

## Big 12 Notebook

Although it's only October, Heisman Trophy talk is already circulating in the Big 12 Conference. A lot of the talk surrounds Texas Tech tailback Byron Hanspard. Hanspard is second in the nation in rushing yards per game (224.4) and has rushed for more than 200 yards in every game but one this season.

Tech Coach Spike Dykes said it is too early to talk about the Heisman. "The jury is way too far out now to be worried about stuff like that," Dykes said. "Those things either happen or they don't happen."

Hanspard has earned the support of Baylor Coach Chuck Reedy, whose Bears were beaten by the Red Raiders 45-24 Saturday. "Byron would have my vote for the Heisman if I had a vote," Reedy said.

Hanspard's 287-yard performance against Baylor earned him the Big 12 offensive-player-of-the-week award for the second time this year. Dykes attributes the junior's performance to hard work. "His work ethic is such that he continues to improve," Dykes said.

"I have been working with him after practice, showing him some of my old moves."

Nebraska Will linebacker Terrell Farley earned the defensive-player-of-the-week honor in his first start this season. Farley totaled only five tackles, but the senior recorded one sack, three quarterback hurries and a pass breakup. Farley also tackled Wildcat punter Chad Romano for an 11-yard loss, setting up an NU field goal.

Texas A&M has won two straight games after starting the season 1-2. The Aggies are starting conference play at Iowa State on Saturday. It will be the first time A&M Coach R.C. Slocum's team has faced a run-oriented offense.

"We have played teams that take a lot of pride in throwing the ball," Slocum said. "I am looking forward to the challenge of seeing how we play against a running team."

Kansas State's 39-3 loss against Nebraska was filled with sloppy special teams plays on the Wildcat side of the ball. The Wildcats' punting game was hit especially hard. Coach Bill Snyder's team had one punt blocked, and punter Chad Romano was tackled for a loss one time.

"We botched a few things in our punting game," Snyder said. "We have never been that way before, and we will never be that way again. We are probably inviting people to block punts now."

Baylor tailback Anthony Overstreet was arrested Monday on a charge of assaulting his ex-girlfriend. Police in Waco, Texas, arrested Overstreet at 4 a.m. at an apartment complex. Kimberly Morris, who said she is Overstreet's ex-girlfriend, filed the charge.

Overstreet, a 6-foot-2, 215-pound junior, has rushed for 49 yards on 11 attempts this year.

Big 12 Notebook compiled by staff reporter Jay Saunders.

# Evans climbs NU ladder

The true freshman shows maturity beyond his years, coach says.

By **TREVOR PARKS**  
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DeAngelo Evans heard the boos Saturday.

And he liked it.

The true freshman I-back from Wichita, Kan., returned to his home state and ran all over Kansas State for a career-best 168 yards and two touchdowns on 21 rushing attempts, show-

ing Wildcat fans what they were missing.

His 69-yard touchdown run on the third play of third quarter extended the Husker lead 24-3 and took any remaining suspense out of the game.

"I ran harder when they booed me," Evans said. "Somebody was joking on the sidelines, and said when we go back to Lincoln, we are going to have our fans boo me."

Saturday against Baylor, Evans may be inserted into the starting lineup for the first time in his career. With injuries limiting Ahman Green and Damon Benning, Evans is next in line

