Nov. 18 *At Missouri	5	6
Nov. 25 At Oklahoma State	14	45
Dec. 2 At San Diego State	14	27

*Game was televised



Merv Krakau



Geary Murdock



Dave Pittman



Larry Hunt



John Schweizer



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Iowa State vs Georgia Tech



When Johnny Comes Marching Home

Johnny Majors Story

It is no secret that Johnny Majors led the Iowa State football program out of the dark ages. The ex-Tennessee all-American, in his fifth year at the Cyclone helm, has not only established ISU as a Big Eight contender, he has molded the Cardinal and Gold into a national powerhouse to be reckoned with.

Majors coached the Cyclones to their first bowl game, first national ranking, and best record in 66 years last season with an 8-3 regular season mark.

Thus, the Liberty Bowl appearance will mark the second year in a row that Iowa State will go "bowling." But bowls are nothing new to Johnny. He played in the Sugar Bowl in 1957 and coached in the Gator Bowl in 1958 (Tennessee), the Liberty Bowl in 1963 (Mississippi), and the Cotton Bowl in 1965 and 1966 (Arkansas).

After leading the state in scoring for three years while playing for his father in high school at Huntland, Tenn., Majors went on to stardom at Tennessee and in 1958 was named national Back-of-the-Year by United Press and was runnerup in the Heisman Trophy voting.

Johnny, a charter member of Tennessee's Hall of Fame, coached at Tennessee two years, Mississippi State four years, and Arkansas three years before taking the reins at ISU. He was named Big Eight Coach-of-the-Year on everyone's poll last year, and Gridiron named him national Coach-of-the-Year.

Majors is married to the former Mary Lynn Barnwell of Chattanooga, Tenn. They have two children: John Ireland, 7; and Mary Elizabeth, 5.



1972 IOWA STATE LIBERTY BOWL ROSTER

10	John Piekietko, o-qb	6-2	186	20	Soph	Chicago, Ill.
12	*George Amundson, o-qb (c-c)	6-2	214	21	Senior	Aberdeen, S.D.
13	*Dave McCurry, d-s	6-2	192	21	Senior	Grinnell, Iowa
14	Randy Bozich, d-m	6-1	180	20	Soph	Milwaukee, Wis.
16	Bill Miller, o-qb	6-2	195	21	Junior	Cleveland, Ohio
18	Wayne Stanley, o-qb	6-1	180	18	Frosh	Belle Glade, Fla.
19	*Steve Jacobsen, o-te	6-4	210	22	Senior	Harlan, Iowa
23	*Brian Cannon, o-tb	6-1	185	21	Senior	Neenah, Wis.
24	Rob Bolks, d-rh	6-0	190	20	Junior	Hull, Iowa
28	Dan Becker, d-hb	6-4	180	18	Frosh	Marshalltown, Iowa
29	Tom Goedjen, k	5-8	157	20	Soph	Two Rivers, Wis.
31	*Moses Moore, o-fb	6-0	200	21	Junior	Miami, Fla.
33	Mike Strachan, o-tb	6-1	195	19	Soph	Miami, Fla.
35	*George Campbell, d-rh	6-0	187	22	Senior	Uniondale, N.Y.
36	Dave Schick, o-fb	6-0	190	18	Frosh	Bettendorf, Iowa
37	*John Schweizer, d-lh	6-0	174	21	Senior	Burlington, Iowa
40	Phil Danowsky, o-fb	6-0	198	19	Soph	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
42	Greg Grove, d-rh	6-0	170	18	Frosh	Tipton, Iowa
44	Barry Hill, d-lh	6-2	184	19	Soph	Delray Beach, Fla.
45	Bill Shellabarger, o-fb	6-1	195	21	Junior	Burlington, Iowa
46	*Van Hollaway, d-le	6-1	201	22	Senior	Beloit, Kan.
48	*Larry Marquardt, o-fb	6-4	235	20	Junior	Arlington, Minn.
50	*John McKillop, d-rlb	6-3	222	20	Junior	Pleasantville, N.J.
51	Tom Karr, D-llb	6-2	233	20	Junior	Marengo, Ill.
52	Paul Ridder, d-lt	6-4	218	20	Junior	West Point, Neb.
53	*Ken Caratelli, d-m	6-1	225	22	Senior	Oak Park, Mich.
54	*Dave Pittman, o-c	6-2	228	21	Junior	Struthers, Ohio
55	*Ted Jornov, d-mlb	6-1	231	21	Junior	Hudson, N.Y.
56	Rick Howe, d-rt	6-2	219	20	Soph	Clemons, Iowa
57	Arlen Ciechanowski, o-c	6-2	232	20	Soph	Savannah, Ga.
58	Chuck Blaskovich, o-c	6-1	222	21	Junior	Des Moines, Iowa
59	*Bob Banger, d-llb	6-0	214	22	Senior	Des Plaines, Ill.
60	Brad Storm, d-mlb	6-2	218	19	Soph	Belle Plaine, Iowa
61	Bob Herman, d-rt	6-2	245	20	Soph	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
62	Dom Bosco, o-rb	6-0	222	19	Soph	Silver Spring, Md.
63	Gary Little, o-lb	6-4	218	20	Soph	Columbus, Ohio
64	*Steve Burns, d-llb	6-2	204	21	Senior	Sioux Falls, S.D.
66	Greg Vondrak, d-llb	6-2	210	20	Soph	Sioux City, Iowa
67	Mike Ybarra, o-rb	6-0	220	21	Junior	Warren, Mich.
68	*Bob Martinson, d-rt	6-0	220	23	Senior	Bemidji, Minn.
70	Jim Christensen, o-lb	6-3	227	21	Junior	Lansing, Ill.
71	*Dan Kneller, o-rt	6-4	220	19	Junior	Detroit, Mich.
73	Sherman Miller, o-lb	6-3	233	19	Soph	Miami, Fla.
74	Willie Gillis, o-lt	6-2	246	21	Soph	Pompano Beach, Fla.
75	*Geary Murdock, o-rb	6-2	255	21	Senior	Wichita, Kan.
76	Jerry Allen, o-rt	6-3	238	20	Soph	Burlington, Wis.
77	*Henry Lewis, d-rt	6-3	263	19	Junior	Clewistown, Fla.
78	*Larry Hunt, d-lt	6-2	237	20	Junior	Delray Beach, Fla.
79	*Merv Krakau, d-re	6-3	232	21	Senior	Guthrie Center, Iowa
80	*Doug Keown, o-se (k)	5-10	174	20	Junior	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
81	*Willie Jones, o-fl	5-10	175	21	Junior	Valdosta, Ga.
82	Charles Penn, d-rh	6-3	182	22	Junior	Pomona, Cal.
83	Tom Padjen, o-te	6-2	206	22	Senior	Lansing, Ill.
84	Don Greenwood, o-te	6-4	201	20	Soph	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
85	*Ike Harris, o-se	6-5	208	19	Junior	Edmondson, Ark.
87	Doug Laz, o-se	6-2	175	18	Frosh	Urbana, Ill.
88	Dave Greenwood, d-le	6-4	205	18	Frosh	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
90	Doug Wilke, d-le	6-3	211	20	Soph	Mauston, Wis.
91	*Keith Krepfle, o-te	6-4	228	20	Junior	Potosi, Wis.
94	*Lon Coleman, d-le	6-2	227	20	Junior	Miami, Fla.
95	*Greg Mulhall, o-fl	5-10	174	21	Junior	Ames, Iowa

