

## Two commit to NU; status is unknown on Davis

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While the Nebraska football team added two names to its list of verbal commitments last weekend, the status of a commitment received last summer became a little fuzzy.

It is unknown if Josh Davis, a running back from Loveland, Colo., who was arrested on criminal charges last week, will sign a letter of intent Wednesday, the first day high school athletes can sign.

A high school All-American, Davis was charged with second-degree burglary Jan. 21, for allegedly stealing a Sony PlayStation from a Loveland home, a Loveland police department spokesman said Sunday. Davis was also charged with providing false information to a pawnbroker.

Davis could face a minimum of five years in prison and/or \$4,000 in fines if convicted on both charges. Attempts to reach Davis were unsuccessful Sunday, and Nebraska coaches generally cannot discuss the status of a recruit until the athlete signs a letter of intent.

In other recruiting news, both Jon Dawson, a 6-foot-4, 290-pound lineman from Cheyenne, Wyo., and Toniulevaiavea "Toni" Fonoti, from Hauula, Hawaii, have given the Cornhuskers verbal commitments.

Fonoti, a 6-4, 300-pound offensive lineman, plans to join friend and neighbor Tamotu "Junior" Tagoai, who committed to Nebraska last week, in Lincoln next fall.

But Fonoti said Tagoai's decision didn't influence his commitment.

The neighbors, who attend different high schools, went head-to-head in the

state championship last season, as Tagoai's St. Louis High School handed Kahuku High School its only loss.

Fonoti, who also considered Kentucky and Arizona, said he felt Nebraska just had more to offer.

"I looked at the different schools, and I thought about the way the Nebraska coaches were and I thought about their program - it was just different than the other schools," Fonoti said. "The tradition made a difference."

Fonoti said he hopes to make an impact as a true freshman, and after two years, he may leave on a church mission.

For now, though, he's just glad to have his decision out of the way.

"Recruiting magazines were calling, and the schools were calling and the coaches were calling non-stop," said Fonoti, who will be in an ankle cast for another four to five weeks with an injury suffered playing basketball. "I'm happy it's finally over. I'll probably be more happy when I sign."

At least 20 high school athletes have given Nebraska verbal commitments. That number does not include receiver Larry Henderson, a junior college transfer who enrolled in classes this semester.

## Snyder seals NU's upset win

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Before Nebraska's wrestling dual with Iowa State, redshirt freshman Bryan Snyder took matters into his own hands and gave the NU grapplers a pep talk.

That's something not out of the ordinary for a senior to do. But for a first-year competitor, it was a bold move.

And it was one that worked.

Snyder's words to the team spoke just as loud as his actions Sunday after his 3-2 win over fifth-year senior David Maldonado at 157 pounds. Snyder's decision secured a come-from-behind 19-18 Nebraska victory over Iowa State at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

"Unfortunately for him, Snyder's got the saddle on right now," NU Coach Tim Neumann said. "We're riding him a little bit. We're riding his leadership. We're riding his mental toughness."

"Today, he put the team on his back and said, 'Ride me.'"

