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Bumbling Hirsch leaves Hilles out in the cold

THERE WAS never a more perfect time for Wisconsin athletic director Elroy Hirsch to be on a cruise than Tuesday morning.

Stranded at sea, he would not have caused the damage that he did while wading through an interview at the Dane County Airport.

Without thinking, without considering the impact or the consequences of his comments, Hirsch threw a man overboard. That man was interim coach Jim Hilles.

While there may have been an absence of malice on Hirsch's part, there also was an absence of class and common sense. Hilles heard the news second-hand.

Hirsch exhibited the fine timing of an exploding cigar. And it was lit and in his mouth when he stated, "We've boiled it down to a final candidate, which is Don Morton."

When pressed to elaborate upon singling out Tulsa's Morton as THE candidate for the job, Hirsch lit up again and added:

"Well, that's the candidate we want to offer the job to, but we have other candidates in line should this fall through."

Hirsch was at the airport to send off Morton and his wife. The Mortons arrived here Sunday night for their recruiting visit.

WIBA's Marsh Shapiro recorded



Mike Lucas
Capital Times Staff Writer

Hirsch first and summarily relayed the message to Madison. WTSO's Chris Moore also interviewed Hirsch at the airport.

Consistent with the pattern of events on this day, Hirsch then reversed his field and tempered his statements as far as Morton being the No. 1 choice.

That would be the same posture an apologetic Hirsch would take later in the afternoon from his office at Camp Randall Stadium.

"We're down to two candidates," said Hirsch, naming Morton and Hilles.

The only other coach to be interviewed, Wyoming's Dennis Erickson, withdrew his name from consideration Tuesday.

UW officials didn't follow up on West Virginia's Don Nehlen. Contact was made with Nehlen. But he didn't get an interview.

"He (Hilles) will be interviewed in the next day or two with members of the athletic board and the chancellor," Hirsch said. "We have not offered the job to anybody yet."

Hilles, who met with Hirsch and Otto Breitenbach for an hour Tuesday, will be granted a formal interview today.

"I'm pleased with the fact," Hilles said, "that they do intend to follow through and provide an interview for me with the people who, in fact, are going to make that decision.

"My only chance here is to have an opportunity to sell myself. The way it was reported (on the radio) this morning kind of cancelled any opportunity I had in my mind for a final interview and that was kind of disconcerting to me.

"Now that I've been assured that I'm going to have that final interview and I've been told there will be valid discussion in that meeting, I do feel better about the situation."

Prior to meeting with Hirsch, who wanted to explain the statements he made at the airport, Hilles was not feeling good about anything. He was hurt. He was mad.

"The truth of the matter is," Hirsch said, "is we have two viable candidates, Morton and Jim Hilles. I apologize if I gave any other implications of anything to anybody."

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Tom Lynch (12) of Madison La Follette skates through a trio of Sun Prairie defenders during Tuesday's hockey match at Hartmeyer Arena. Lynch's third period goal gave the Lancers a 3-2 victory. Story, Page 15.

Linebacker Reid wins MVP honor

Senior linebacker Michael Reid was voted Wisconsin's most valuable player for the 1986 season by his Badger teammates.

Reid received the Jimmy Demetral Trophy given annually to the Badger MVP at Tuesday night's football banquet, sponsored by the Mendota Gridiron Club.

Reid, from Albany, Ga., who led the Badgers in tackles, also received the Ivan B. Williamson Award for scholarship and sportsmanship.

(Reid and defensive back Nate Odomes were also named to the 1986 All-Big Ten team announced Tuesday by the Associated Press. See story on Page 14.)

Senior fullback Joe Armentrout was named offensive player of the year and Odomes was named defensive player of the year.

Craig Raddatz won the Russ Winnie Award for scholarship, sportsmanship and ability.

Jim Cisler won the Dave McClain Mr. Hustle Award, given to the player who has exhibited the greatest effort and enthusiasm even though he may not have played much.

Dick Teets was given the Jay Seiler Award, given to the most improved defensive player.

Brian Anderson was awarded the Wayne Souza Award, given to the most improved offensive player.

Packers' Martin appeals suspension

GREEN BAY (AP) — Green Bay Packers defensive lineman Charles Martin will be able to play Thanksgiving Day against Detroit. But after that he's facing a two-game enforced vacation — one that the head of the NFL Players Association thinks was merited.

Martin was handed a two-game suspension Tuesday for a late hit on Chicago quarterback Jim McMahon during Sunday's game in Chicago. It was the most severe penalty handed down for an on-the-field incident in commissioner Pete Rozelle's 26 years.

The Packers announced Martin will appeal the suspension, meaning the third-year lineman will be able to play Thursday against the Detroit Lions. Rozelle, who issued the suspension after reviewing tapes of the incident, will hold a hearing next week in New York.

McMahon's season is over. The veteran quarterback, who has been troubled by a sore right shoulder for much of the season, will undergo arthroscopic surgery Dec. 12 and will be out for the remainder of the season, Dr. Frank Jobe said Tuesday.

