

Davis votes for himself

By Todd Walkenhorst
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If Iowa State tailback Troy Davis had a vote for the Heisman trophy, he knows who he would vote for.



Himself. "I would still vote myself for the Heisman," said the 5-foot-8, 185-pound sophomore from Miami.

Davis needs 170 yards Saturday in Columbia, Mo., against 2-8 Missouri to become the first sophomore in NCAA history to rush for 2,000 yards in a single season.

He would also become only the fifth Division I player to accomplish the milestone, joining an elite group of runners, all of whom are former Heisman winners.

Rashaan Salaam of Colorado rushed for 2,055 in 1994. In 1988, Barry Sanders of Oklahoma State ran for 2,628. Nebraska's Mike Rozier rushed for 2,148 in 1983 and Marcus Allen rushed for 2,342 with Southern California in 1981.

Iowa State first-year coach Dan McCarney said he realized early that he had a tremendously talented runner on his team.

"The first time we gave him the ball in March," McCarney said, "we knew we had something very special."

Through 10 games, Davis has rushed for 1,830 yards on 321 attempts, and he has accounted for 2,243 all-purpose yards. Davis said he noticed a difference this year when he walks around the Iowa State campus.

"I walk around campus and people know who I am," Davis said. "And they say 'Hi.'"

Davis said after voting for himself for the Heisman, it would be a tough choice to determine who was runner-up.

"I think Tommie Frazier is second," Davis said. "Eddie George (of Ohio State) is doing a hell of a job, but I consider Tommie Frazier as my second vote."

Missouri coach Larry Smith said it would be difficult to stop Davis.

"There's no question he's the real deal all the way," Smith said. "Even when he doesn't have the ball, he's a great ball player."

Smith said he knew his players would be out to stop Davis from reaching the 2,000-yard mark on Saturday.

"I don't think there's any question that we don't want to be the team that gives up that milestone," Smith said. "Of course, our guys want to win the game, and we'd be happy if he ran for 5,000 yards and we still win the game."

NU firmly focused on Final Four

By Trevor Parks
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Nebraska volleyball player Allison Weston wants to go to the Final Four so badly that sometimes she lies awake at night thinking about it.

Only five matches and 28 days away, that Final Four feeling is becoming an obsession. The NCAA Tournament semifinals and finals in Amherst, Mass., are within Weston's reach for the second time in as many years.

"It means everything in the world to me," Weston said. "That's been our ultimate goal ever since last December when we lost to Penn State."

"Especially at this point in the season in the last four weeks, it's going to be very hard to sleep at night, to study, to do anything."

To try to take her mind off the past Nebraska failures of not making the Final Four will be difficult, Weston said.

"It's like Christmas Eve when you're a kid, and you know that Santa is coming the next day," Weston said. "I'll sit down and start reading books for class and hopefully it will take my mind off it."

One of the reasons adding to Weston's lack of concentration is last season.

On Dec. 10, 1994, Penn State caused Nebraska more than a few sleepless nights, handing the Cornhuskers their first and only loss of the season. The setback prevented Nebraska from making a trip to Austin, Texas, which would have been its first Final Four appearance since 1990.

Weston, a 6-foot middle blocker from Papillion, who is Nebraska's all-time kill leader, said she could feel that this was the year for her and her teammates to make the Final Four.

"This is the last go around, and either we do it or there are no more chances left," Weston said. "Last year, in the back of our minds we knew we could do it next year, but unfortunately for the seniors, last year it slipped by. I don't want that to happen this year."

One reason, Weston said, Nebraska is so close to making the Final Four is sophomore Lisa Reitsma. Weston is averaging 4.4 kills a game. A year ago,

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she averaged 4.9 kills a game.

Reitsma has picked up the slack, averaging more than four kills a game after playing very little as a freshman last season. Reitsma has helped to take pressure off Weston this season, she said.

"With Lisa on the right side, that's just one more thing the other team has to worry about," Weston said. "It's been great to go out and know that they just can't camp in the middle."

Because of Reitsma, Weston said she had time to focus on other parts of her game.

"It's really not that big of a deal because Lisa takes up the slack," Weston said. "That's what makes this team a better team than last year's."

Weston, a two-time first team All-American and the reigning Big Eight player of the year is second on the team in digs with 194, and also leads the Huskers with 82 block assists. She is tied for the team lead with 19 solo blocks and has hit a team-best .393 in 26 matches.

In 1994, Penn State was only the second team ranked in the top 10 Nebraska faced all season. This year, the Huskers have played four top 10 teams, and five teams ranked in the top 11.

Because of the lack of good competition last season, Weston said Nebraska didn't know quite where it stood once the NCAA Tournament began.

"This year, we know what's out there," Weston said. "We know what to do and we know how to do it. And that just excites me because I think about it all the time, how far we can go and what we can do."

Frazier back after injury

From Staff Reports

Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier returned to practice Thursday, and "held up pretty well," according to Coach Tom Osborne.

Frazier had missed the last two days of practice after injuring his leg and foot during the Cornhuskers' 41-3 win over Kansas Saturday.

No. 1 tight end Mark Gilman also returned, but did not go through the entire practice.

The Cornhuskers' practice, which was in sweat clothes only, lasted less than two hours.

"We didn't want to go three days in a row (of full contact) and beat them up," Osborne said. "We'll take Saturday and Sunday off. That always worries you a little bit, but at this stage of the season they could use a couple

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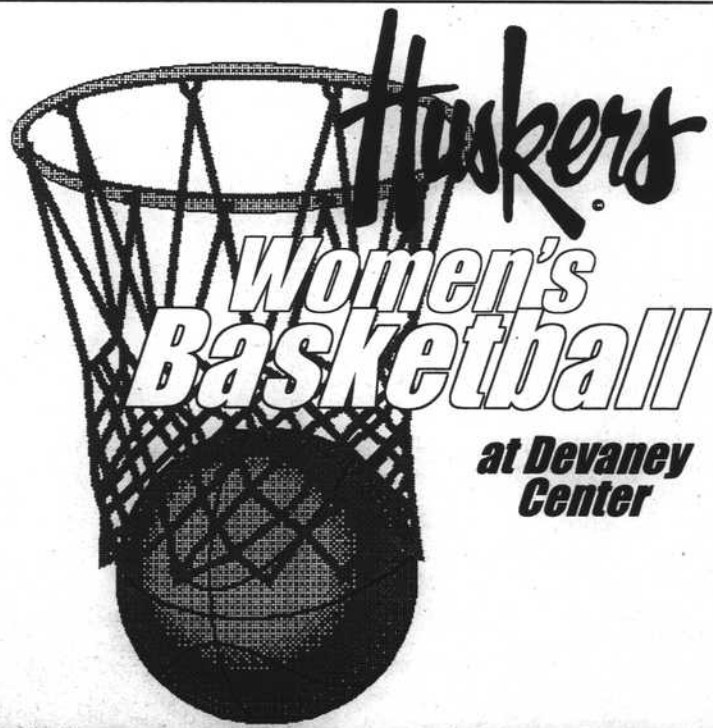
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