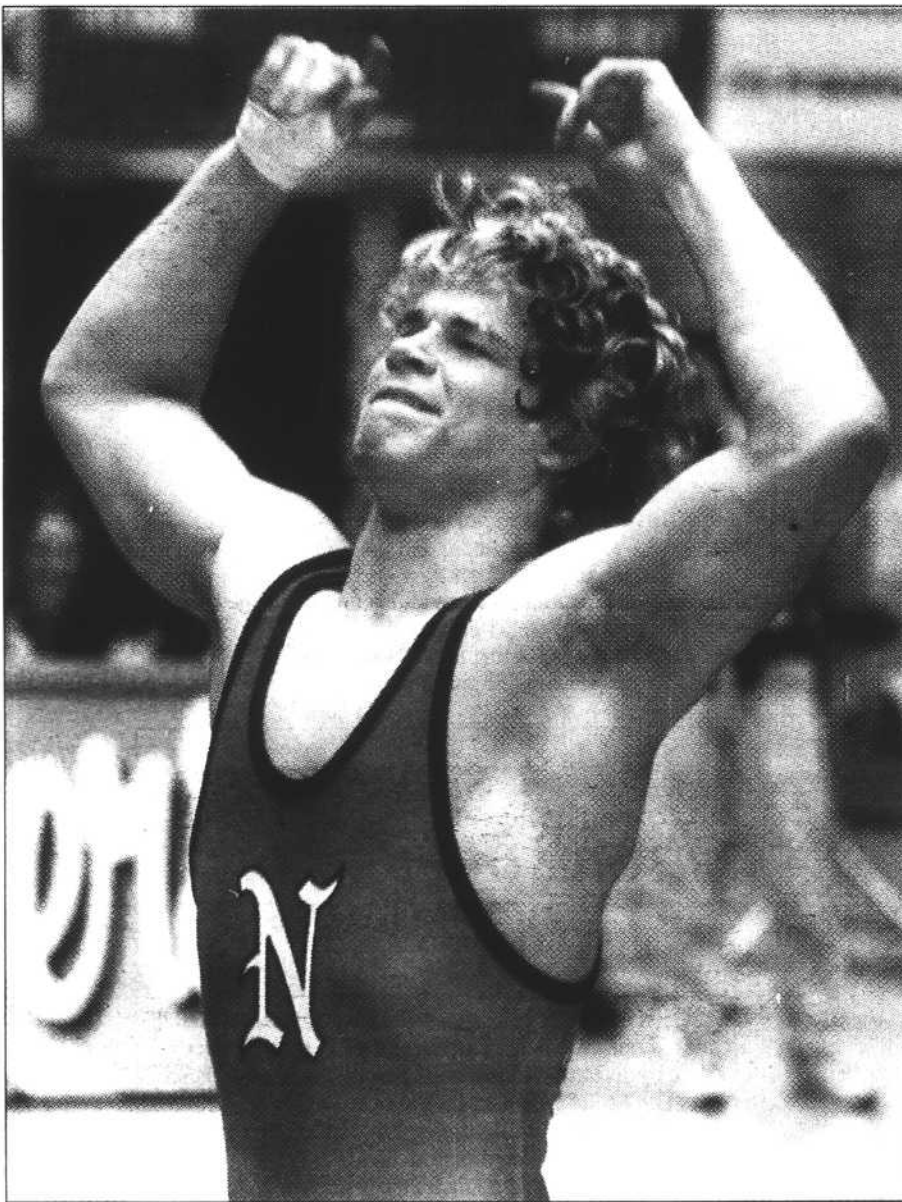
But Snyder wasn't the only redshirt freshman the No. 7 Huskers had to depend on against the fourth-ranked Cyclones. At 149 pounds, No. 14 Joe Henson scored a big upset over ISU's fifth-ranked Cole Sanderson, putting NU down by two points heading into the final match.

Henson dominated the match from early on, earning a takedown and a near-fall in the first period. The final period escalated Henson's lead to 7-2 at the one minute, one second mark. Sanderson responded with an escape and a takedown, closing the gap to 7-5. Earning a large 2:31 riding time advantage, Henson got the win 8-5.

"A 4-1 lead after the first period against a guy like Sanderson is nowhere safe," Henson said. "I knew I had to keep attacking and wrestling offensively. I couldn't just try to hold out the rest of the match."

Henson's victory put the outcome of the dual on Snyder's shoulders. Even though Snyder had to face an All-American, Henson was confident Snyder could carry the team on his back.

"I wouldn't have wanted anyone else out



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**REDSHIRT FRESHMAN Bryan Snyder celebrates beating fifth-year senior David Maldonado of ISU in the 157-pound weight division.**

there," Henson said. "Snyder works so hard. He's good mentally. I knew he could handle it and come out with a win."

In front of a boisterous crowd on its feet, Snyder stepped onto the mat. His confidence was visible.

Snyder got the match going quickly, earn-

ing a take down in 50 seconds. Maldonado escaped from Snyder's control, and closed the first period with a 2-1 score in Snyder's favor.

Both wrestlers earned an escape in the

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## Elway, Broncos blow by Falcons in Super Bowl

■ The veteran Denver quarterback earns the MVP award in what might have been his final game.

MIAMI (AP) - What a perfect way for John Elway to say goodbye.