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"ISU in '72"



George Amundson



Mike Strachan



Keith Krepfle



Ted Jornov

When the Iowa State Cyclones and the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets take the field to battle it out on the gridiron in the Liberty Bowl Dec. 18, football fans across the nation will see two veteran bowl squads.

The Cyclones won a trip to the Sun Bowl last season, while the Jackets accepted an invitation to the Peach Bowl. The year before they had participated in the Sun Bowl.

The 1972 campaign saw ISU solidify its future as a national football power. Coach Johnny Majors' Red and Gold charges romped over Kansas State, Kansas, Utah, New Mexico, and Colorado State and tied highly-touted Nebraska, with a near miss of a last-second extra-point try erasing an upset bid. But the journey through the Big Eight schedule is a rough one and injuries began to take their toll. All-America linebacker candidate Matt Blair was the first to be sidelined for the year with a severe knee injury. Safety Dave McCurry broke a leg in the Nebraska tilt and was also lost for the year. Other starters, fullback Moses Moore, split end Ike Harris, tight end Keith Krepfle, linebacker Ted Jornov, and defensive end Doug Wilke, all have had to sit out at one time or another due to injuries.

OFFENSE

On offense, Iowa State has a bevy of stars. Four Cyclones were named to the first-team all-Big Eight unit, which most consider the top conference in the United States in 1972.

State runs from a pro set formation most of the time, although the ISU coaching staff likes to utilize the wishbone on short yardage situations. And just to keep things exciting, Majors has been known to throw in one of his "cow pasture" plays every now and then, much to the delight of the fans.

Heading the charge is all-Big Eight quarterback George Amundson. Amundson has done it all for ISU in the past three years. He has rushed for 2,186 yards and passed for 2,684 more. the 6-3, 214-pounder holds 14 school records and is a top Heisman Trophy candidate.

Joining Amundson in the backfield is another all-league choice, tailback Mike Strachan. Only a sophomore, Mike has been among the leading rushers in the country all year, and he closed out the regular season with 1,260 yards.