McMahon flew to Los Angeles to have the shoulder examined after team doctors said he had aggravated the rotator cuff tear Sunday.

Martin was penalized for bodyslamming McMahon after a Green Bay interception in the second quarter of the the Bears' 12-10 victory and was ejected by referee Jerry Markbreit.

McMahon said after the game Sunday that the slam "didn't help" his injury. Bears coach Mike Ditka said Monday that "I'm sure the flagrant foul affected him, but he was having problems before that."

Gene Upshaw, the executive director of the NFL Players Association, said he was alarmed by Martin's actions.

"I was stunned when I saw it," Upshaw said Tuesday in New York, where he was attending a luncheon. "It was flagrant."

Upshaw, who may have to defend Martin in an arbitration hearing on the suspension, also said he felt the act may not have been a spontaneous one. "I had a report prior to the game that Green Bay players came on the field with a hit list of players they wanted to get," he said.



The Associated Press

Jim McMahon said Tuesday that he will be out for the rest of the season.

Bears' McMahon done for the year

CHICAGO (AP) — Quarterback Jim McMahon is out for the remainder of the regular season and the playoffs, forcing the Chicago Bears to look to Mike Tomczak or Doug Flutie to lead them to another Super Bowl.

McMahon said late Tuesday he would undergo arthroscopic surgery on his injured right throwing shoulder Dec. 12 at the Los Angeles offices of Dr. Frank Jobe, an orthopedic specialist.

"He told me the same thing the team doctors said — there's a tear in the rotator cuff, and it needs to be repaired," McMahon told Chicago reporters accompanying him to Los Angeles to have the shoulder examined by Jobe.

"Also, I might have a tear in another part of my shoulder, and that may have to be repaired by surgery," he said.

This Sunday, the Bears, 10-2 with four games left on the schedule, can clinch a playoff berth and their third straight NFC Central Division title with a win over Pittsburgh at Soldier Field.

McMahon, the "punky QB" of "The Super Bowl Shuffle" video and numerous television commercials, said watching the playoffs from the sidelines would be painful for him.

McMahon, who has missed six of the 12 games this season because of shoulder problems, said he was upset that in recent weeks some Bears, including coach Mike Ditka, had questioned whether he had been seriously injured or was just loafing.

McMahon has had a long history of medical problems during his six pro seasons and missed the 1984 playoffs, when the Bears lost the NFC championship game at San Francisco.

McMahon started for the first time in almost a month in Sunday's 12-10 squeaker over Green Bay. But the 6-foot-1, 190-pound quarterback was slammed to the ground on a late hit from behind by 6-4, 270-pound Packer lineman Charles Martin in the second quarter and left the game in the final period.

Monday, Bears doctors said the quarterback had aggravated a rotator cuff tear and was doubtful for the remainder of the season.

McMahon's injury was apparently aggravated when he fell on his injured shoulder when slammed to the turf by Martin.

Westby's Hougom, Manitowoc's Rubick top all-state team

The Associated Press

Westby running back Steve Hougom, who rushed for 2,620 yards this season in leading the Norsemen to their second consecutive public schools title, was selected as the Wisconsin Associated Press' 1986 high school football player of the year.

The 1986 AP coach of the year, as selected by a panel of sportswriters, is Ron Rubick. Rubick has coached Manitowoc Lincoln to 38 consecutive victories and three straight Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Division 1 titles.

The Ships placed two players on the first team, running back Jeff Bachler and offensive tackle Jeff Miller, who led Manitowoc's ground attack all season.

"It would be nice to build a dynasty," said the 45-year-old Rubick, who has been the head coach at Manitowoc since 1968. "But each year it seems like we have to build over."

Rubick, a former Big Ten halfback at Michigan State, said this year's team was very talented on the offensive side. A stream of good talent, plus a stable of good assistants, are keys to his success, he said.

"We're not real fancy," he added. "We come right at you."

The same could be said of Hougom, who turns 18 on Dec. 11. He isn't especially fast, and he isn't big. But he gained 5,158 yards in his three seasons with the Westby varsity.

How? Hougom describes himself as "quick to the hole ... ran hard ... didn't like to go down."

And the 5-foot-8, 190-pound senior says he's inspired by his older brother Dan, whose high school football career was cut short by a knee injury.

"He really pushes me," Steve Hougom said. "He tells me not only to run for me, but to run for him. He wants me to make up for what he didn't get done."

Hougom was selected by a six-member panel of sportswriters from AP newspapers in Wisconsin. He also was selected as one of three first-team running backs — the second consecutive season he was a first-team AP player.

Defensive end Kraig Hackbarth of Fond du Lac was the only other player to repeat from last year's first team. Linebacker John Derby of Oconomowoc, who made second team last year, moved up to the first team. And Park Falls' Rob Greenwood, the brother of Green Bay Packers' defensive back David Greenwood, was selected as a first team linebacker and punter.