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# NU considers Akron

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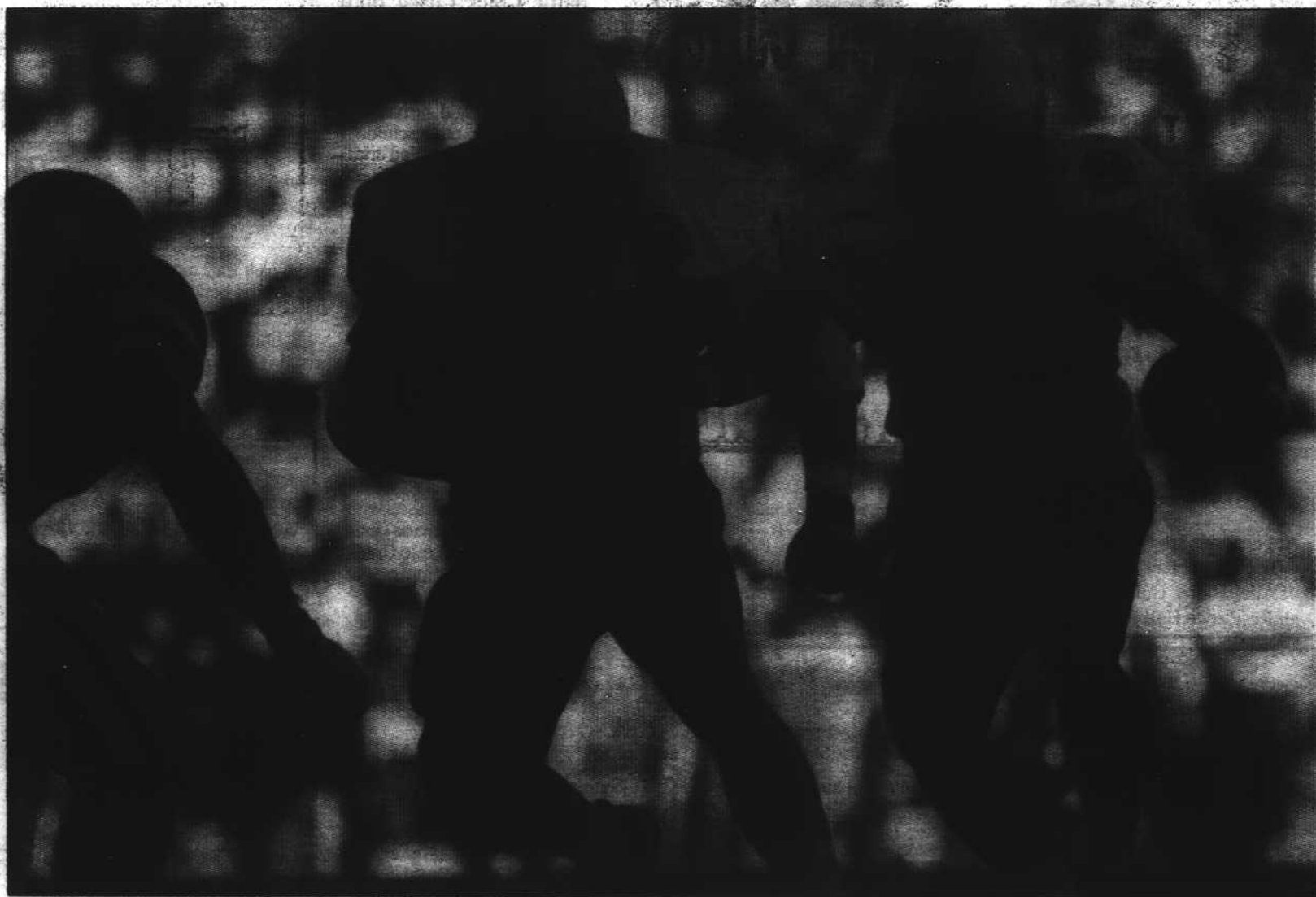
The Nebraska football team is currently negotiating a home game with Akron to fill the final spot on the 1997 Cornhusker schedule, NU Director of Football Operations Steve Pederson said Monday.

The Zips do not play Aug. 31 or Sept. 6 — two dates available for the Huskers to schedule their 11th

game of the regular season.

Nebraska recently added a Sept. 13 game against Central Florida at Memorial Stadium, but NU is still without a full slate after Northern Illinois and Arkansas State backed out of contracts. The Huskers will play at Washington on Sept. 20.

Akron's lone win this season came against Western Michigan. Akron, of the Mid-American Conference, has lost to Toledo, Illinois, Virginia Tech, Ohio and Kent.



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DEANGELO EVANS follows the block of NU fullback Brian Schuster Saturday during the 39-3 Husker win over Kansas State.

# ISU goes for three straight

Troy Davis carries a heavy load for the improving Cyclones.

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For many college football teams, a three-game winning streak is routine as paying taxes. Evidently, Iowa State is tax exempt.

The Cyclones (2-2) have not won three straight games since 1989.

The Cyclones had a bye last week Davis after consecutive wins over Missouri and Northern Iowa. Saturday

in Ames, Iowa State will play host to underachieving Texas A&M.

Coach Dan McCarney is midway through his second season at the helm in Ames. Last year, the Cyclones were 3-8 in McCarney's first year after an 0-10-1 season in 1994 under Jim Walden.

McCarney, formerly an assistant at Iowa, said the team made valuable use of its week off.

"Check with me at 11:30 on Saturday," he said, "and I'll tell you if the bye was good for us. We had a good open week. We just rehashed and re-evaluated our first four games. The kids are ready."

"We're going to have our hands full this weekend. We have tremendous respect for Texas A&M."

Since taking the coaching job with the Cyclones, McCarney and his staff have placed a heavy emphasis on recruiting and playing with intensity.

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# Dave Volk commits to play for NU

By **DAVID WILSON**  
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The Nebraska football team received its ninth verbal commitment Monday night from Dave Volk, an offensive lineman from Battle Creek.

Volk said he was offered a scholarship Monday morning by Cornhusker Coach Tom Osborne, but Volk did not accept it until Osborne called back about 10 p.m.

"I told him I wanted to talk to my parents first," Volk said, "but I pretty much had my mind made up since I was a sixth-grader."

"If you live in Nebraska, I don't know how you can not want to play for the Huskers."

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BIG 12 CONFERENCE			
North Division			
Kansas	1	0	3
Iowa St.	1	0	2
Missouri	0	2	2
South Division			
Texas Tech	2	1	3
Texas A&M	0	1	2
Oklahoma St.	0	2	3