

Sports Opinion



Antone Oseka Hanspard has little advice to give Davis

LUBBOCK, Texas — Take notes, Troy Davis.

Fellow Big 12 tailback and Heisman Trophy candidate Byron Hanspard wishes he had more advice to give Davis after facing the Nebraska defense Saturday.

Hanspard, averaging 217.7 yards per game before Saturday, was held to 107 yards rushing on 31 attempts with two fumbles and no touchdowns.

Hanspard feels like those two fumbles cost Texas Tech the football game. Quarterback Zebbie Lethridge blamed the entire team.

"Byron did not lose this game for us," Lethridge said.

He didn't help it that much, either.

His first fumble of the day, on the first play from scrimmage, found the hands of Nebraska's Terrell Farley, and then 21 yards later, the end zone to put Nebraska up 7-0 only seven seconds into the game.

Then, on Tech's first drive of the second half, Hanspard coughed up the football again. The score was tied at 10, third down and 1 on the Tech 42 — right when a Heisman candidate needs to step up. Everyone in the stadium, including the Blackshirts, knew Hanspard was getting the ball.

Seven plays later, Nebraska quarterback Scott Frost scored on an option keeper from three yards over the right side, giving the Huskers a 17-10 lead and the ballgame.

Are you listening, Troy?

For the fourth-straight game, Nebraska didn't give up an offensive touchdown.

"I'm not even worried about the Heisman," Hanspard said.

He might not be, but Texas Tech sure is.

Friday night, the seats on the west side of Jones Stadium read "4 HEISMAN TT" meaning Hanspard, No. 4, was the front-runner for the trophy.

With another 200-yard day against NU, the Heisman was Hanspard's.

"Hanspard has had 200 yards a game several times," Farley said. "We don't want to give him the Heisman."

And on Nov. 16 in Ames, Iowa, Nebraska will not want to give Davis the galloping ghost, either.

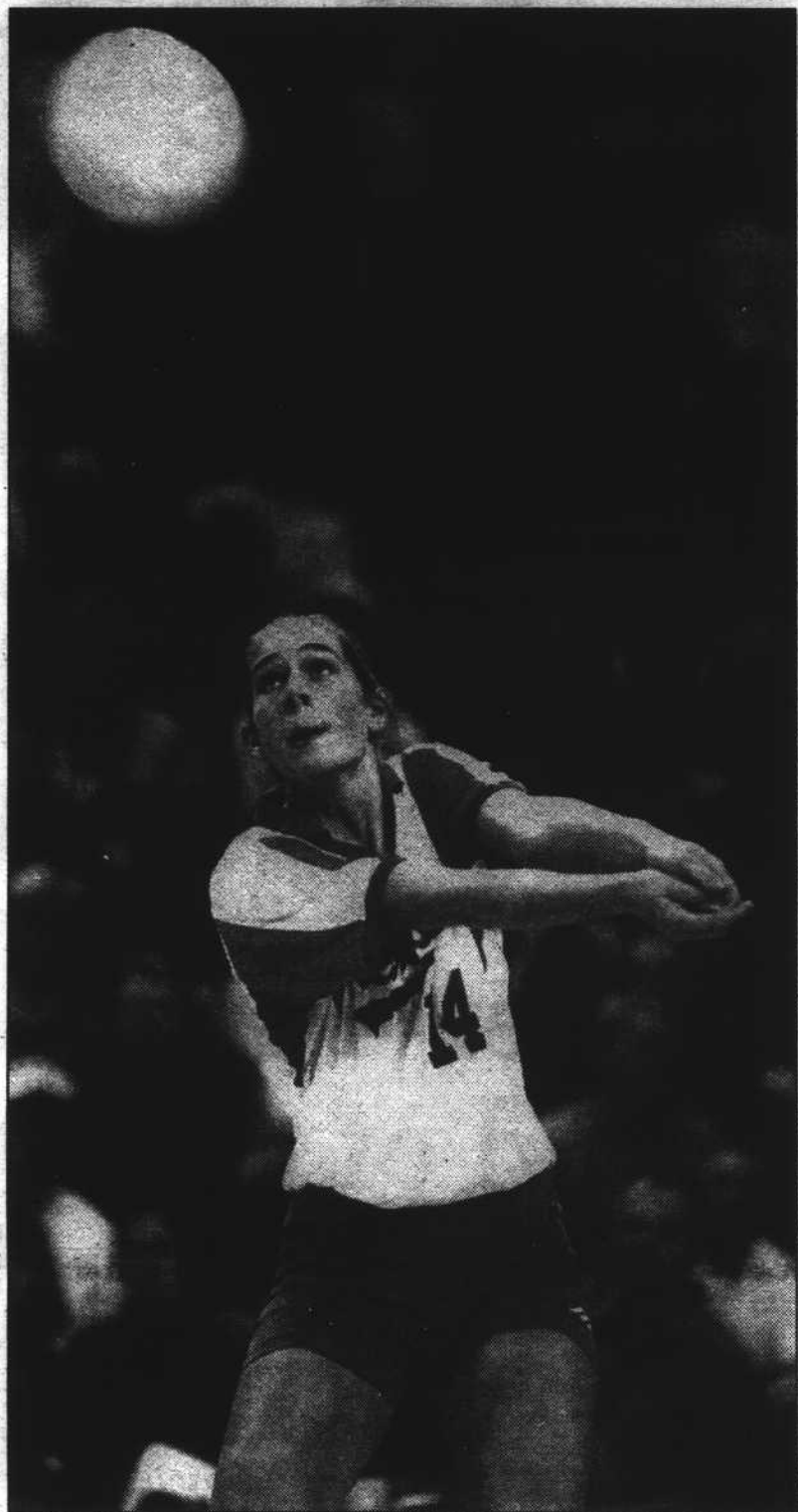
"I don't feel like I did my best," Hanspard said.

