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Editorial
Serving up a plate of crow

We were wrong.

The Iowa State Daily is known for its fearless, unvarnished coverage of Cyclone football.

On Friday night, we were all wrong.

In Friday’s Gridiron, the Daily staff didn’t give the Cyclones a chance.

Jeremiah Davis, Daily sports editor: “Oklahoma State — Cyclone fans could hit 50,000 for all the games for the first time ever Friday night. We gave all of Iowa the win will not be there at the end of the game.”

Jake Calhoun, assistant sports editor: “Oklahoma State — Let’s be real, the only thing Iowa State can do is hope it doesn’t blow out.”

Dan Tracy, senior sports reporter: “Oklahoma State — Paul Rhoads characterized his team as an ‘underdog.’ The only thing we’re hearing at Jack Trice on Friday night will be ‘Toucheahoma, Oklahoma.’”

Jake Lovern, Editor in Chief: “Oklahoma State — Iowa State can only stay in the game if it brings out some early fireworks against an awful OSU defense.”

Dean Berhow-Goll, guest pick and assistant sports editor: “Oklahoma State — Iowa State State manager 50,000 fans for a Friday night ESPN game, that’s not going to stop them. I would love to see fireworks against an awful OSU defense.”

Jake Lovett, Editor in Chief: “Oklahoma State — Iowa State trumps that in a big way.

We were wrong.

Paul Rhoads’ bunch was a 27.5-point underdog. Iowa State had never beaten a team ranked No. 5 or better, and no one thought Friday night would be that night.

Oklahoma State was 10-0, headed for a winner-to-the-BCS National Championship matchup with Oklahoma. The Cowboys had scored 51.7 points per game entering the night. None of that mattered.

Paul Rhoads has proven he’s the perfect man to lead this program. Cyclone nation feeds off him, and his success off Cyclone nation. His passion and emotion are palpable whenever the Cyclones are on the field.

The Cyclones are bowl-eligible for the second time in three years, something that hasn’t been true since the mid-1990s under Dan McCarney.

Rhoads is in the present and the future of ISU football. His leadership has changed the culture around the program and is making it relevant nationally.

We, along with many of you, assumed, couldn’t quite comprehend what we were watching on Friday night. It was like a movie that was playing out before our eyes, and it was a script that seemed too good to be true.

So serve us up our crow: We were wrong.

Iowa State beat No. 2 Oklahoma State as the greatest college football game in ISU history. It happened. And we were all wrong.
The ‘Perfect Storm’

The 'Perfect Storm' and he stepped up in a big way."

"I love the fact that our defense played well, our special teams played well," Woody said. "We made mistakes, we battled back from it and we managed to pull out a win no matter what the cost, no matter what the odds slanted against us."

"That’s just a testament to the seniors and the coaching and just the character of this program, this football team," Woody said. "All those factors combined to make for a day that it was our time and it was our day.""
Exciting win sets stage for exciting evening on Welch

By Stephen.Keesingfield
IOWA STATE DAILY

A pair of supporting acts had the sellout crowd cheering nearly three hours before kickoff.

The postgame celebration continued a tradition of post-game celebrations at Jack Trice Stadium that have taken place since Rhoads began as coach in 2009.

The last two players before the Corn Blossoms — Junior quarterback Jared Barnett and senior safety Javon Harris — were among the first to arrive on the field.

“I think this is the biggest thing that’s ever happened to Iowa State,” said an elated ISU athletic director Jamie Hitchcock.

One of the more prominent bowls of the 12-2 Big 12’s repertoire, the Bill Snyder Memorial Stadium — also known as the “Beaver’s Lair” — was the first of the night.

Barnett is the numbers by

By Jake.Calhoun
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In ascending order

1. Holiday Bowl

Big Ten

Venue: Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego

Opponent: Kansas State

38-24

5 December 2010

2. Insight Bowl

Big Ten

Venue: Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe, Ariz.

Opponent: Texas Tech

14-7

4 December 2010

3. Big Ten Championship Game

Big Ten

Venue: Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis

Opponent: Ohio State

20-13

7 December 2009

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Opponent: Ohio State

24-19

7 December 2008

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Big Ten

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Opponent: Texas Tech

14-7

4 December 2010

Possible Bowl Games

By Dan.Tracy
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Barnett leads the Cyclones

**Past-Game Plays**
A quarterback, Jared Barnett, passes deep down the field to an open receiver. Barnett had a career-high night in completions (31), attempts (58), passing yards (376), passing touchdowns (3), total plays (72) and total offense (460).

BARNETT LEADS CYCLONES TO BIGGEST UPSET

Most passing yards by an ISU quarterback since Nov. 22, 2008 (Austen Arnaud, 440 yards at Total offensive yards (460) ranks third all-time. Passng yard total (376) ranks fifth in ISU history. 

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The ISU football captains walk out to the field for the coin flip before the start of the ISU-OSU football game. Oklahoma State fell to Iowa State in double overtime 37-31.

Jack Trice Stadium was at maximum capacity during Friday night's victory over No. 2 Oklahoma State. This is Iowa State's first victory over a team ranked No. 6 or higher.

Quarterback Jared Barnett receives the snap before making a play against Oklahoma State Friday, Nov. 18. Barnett rushed for 87 yards and passed for 376 yards, including three touchdown passes.

Linebacker AJ Klein tackles an Oklahoma State opponent during the game Friday, Nov. 18. Klein lead the team in tackles with a total of 14 throughout the game.
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More photos online:
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The ISU offense prepares to go up against the ISU defense during the game Friday, Nov. 18. Iowa State won in double overtime with a final score of 37-31, making them eligible for a bowl game.

Josh Lenz is taken off the field after an on-field injury. Lenz caught two passes for 30 total yards before he was taken out of the game.

ISU 33
OSU 24
FIRST DOWNS
ISU 3-102
OSU 3-47
KICK OFF RETURNS
ISU 376
OSU 476
PASSING YARDS
ISU 8-65
OSU 10-87
PENALTIES
ISU 1-19
OSU 4-14
PUNT YARD RETURNS
ISU 7-47-17
OSU 6-69-14
THIRD DOWN CONVERSIONS
ISU 192
OSU 40
RUSHING YARDS
ISU 37
OSU 31
SCORE
ISU 568
OSU 534
TOTAL YARDS
ISU 3-5
OSU 2-71
INTERCEPTIONS
ISU 35:13
OSU 24:47
TIME OF POSSESSION

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