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Thankless job for Henderson

LINCOLN, NEB. — At roughly 4:30 p.m. today, Iowa State's top running back will feel as if the Red Army has just used his body as an entrance ramp to Berlin.

Poor Joe Henderson.

Assuming he sticks it out for the full 60 minutes against second-ranked Nebraska, Henderson will exit Memorial Stadium with bumps and bruises on body parts he never knew existed. Health permitting, as strange as that sounds, he will be one sore Cyclone.

By the time dusk settles on Memorial Stadium, Henderson will have carried the football maybe 20 times against the No. 1 rushing defense in college football - which will be expecting him, porch light on.

In the lexicon of the prison yard, this is known as hard time.

Iowa State Coach Jim Walden says he wants the Cyclones - 49-point underdogs though they may be - to have fun at Nebraska. Unfortunately, much of the fun will come at Henderson's expense.

Against Oklahoma, in a 56-3 loss, the Cyclones passed but nine times. They should eclipse that total today, but not by Brigham Young propor-

Again, the primary goal will be to avoid a painful, lingering, humiliating death. Get it over with quickly.

Get on the field, keep the clock moving, get off in one piece, go home, make sure all vital organs and limbs are intact, breathe a sigh of relief.

All of which means Henderson is going to get the ball. Again and again, he's going to get it, if you catch my

AGAINST THE SOONERS, he got the ball 18 times for 43 of the toughest yards he'll ever earn. The Cornhuskers, with 76,000 red-shirted zanies surrounding them, should make life even tougher.

Against Missouri last week, the Huskers gave up just 75 yards, the fifth straight time they had kept the opponents under 100 rushing yards. Missouri had been averaging 301 yards a game on the ground.

"We always prefer to play against the run," Nebraska linebacker LeRoy Etienne said. "I don't think anybody can run on us, but it's more fun for us

to have someone try." Just what the Cyclones wanted to

"We didn't use any twisting or eyegouging to do it," end Broderick

Thomas added. How reassuring.

Last week against Colorado, Henderson carried the ball 23 times for 82 yards. He needs 162 yards to become the first Iowa State running back since Dwayne Crutchfield to gain 1,000 yards in a season.

Henderson is averaging 105 yards a game. He has accounted for 74 percent of ISU's rushing yardage. And he has done it with an offensive line that only recently was potty trained.

At left tackle is sophomore Dave Martin. At left guard is sophomore David Heyn. At right guard is junior Robinson signs rich NBA contract Trent Van Hoosen. At center is junior Rich Moore. At right tackle is freshman Gene Williams.

Judging by Henderson's success, there must be some talent here. Still, you won't find a senior in the bunch. Not a player who started one game the year before.

FOR THAT ALONE, Henderson merits Heisman Trophy consideration. For surviving Oklahoma and living to suit up against Nebraska, Henderson deserves at least a few

votes. "Never in the life of this conference," Walden has said, "has there been a guy doing more with less. He's got Big Eight offensive line numbers and he's sure not playing behind a Big

Eight offensive line." Consider the running backs who double as Heisman Trophy candidates. All - Gaston Green of UCLA, Craig Heyward of Pitt, Gordie Lockbaum of Holy Cross, Jamie Morris of Michigan, Emmitt Smith of Florida, Blair Thomas of Penn State, Thurman Thomas of Oklahoma State and Lorenzo White of Michigan State are playing with vastly superior teams.

Not Henderson. According to the computer rankings, the Cyclones are almost two touchdowns worse than

their opponents every week. White has gained 931 yards, but for Michigan State. Green has gained 921 yards, but for UCLA. Henderson has

gained 838 yards, but for Iowa State. Whose yardage, do you suppose,

came easier? And none of those Heisman hopefuls will face the one-sided odds Henderson tackles today when he lines up against Nebraska. As it has been for most of the season, it will be Hender-

son against the world. To his credit, the world doesn't

always win.

20 football teams battle in playoffs

Two '86 prep champs featured at UNI-Dome

By RANDY PETERSON Register Staff Writer

CEDAR FALLS, IA. - The two defending champions remaining in the state high school football playoff field will be under the same roof today when 20 teams play semifinals at various sites.