Davis knows what that feels like. In last season's 73-14 Nebraska win, Davis was outrushed by Nebraska freshman Ahman Green.

So Troy, get the game film. Call Byron for some insight on the Husker weaknesses.

But don't be surprised if he hangs up on you.

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JAIME KRONDAK receives a serve Friday night at the NU Coliseum in Nebraska's four-game win over Texas A&M.

NU swimmers perform well in first meet

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska swimming and diving team opened its season successfully Friday and Saturday at the Big 12 Invitational in St. Louis.

The Cornhusker women won the six-team invitational with 51 points in Friday's relay events. NU edged Texas, which finished with 50 points, and Kansas, which scored 49 points. Nebraska swimmers posted wins in the 400-yard medley relay, 200-yard freestyle relay and 200-yard medley relay.

The Nebraska men finished third to Texas and Texas A&M. Dan Bergman and Bert Locklin took first place in the diving event.

On Saturday, All-American Juan Benavides won the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events and freshmen Adam Pine (100-yard butterfly) and Carlos Asarta (200-yard breaststroke) also won.

Christine Troy, Janet Danburg and Sasha Van Hamburg swept the 200-yard backstroke. All-American Julia Russell finished second in two events — the 200-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard individual medley — and third in the 100-yard butterfly.

Jones, Smoltz power Braves to Game 1 win

NEW YORK (AP) — The Atlanta Braves showed the New York Yankees that what they saw on television was no fluke.

Nineteen-year-old Andruw Jones homered twice and drove in five runs as John Smoltz and the Braves sent the Yankees to their worst World Series loss ever, 12-1 Sunday night in Game 1 at Yankee Stadium.

The Braves brutalized New York the same way they humbled St. Louis in winning the National League Championship Series. The Yankees had a week off to watch Atlanta outscore the Cardinals 32-1 in the last three games.

"The last time I saw pitching like that was when I watched them play the Cardinals," New York Manager Joe Torre said.

And now New York knows that the defending champions are just as potent in person — despite a one-day rain delay, a three-hour traffic jam and jeering Yankee fans.

Jones smashed a two-run homer off Andy Pettitte in the second inning, then lined a three-run shot off Brian Boehringer in the third inning that made the score 8-0. By then, Yankee fans, who had waited 15 years for the Series, were already

Huskers grab Big 12 lead with 2 wins

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Texas A&M	8	15	7	9
Nebraska	15	13	15	15

Texas	15	5	10
Nebraska	17	15	15

The Nebraska volleyball team tripped coming out of the starting blocks against Texas at the NU Coliseum Saturday night.