The man who spent his first 14 NFL seasons without a Super Bowl ring got his second straight Sunday, weaving his magic for what could be the final time and gaining revenge on former coach and adversary Dan Reeves and his upstart Atlanta Falcons.

The final score was 34-19 over an Atlanta team that was its own worst enemy as the 38-year-old Elway, who was the unanimous choice for MVP, completed 18 of 29 passes for 336 yards and one touchdown and ran 3 yards for another score. The total yardage was third best in Super Bowl history.

Elway refused to say whether he would retire or come back for a chance to win a third straight Super Bowl.

"I'm going to take some time, relish this year," he said. "You got to love those challenges. We got the team; we got the nucleus here to do it. It definitely throws a kink into my thinking."

In addition to the Falcons, who did everything they could to self-destruct on offense, Elway's accomplices were:

■ Darrien Gordon, who intercepted two passes that set up two scores and set a Super Bowl record with 108 yards in interception returns.

■ Fullback Howard Griffith, who had two 1-yard TD runs.

■ Terrell Davis, the league MVP, who carried 25 times for 102 yards for his seventh consecutive postseason 100-yard game, breaking an NFL record set by John Riggins.

■ Wide receiver Rod Smith, who caught five passes for 152 yards and an 80-yard touchdown.

All that helped Denver become the first team to win two straight Super Bowls since Dallas did it in 1993 and 1994 and the first AFC team to win two straight since Pittsburgh won in the 1979 and 1980.

But for all the Broncos did, the game turned on what the Falcons didn't do - getting only 6 points on their first six forays into Denver territory. Their first TD came on rookie Tim Dwight's 94-yard kickoff return with 11 minutes left in the game.

On the others, Jamal Anderson was dumped for a 2-yard loss on fourth and 1 from the Broncos 26, Morten Andersen missed a 28-yard field goal, and Chris Chandler threw an interception to Gordon.

## ISU's slow-down tempo ends Nebraska's five-game win streak

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AMES, Iowa - All good things must come to an end. Like the Nebraska men's basketball team's high-flying, five-game winning streak.

It came to a screeching halt at Iowa State on Saturday night - literally.

ISU (13-8, 4-4 in the Big 12 Conference) used a sleepy but effective time-stalling, half-court offense and hung around long enough for a 52-47 win over NU (13-8, 5-3) in front of a Hilton Coliseum crowd of 12,107.

The Cyclones, unlike the Huskers' previous five opponents, slowed NU's lightning speed transition game and never let the Nebraska race to

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a huge lead.

Although he emerged from a locker room full of hanging heads, Head Coach Danny Nee casually strode to speak to reporters about Iowa State's execution.

"I thought the tempo of the game was more favorable to Iowa State," Nee said. "I think that's the way they wanted it. That's their style. That's their bag. That's how they do things, and they do it well."

The Cyclones prevented the Husker defense from turning the game into another wacky breakfest like the one that powered NU to an 84-69

whipping of No. 22 Kansas last Wednesday. ISU trailed only 23-22 at halftime.

"They came out with a lot of energy and slowed us down," NU guard Cookie Belcher said.

"We couldn't force turnovers and get fast breaks, and that's where we score most of our points - in transition."

ISU sophomore forward Marcus Fizer provided the feisty grit the Cyclones needed, gutting out a game-high 16-point, six-rebound performance.

His shot over NU guard Cary Cochran with just over one minute left in the game put ISU ahead for good 46-45.

ISU got the most important of its nine offensive rebounds with 59.8 seconds left, when sophomore center Martin Rancic rebounded the free throw Fizer missed after Fizer was fouled on his

lead-taking shot over Cochran.

Rancic was immediately fouled by Larry Florence, made both free throws to put ISU up 48-45, and allowed the Cyclones to control the game the rest of the way.

Florence had a chance to tie the game up on a three-pointer with 35 seconds left, but missed.

"The more they hung around, the more confidence they got," Belcher said of Iowa State. "They hit the big shots at the end, and we didn't."

Otherwise, the two teams were almost dead even in almost all aspects of the game, such as shooting percentage (NU's 44.4 percent to ISU's 43.2); rebounds (26-25); turnovers (11-11); assists (14-16); and steals (6-6).

At no time did either team hold a lead of more than 6 points.