Cedar Falls, which won last year's Class 4-A state title, and Wapsie Valley of Fairbank, the Class 2-A champ, will be part of a semifinal-round triple-header in the UNI-Dome.

Cedar Falls meets West Des Moines Dowling at 7 p.m. for the right to advance to next Friday's championship against either Dubuque Wahlert or Bettendorf. Those teams will play in the other 4-A semifinal, this afternoon.

Top-ranked Wapsie Valley plays in the opener here this afternoon, a 1 p.m. encounter against West Liberty (9-1) for the right to meet either Emmetsburg or Shenandoah in next weekend's championship.

Sandwiched between the games involving the most recent champions is the 3-A contest between Decorah and Fairfield that begins at 4 p.m. Decorah won a state championship in 1974; Fairfield is seeking its first title in 10 playoff appearances.

Today's round also includes three teams steeped in playoff tradition -Emmetsburg, Dowling and Harlan.

Emmetsburg, which won state championships in 1977 and 1979, is tied with Dowling for the most playoff appearances, 13, each under Coach Duane Twait.

The state championship trophy hasn't yet landed at Dowling; the Maroons have finished second four

Four coaches have led Dowling into playoffs: Current coach Don Mauro is in his third straight playoff; Bob Nizzi (five); Jim Williams (four);

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Playoff Pairings

TODAY'S SEMIFINALS CLASS 4-A

1:30 p.m. - Bettendorf (10-0) at Dubuque Wahlert (9-1)

7 p.m. - W.D.M. Dowling (9-1) vs. Cedar Falls (8-2) at UNI-Dome

CLASS 3-A

1:30 p.m. - Harlan (10-0) at Estherville (8-1) - Decorah (10-0) vs. Fairfield (9-1) at

UNI-Dome CLASS 2-A

1 p.m. - West Liberty (9-1) vs. Wapsie Valley (Fairbank) (10-0) at UNI-Dome 1:30 p.m. — Emmetsburg (8-2) vs. Shenandoah

(7-3) at Denison CLASS 1-A

1:30 p.m. - Irwin-Kirkman-Manilla (8-2) vs. Britt (10-0) at Pocahontas

- Center Point (9-1) at Grundy Center (9-1) CLASS A 1:30 p.m. - Schleswig (9-1) at Avo-Ha (Avoca)

Center David Robinson, the top pick

in the 1987 National Basketball Asso-

ciation draft, signed a contract Fri-

day with the San Antonio Spurs that

reportedly will pay him at least

was named College Basketball Play-

er of the Year as a senior at the Naval

Academy, said he wants to fulfill his

Wayne Witt, a spokesman for the

team, said details of the contract

would not be disclosed, but published

reports placed its value at amounts

ranging from \$24 million to \$30 mil-

"I have one of the best contracts,"

Robinson said. "As far as pay goes, I

guess there might be some people

around with more total money or

something like that, but I'm happy

two-year service commitment.

The 7-foot 1-inch Robinson, who

\$24 million over eight years.

- Clinton Mater Dei (8-2) at Garwin

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (AP) -

Robinson said money was not the only incentive to join the Spurs, who had their worst season last year with a 24-58 record.

Leaders of the pack

team titles. STORY: 2S.

By BUCK TURNBULL

LINCOLN, NEB. — For the second

time this season, Iowa State must go

out and play a football game today

that everyone knows is a total

A month ago, No. 1-ranked Oklaho-

ma overpowered the Cyclones in

Ames, 56-3. Now it's No. 2 Nebraska's

turn before the usual sellout crowd of

76,000 at home in Memorial Stadium,

win just about as handily as Oklaho-

ma did — they are 49-point favorites

- in their final game before the big

"They're too darn good for us,"

"Actually, all we're doing in the

Iowa State Coach Jim Walden said

Big Eight is treading water, waiting

Friday. "What else can you say?

for Nebraska and Oklahoma."

Huskers Rolling Along

showdown with the Sooners here

The Cornhuskers are expected to

Register Staff Writer

mismatch.