But junior All-American Lisa Reitsma took control in the middle of the first game and steadied the No. 6 Cornhuskers, leading NU to a 17-15, 15-5, 15-10 sweep of the Longhorns before a sell-out crowd of 4,116.

The Huskers (16-2 overall and 8-0 in the Big 12) relied on the strong left arm of Reitsma, who recorded 12 of her match-high 24 kills in the crucial game one.

Texas, which lost to Nebraska in the national championship match last December, fell to 12-4 and 6-2 this season.

"Every match we've had this season that's been close or tough," NU Coach Terry Pettit said. "Lisa Reitsma has shown up."

By comparison, Texas' second-team All-American, Demetria Sance — who leads the Longhorns in almost every statistical category — appeared to be missing in action. The Husker defense held the 6-foot outside hitter, who has been averaging 4.6 kills per game while hitting .306, to 10 kills on .098 hitting for the match.

"Demetria saw some good blocks from a great defense," UT Coach Mick Haley said. "However, she made some choices that she may want to reconsider."

"Nebraska won, but we didn't lose this match," Haley said. "They earned this. They are way ahead of us defen-

sively." Pettit agreed that defense was the key for the Huskers, who recorded 64 digs to the Longhorns' 44. NU also dominated Texas at the net, posting 32 blocks to UT's 22.

NU fell behind the Longhorns 7-1 at the start of game one, but senior Kate Crnich — who had 10 kills in the first game — and Reitsma led the way at the net as the Huskers went on a 6-0 run to even the score. The two teams battled to a 15-15 tie, matching each other point for point.

Texas lost its opportunity to take the lead when a kill by Reitsma gave NU a sideout. With Megan Korver serving, Crnich pounded her ninth kill of the game to bring the Huskers to game point.

Texas caught a break when Korver's next serve went long, but NU regained control on Crnich's 10th kill of the game. Freshman Tonia Tauke and Reitsma ended the game with a block of Sance.

"The first game was more critical for them than us," Pettit said. "When you're on the road, if you get in there and win that first game, it's easier to be comfortable."

Haley agreed. "Game one was key to the match," Haley said. "We were pushed to five games last night against Colorado, and we really needed something to drive

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NU runners place first, second again

From Staff Reports

For the third-consecutive meet, Nebraska cross country runners Cleophas Boor and Jonah Kiptarus finished in first and second place.

The only difference this time was that Boor finished first instead of Kiptarus, who had won the two previous meets. Their strong finishes helped NU to a sixth-place finish among 32 teams Saturday at the Pre-NCAA Invite in Tucson, Ariz.

"Our men ran a real great race today," Nebraska Coach Jay Dirksen said.

Stanford won the men's title, followed by Colorado, Portland, Northern Arizona and Wisconsin.

The Cornhusker women placed 11th out of 30 teams. Senior Christina Blackmer was 32nd and junior Nora Shepherd placed 59th. Villanova won the women's championship.

Dirksen said he was pleased with the results of the meet, which was held at the same course on which the NCAA Championships will be run Nov. 25.

"This was a good step towards the championship portion of our season," Dirksen said, "for both the men and the women."



silent and leaving the stadium.

Game 2 will be played Monday night in New York. Greg Maddux, moved up a day because of the rain, will start for Atlanta against Jimmy Key.

Jones, who began the season as a member of the Class A Durham Bulls, became the youngest player to homer in the Series. He was a year younger than Mickey Mantle, who would have turned 65 on Sunday.

Smoltz, meanwhile, was holding the Yankees hitless until Wade Boggs' RBI double with two outs in the fifth.

Smoltz improved to 4-0 in the postseason this year and 9-1 overall in 17 career starts in the postseason.

The Yankees had played 186 previous games in World Series, the most in history, but had never lost by more than eight runs. Certainly it never happened like this in the days of Joe DiMaggio, who threw out the ceremonial first ball. Helped by the Hall of Famer, the Yankees have won a record 22 championships.