

An unusual day at Kinnick Stadium

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Last Saturday's all-time Iowa comeback in the Pittsburgh game was not the only unusual thing that happened at Kinnick Stadium that day.

Yes, everybody who stayed witnessed what is now called the best Iowa comeback of all time, and rightly so. But to show you the condition that college football is in, here's another interesting note.

Pittsburgh started the day as a member of the Big East Conference. By game's end, they were a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The disease that has hit college football in jumping well-established conferences for the big money has become an epidemic. But as the weekend moved along, it seemed to me that, believe-it-or-not, big oil had something to say about conference realignment.

The billionaires in Oklahoma and Texas were on the side of their teams staying in the Big 12. And they backed up their words with newspaper ads urging the Sooners and Longhorns to reevaluate their position and to stay in the Big 12. At least you can give the oil men a kudo for a sense of history and tradition.

It would seem, too, that the words of NCAA boss Mark Emmert also urged a go-slow attitude. It seemed to have some effect on the Pac-12's statement that they were going to stay at 12 teams.

So while the gold rush is still on, and changes can come at any moment, it would seem there's a calming of the rush and maybe some more sensible conclusions can be reached.

I hope that is the case, because it affects Iowa State's athletic program. The Cyclones are off to

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a fine start in football and need a boost, not the leftovers.

NOTE: A big tip of the fedora to Marion High School tailback Colton Storla, who scored seven touchdowns for their Indians against Anamosa last Friday night on his 18th birthday.