Nov. 21.

starting at 1:30 p.m.

Loras' Chris O'Donnell (left) and teammate Pat Tierney lead the field early in

the Iowa Conference men's cross-country meet Friday at Indianola. Tierney

won and O'Donnell was second, but Luther earned both men's and women's

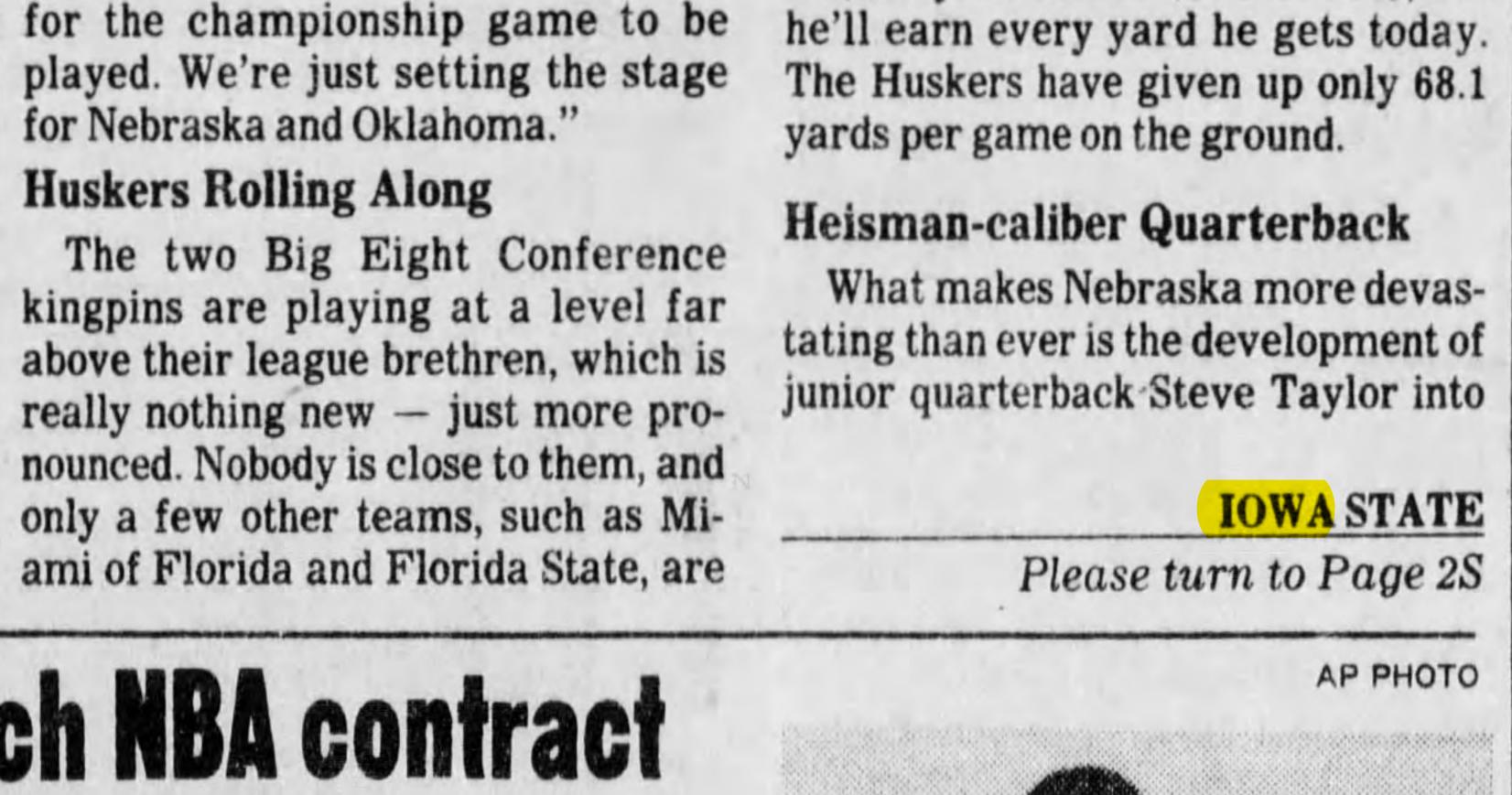
ISU enters lions' den

again; Huskers await

"There is no amount of money I would have signed for if I didn't think this team had a commitment to becoming better and to becoming a successful franchise," Robinson said. "Bringing me in ... wouldn't be enough to make a successful franchise, but there are some talented young players who are going to get a lot of experience in the next few