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Offense	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
C	John Dabrera, Fond du Lac Springs	6-3	210	12
G	Dean Dingeman, East Troy	6-4	265	12
G	Eric Dunning, Suamico	5-10	215	12
T	Jeff Alt, Madison East	6-6	230	12
T	Dan Kider, Kimberly	6-4	228	12
E	Todd Bonlender, Fond du Lac	6-7	217	12
E	Craig Ramon, Wisconsin Rapids	6-4	210	12
QB	Matt Mossick, Pitt. Springs	6-0	206	12
RB	Steve Hougom, Westby	5-8	160	12
RB	Jason Bolinger, Appleton	5-9	165	12
RB	Travis Tolton, Beloit Turner	5-11	170	12
PK	Tracy Tessendorf, Cedarburg	5-9	150	12

Pos.	Defense	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
E	Kraig Hackbarth, Fond du Lac	6-6	224	12
E	Chris Gutierrez, Milwaukee Tech	6-0	180	12
L	Sam Garrits, Grafton	6-6	230	12
L	Steve Raehla, Antigo	5-10	195	12
LB	Craig Verhagen, Little Chute	6-1	210	12
LB	Jeff Miller, Manitowoc	6-3	215	12
LB	John Derby, Oconomowoc	6-3	221	12
LB	Rob Greenwood, Park Falls	6-2	200	12
DB	Chris Bowman, Menominie	5-11	175	12
DB	Dan Reszka, Cudahy	6-1	170	12
DB	Corey Schaefer, Oshkosh North	6-3	185	12
P	Rob Greenwood, Park Falls	6-3	206	12

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Offense	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
C	Bob Jurack, Oconomowoc	6-1	218	12
G	Rod Mellmer, Manitowoc	6-4	284	12
G	Brian McClure, West Allis Central	6-4	248	11
T	Jeff Alt, Madison East	6-6	240	12
T	Mike Hewitt, Fond du Lac Springs	6-3	220	12
E	Todd Boser, Chip. Falls McDonell	6-3	180	11
E	Shawn Moreau, Brookfield Central	6-0	175	12
QB	Joe Portah, Monet'town	6-2	200	12
RB	Ken Coleman, Milwaukee Tech	6-1	205	11
RB	Dale Perkins, Milwaukee Tech	5-9	170	12
RB	Ron Folch, Madison East	5-10	170	12
PK	Joel Covenberg, Two Rivers	6-1	170	12

Pos.	Defense	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
E	Darren Poss, Oconomowoc	6-1	190	12
E	Jeff Krueger, Fond du Lac Springs	6-3	220	12
L	Mike Hewitt, Fond du Lac Springs	6-3	220	12
L	Russ Willers, Greenfield	6-3	210	12
L	Ruben Rave, Black River Falls	6-1	225	12
LB	Rob Hatch, Sun Prairie	6-2	196	12
LB	Jerry Huppatt, Waukesha South	6-4	228	12
LB	Jeff Miller, Manitowoc	6-3	215	12
DB	Kevin Wonck, Madison Memorial	6-1	175	12
DB	Delonn McGloun, Racine Case	5-9	150	12
DB	Mark McGee, Eagle River	5-11	170	11
P	Phil Peterson, Amery	6-3	220	12

Player of the year
Steve Hougom, Westby
Coach of the year
Ron Rubick, Manitowoc

HONORABLE MENTION

Offense

Linemen — Brady Dorgan, De Pere Flemings; Greg Cook, Appleton West; Chris Hawinsky, Wausau Newman; Brian Prochnick, Mukwonago; Mark Rosen, Stevens Point Pacelli; Steve Thomsen, Marshfield; Ends — Joe Hallska, La Crosse Aquinas; Brandy Fredrickson, Rhinelander; Jeff Hoffman, Fond du Lac; Chad Cushing, Janesville Craig; Brian Saeker, Marinette Central.

Quarterbacks — Jim Kluge, Benton; Robbie Arbogast, Madison Memorial; Dean Hosak, Fond du Lac; Running backs — Jason Bolinger, Appleton; Rocky Siegel, Wisconsin Rapids; Pete Mommaerts, Bay Port.

Running backs — Mike Saunders, Milton; Todd Nelsen, Sun Prairie; Terry Hammen, Kimberly; Bill Brown, Racine Case; Kari Johnson, Kiel; Pete Kruse, Marshfield; Paul Nelson, Madison Holy Name; Trov Stone, Gilman; Don Gilles, Shiocton-Bevd; Scott Mittelstadt, Fond du Lac Winnebago Lutheran.

Kicker — Gregg Hever, Phillips.

Defense

Linemen — Randy Wonek, Two Rivers; Mike Weinland, Milwaukee Marquette; Scott Roland, Wonewoc-Center.

Linebackers — Chris Hartwig, Eagle River; George Williams, La Crosse Central; Pete Underwood, Wolf'ton; Tony Rodriguez, Fond du Lac; Rick Diebert, Fond du Lac St. Mary's Springs; Chip Wahl, Waukesha Memorial; John Hanley, Menominee Falls; Rich Tuchalski, Chilton.

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