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Go home couch coaches

Northern Iowa has become spoiled.

We have seen the basketball team defeat the University of Missouri in the NCAA national tournament and the University of Iowa in the UNI-Dome in the same year. Two years ago, we saw the wrestling team place tenth in their national tournament.

We also saw the football team earn the number one position in the I-AA polls for several weeks, as well as finally defeat the Iowa State Cyclones on their home turf.

Last year, the track and tennis teams also displayed great success by their seasons end.

To say Northern Iowa has seen athletic success would be more than an understatement.

Last Saturday, those who went to the game saw and heard something which could best be described as pathetic and disgraceful. After throwing an interception to a Jacksonville St. defender, senior quarterback Kurt Warner was "booed" off the field after the visitor ran it in for a touchdown. Worse yet, fans, in particular in the student section, booed even louder as Warner walked back on the field for the next set of downs.

Sitting in the stands, I can't honestly say the interceptions didn't bother me. In fact, it was pretty frustrating to watch



Gentleman's Moderate

Rick Meyer

the first half all together. But the display put on by the crowd was a poor show of support and attitude.

Of course, everyone's attitude did a 180 when the second half began. It would have been unthinkable to even consider yelling in anger at the home team.

The whole time everyone was yelling at Warner, I looked around at the people doing most of bitching. Overall, they looked like a bunch of under-sized spoiled brats who couldn't play five minutes of Division I-AA football with an iron helmet. If they thought Warner was such a terrible quarterback, why weren't they out there suited up and on the field?

Because they wouldn't have the balls to go out on the field, separate their shoulder in a game and come back a week later to play again in the team's home opener.

But why would they want to when they can sit on their butts all weekend watching ABC Sports and couch-coach with a bottle of Keystone between their legs in a dorm room? Apparently, because they really don't have to coach or play to know more and have more

talent than the guys on the field.

My term as a sports columnist came to an end when May finally came this past spring. Some people might ask why this column is being placed in the opinion section instead of sports. The reason is my opinion of the fans at Saturday night's game was that they sucked. Sucked like big gobs of rotten eggs and snot. So, if you were one of those people who did some of the boo-ing, I guess I'm saying you suck, just like some of you told Warner he sucked. Grow up and get a clue.

Last year, I wrote of what a bunch of jerks the students at the University of Iowa were when they booed quarterback Matt Eyde. I also mentioned something to the effect of how I hoped the student body at UNI wouldn't look so ignorant. Whoops, I guess everybody made me look pretty stupid.

Then again, maybe I didn't look quite as stupid as other people in the stands Saturday.