Robinson said he thought about his chances of signing with a high-profile team, such as the Los Angeles Lakers, but he said the Spurs reminded him of his underdog Navy team.

Robinson set 33 school records at Navy, including 2,669 points, 1,314 rebounds and 516 blocked shots.



even on the same competitive plane.

A victory today would mark the

19th straight year that Nebraska has

won at least nine games. And it would

The Huskers are rolling along with

an 8-0 mark, demolishing their first

four conference opponents by a com-

bined 187-12. Statistically, they are

similar to most of the teams in the

They rush the ball with a power-I

formation that is hard to stop, rank-

ing third nationally with 363.5 yards

per game, and their famed Blackshirt

defense stifles almost everything the

opposition tries to do. They lead the

Iowa State's Joe Henderson is the

Big Eight's No. 2 rusher, closing in on

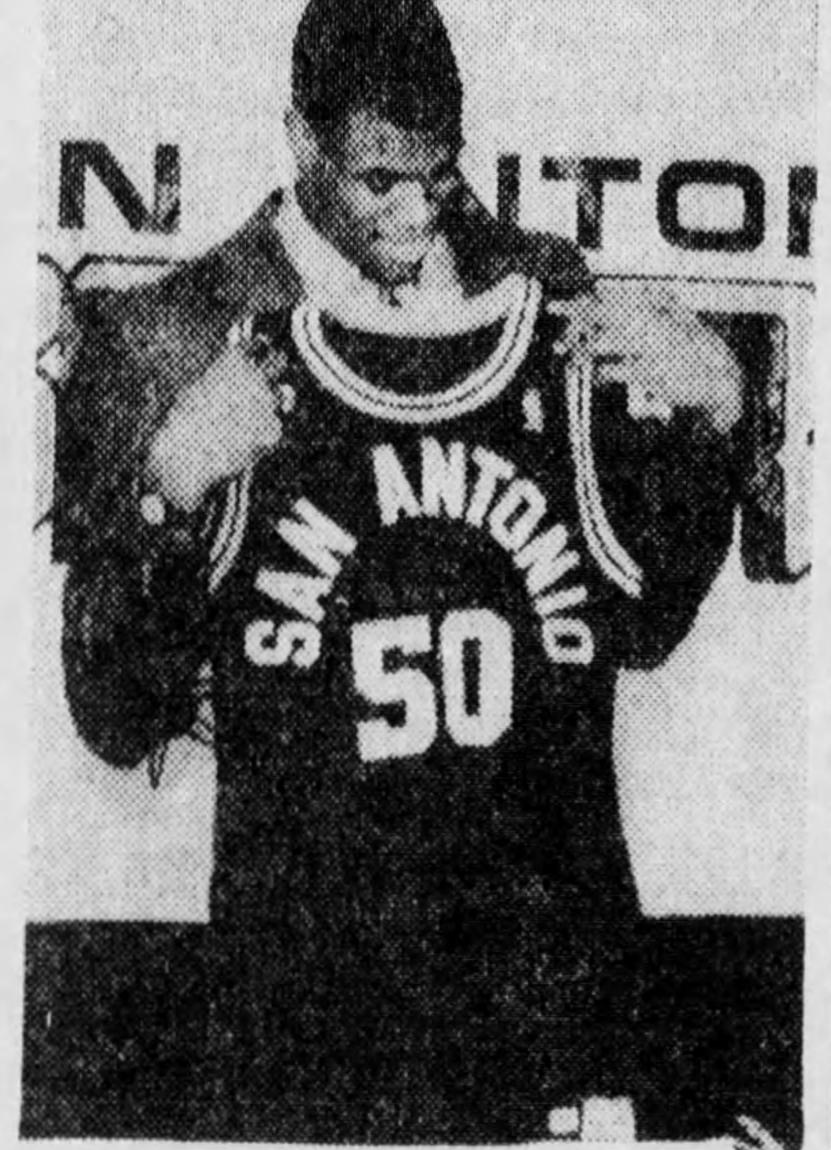
a 1,000-yard season (he's at 838), but

nation in rushing defense.

