

Big 12 Notebook

With a 40-yard rushing day against Kansas State on Saturday, Iowa State junior tailback Troy Davis will become the first-ever college player to record consecutive 2,000-yard rushing seasons. However, Davis will not be the Big 12 Conference's only 2,000-yard back. Texas Tech senior Byron Hanspard reached 2,000 with a 257-yard performance last Saturday in a 56-21 Tech win over Southwest Louisiana.

Hanspard became the sixth player in history to reach the 2,000-yard plateau. "It speaks well for Byron and for the whole offense," Texas Tech Coach Spike Dykes said. "It is one of those feats that is truly outstanding. I am tickled to death."

Hanspard's performance against the Ragin' Cajuns earned him Big 12 offensive-player-of-the-week honors. The senior from DeSoto, Texas, rushed the ball 37 times for four touchdowns, which tied a personal best.

The Big 12 defensive player of the week is Colorado nose tackle Ryan Olson. The junior had eight tackles, including six solo stops, and two sacks. Olson also had a pass deflection in the Buffaloes' 12-0 win over Kansas State.

The Big 12 men's basketball season begins Wednesday night when St. Mary's (Calif.) visits Oklahoma State. On Friday, second-ranked Kansas plays at Santa Clara; Kansas State plays host to Missouri-Kansas City; Oklahoma State plays in the preseason National Invitation Tournament and Baylor plays in the Top of the World Classic in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Five other Big 12 Conference teams begin play Friday night, including Nebraska and 20th-ranked Texas, who will meet at 7 p.m. in Austin, Texas, in a nonconference battle.

With coaches leaving schools all over the country, the rumor mill has been firing up — even in the Big 12. Kansas State Coach Bill Snyder has been mentioned as a possible replacement for Lou Tepper at Illinois. Snyder said he has not talked to Illinois about its job opening.

Kansas Coach Glen Mason, who left KU for Georgia last season only to return a few days later, said rumors hurt coaches and players trying to make progress at their schools. "I have been in that arena ever since I came to KU," Mason said. "It doesn't help you do your business."

Colorado Coach Rick Neuheisel was born in Arizona and spent seven years as an assistant coach at UCLA. That did not prepare him for last Saturday's game in Boulder against Kansas State. High winds and a frozen field sent the Arizona native California dreaming. "Having spent most of my life in warm weather, I know what they mean now by frozen tundra," Neuheisel said.

Big 12 Notebook compiled by staff reporter Jay Saunders.



SCOTT BRUHN/DN

ERICA DE VITIS tackles Minnesota's Kelly Shea during Nebraska's 3-2 sudden-death overtime victory Sunday at the Abbott Sports Complex.

Huskers make history

Sunday's game came within two minutes of record.

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Kari Uppinghouse's second goal Sunday afternoon was nothing special to her. But the junior's game-winner against Minnesota made a lasting impression on the third-year Nebraska soccer program.

Uppinghouse's goal with less than two minutes remaining in the second half of sudden-death overtime clinched fifth-ranked NU's first-ever NCAA Tournament victory, a 3-2 win over Minnesota.

Nebraska advanced to the round of 16 and will play host to Duke Sunday at 1 p.m. If the Huskers win Sunday, they will play either Vanderbilt or Portland, the top seed in the West Region, for a berth in the Final Four.

"When I have my back to the goal," said Uppinghouse, a 5-foot-11 Cornhusker co-captain. "I just try to swing my legs around one way. That's basically it. It's nothing too special. It works sometimes, I guess."

Once she swung her legs around, Uppinghouse booted a kick past Gopher goalkeeper Teresa O'Hearn and off the far post, putting an end



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JENNY BENSON, who scored NU's second goal Sunday, battles Minnesota's Megan Johnson for a loose ball.

to the 148-minute, 43-second marathon, the third-longest soccer game in NCAA history.

"Right when I kicked it, I saw that it was in pretty good position to go in," Uppinghouse said. "Up until I kicked it, I didn't know."

Another 1:17 and the game would have been decided by penalty kicks. Only twice in NCAA history have soccer games been decided by penalty kicks after four 15-minute overtime periods.

Uppinghouse was a part of one of those games.

In the 1993 NCAA Tournament semifinals, George Mason and Stanford battled to a 1-1 tie after 150 minutes. Uppinghouse started as a freshman that season for George Mason, which won the game on a penalty kick.

Last year, North Carolina State defeated Clemson in the

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ISABELLE MORNEAU scored 16 goals this season, tying Lindsay Eddleman for NU's second-highest total.

Holtz leaves Irish

Notre Dame coach to announce today that his 11th season is his last in South Bend.

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP)—Notre Dame Football Coach Lou Holtz will announce today that he is leaving college football's most glamorous coaching position.

Holtz met Monday with Notre Dame Athletic Director Mike Wadsworth and the Rev. William Beauchamp, the university's executive vice president.



Holtz

"They have reached a decision and it will be announced at 1 p.m. (today)," school spokesman John Heislter said.

The resignation, which takes effect after the season, ends nearly a week of speculation that Holtz's 11th season will be his last.

And Holtz did nothing to deny it, at one point saying Sunday, "We can talk about this forever, but there isn't much I'm going to say."

Holtz will officially announce his decision today during his weekly press conference. His future plans are not immediately known, nor is it clear when his successor will be named.

Among the top contenders to replace Holtz are Northwestern's Gary Barnett and Irish Defensive Coordinator Bob Davie.

"I don't think you ever say never," Barnett said.

Others mentioned include LSU's Gerry DiNardo, former UCLA Coach Terry Donahue and Wisconsin's Barry Alvarez.

The 10th-ranked Irish (7-2) have two games remaining — at home against Rutgers on Saturday and at Southern California Nov. 30. A bowl game, probably the Orange or Fiesta, will end Holtz's career at Notre Dame.

Holtz is 99-29-2 at Notre Dame — six wins shy of tying Knute Rockne's Irish all-time victory record — and 215-94-7 overall.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported Monday that Notre Dame officials want Barnett to succeed Holtz and have agreed to talk with the Northwestern coach.

After last Saturday's 60-6 rout of Pittsburgh, Holtz said he wants the program to have a solid foundation when he leaves.

"Can we beat anybody in the country today?" he said. "Yeah, I think we're capable."

Meanwhile, Holtz, 59, may be interested in returning to the National Football League, specifically the Minnesota Vikings. Holtz coached the New York Jets in 1976 and has also coached collegiately at Minnesota, Arkansas, North Carolina State and William & Mary.

Vikings President Roger Headrick said his team has had no official contact with Holtz.

"I don't know anything about some of our board members," Headrick said, "but they aren't representing the team in that capacity. I've had no discussions. It's all news to me."