

Gramm's White House future hinges largely on Iowa outcome

The Texas senator is looking for a big win in today's caucus.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fifty weeks ago, on a gusty day in College Station, Texas, Phil Gramm stood before family, friends and a skeptical audience and formally declared his candidacy for the White House. Since then, the Texas Republican has spent thousands of hours recrossing the country from Alaska to Florida and points in between, with frequent forays to Iowa and New Hampshire. He has shaken thousands of hands, made hundreds of fundraising pitches, eaten innumerable bland banquet meals and repeated his standard stump speech again and again. As in any campaign at the top of American politics, the effort is a mind-numbing, physical-grueling test of endurance interspersed with a handful of exciting moments. For Gramm, tonight's Iowa

caucus is shaping up as the crucial moment above all others that have unfurled to date.

Iowa will mark the moment of rebirth for a slumping campaign dogged by a couple of embarrassing setbacks. Or it will deal an all-but-fatal blow to Gramm's White House hopes, sending him back to Texas to campaign for a third six-year term in the Senate. Gramm, himself, is not downplaying Iowa's challenge.

"I think it is clear that if I don't get first, second, or third, that is going to knock me out of the race," he acknowledged Wednesday, a day after a stunning loss to Pat Buchanan in Louisiana's caucus.

In a restaurant a day later, with a reporter watching on, Gramm explained to his questioning wife why a poor showing in Iowa would mean the end of the road for his campaign.

"The reason is the momentum involved, the ability to raise money, a combination of all those things," he said.

His momentum was stalled during a punishing 24-hour road last week. Gramm had to con-

tend with both a loss in a made-to-order Louisiana beauty pageant where he long had promised victory — and a rash of criticism in agriculturally inclined Iowa for missing a key Senate farm bill vote.

Bruised — but unbowed — Gramm shrugged off the missteps and hit the prediction that he would emerge from Iowa in good shape.

The results will not be known until late into tonight, when Iowa's caucus-goers will have spoken.

Well aware of Gramm's reputation as a tireless campaigner and prodigious fund-raiser, the Democrats vying to take him on in the Senate race are hopeful he stays in the presidential race as long as possible.

"Texas Democrats hope that Sen. Gramm continues his quixotic campaign until he uses up all his time, energy and money," Texas Democratic Party spokeswoman Anne Marie Kilday said last week.



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But Democrats contend that Gramm's dual candidacies, permitted under Texas' "LBJ Law," anger voters and hand Democrats an opening to suggest that he is ignoring Texas.

They also point to recent polls which show declines in Gramm's base support in Texas — albeit with the senator retaining a commanding lead over his potential Democratic opponents.

GOP candidates court caucus voters

Polls suggest one-out-of-five republicans are undecided.

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP) — On the eve of the Iowa caucuses, GOP candidates hopped the state Sunday, courting the one-out-of-five Republicans that polls suggest are undecided.

With Bob Dole's lead appearing to stabilize, the real battle formed around who would be second.

As the rivals moved from town meetings and rallies to TV talk shows, publishing their own version of the state of the race, the favorite target.

"Forbes is falling, despite his massive amount of negative ads," asserted former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, who hoped to benefit from any Forbes decline.

dish it out but he can't take it."

Dole tried to take the high road, declining to criticize Forbes directly. But his campaign continued to air ads on Sunday calling the publisher "untested ... and more liberal than you think."

The Senate majority leader said he was content with polls showing him with a lead in the high 20s, far behind the 37 percent he finished with in 1988, when there were more candidates in the race.

"I want to finish first. We hope it's a strong first," he said during a visit to a Des Moines diner.

"And somebody else will finish second and then we'll go on to New Hampshire where somebody will finish second," Dole said.

Despite personal appearances, the pre-caucus day was mostly fought over the airwaves

— both on live television interview shows and with a blizzard of radio and TV advertising.

A poll by the Des Moines Sunday Register showed that 46 percent of likely GOP caucus goers now view Forbes in generally unfavorable terms — an increase in 20 points since the question was first asked in a poll published Dec. 3.

Alexander, interviewed on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley," said he feels he is gaining ground after actively courting Iowans for two years.

"By the time we get out of New Hampshire, there will be two candidates who really have a chance to be nominated and elected. And one will be Senator Dole and the other will be me," Alexander asserted.

Buchanan, on NBC's "Meet the Press," insisted momentum is with him, not the others.

"If my Republican colleagues do not address the issue of economic insecurity in the middle class and declining wages among working people, they are going to lose the country. I can bring it back," Buchanan said.



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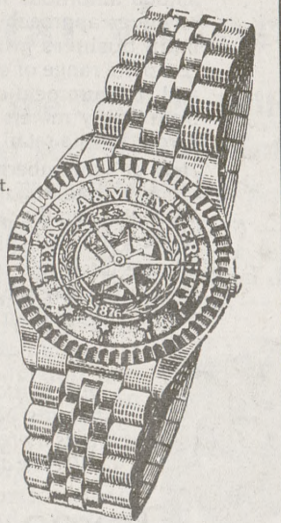
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