Osborne era.

give Coach Tom Osborne his 146th

career triumph, a Big Eight record.



Ens. David Robinson, who signed Friday with San Antonio, admires his new uniform, which he won't be able to wear for another two years.

lowa's Harmon the OK for today's contest

By TOM WITOSKY Register Staff Writer

University of Iowa running back Kevin Harmon will be allowed to play in today's game against Northwestern, but athletic department officials acknowledged Friday the senior's future at Iowa remains uncertain.

Iowa Athletic Director Bump Elliott said Friday the findings of a preliminary investigation into Harmon's alleged involvement with New York agent Norby Walters have been forwarded to the Big Ten Conference office and the NCAA for review.

HARMON

But Elliott said Big Ten and NCAA officials want more time to review the findings to determine if Harmo has broken any conference or association rules. As a result, both organizations have granted Harmon permission to play this afternoon.

In a statement, Elliott said Big Ten Commissioner Wayne Duke and NCAA officials in Mission, Kan., permitted Harmon to play.

Elliott's Statement

"At this time the commissioner has stated that Kevin Harmon can participate in the Northwestern football game unless other information comes to the attention of the commissioner," Elliott said in the statement.

"The legislative services division of the NCAA is in the process of reviewing the material sent by the faculty committee," the statement continued, "and indicated at this time that it would be unfair to the Big Ten, the university, and the student athlete to withhold him from the Northwestern game.

"Both agencies are still reviewing the material submitted by the ... faculty committee, and the committee will continue to seek any further information that will assist all parties in resolving this situation."

Earlier this week, an arbitration decision settling a contract dispute between Harmon's brother, Ronnie and sports agents Walters and Lloyd Bloom linked Harmon to Walters. According to the decision, written by former Iowa U.S. Senator John Culver, Kevin Harmon accepted \$350 and airplane tickets from World Sports Entertainment, Walters sports and entertainer agency.

If those allegations are accurate, it would appear Harmon violated NCAA rules banning student athletes from accepting money or anything else of value from an agent. If such a violation were to have occurred, school officials would have to declare Harmon ineligible.

Not "Cut and Dried"

But the school's delay in making a decision indicates the two-member investigating committee is not convinced Harmon has broken any rules. In an interview, Elliott said the case is not a cut-and-dried case of a stu-

dent athlete breaking an NCAA rule. He added that the committee has taken a positive attitude toward Harmon maintaining his eligibility.

Iowa Coach Hayden Fry and Mar-

tin Rauch, agent for Ronnie Harmon, both have defended Kevin Harmon, insisting the athlete had no direct contact with Walters and signed no agreements with the agent. Rauch said Kevin Harmon should

not be penalized, because he accepted airplane tickets only from his brother and from former Iowa defensive back Devon Mitchell, then a teammate. Tickets From Walters

Rauch said even though Walters, who was representing Mitchell and Ronnie Harmon at the time, had purchased the tickets, Kevin Harmon had nothing to do with the agent. Duke could not be reached for com-

ment, but Nancy Mitchell, a member of the NCAA's legislative service staff, said the school's request for a ruling from the conference and the association is not extraordinary. "We have a situation here that

apparently it is not clear immediately if a violation has been committed," Mitchell said. "As a result, we are reviewing the case to see what kind of determination should be made." Mitchell, who is not handling the

Harmon case, said she wouldn't know how long it would take before a decision is made.

Distracted lowa to go against Northwestern

By RON MALY

Register Staff Writer EVANSTON, ILL. There are plenty of people who feel sorry for undermanned Northwestern whenever it plays a football game. After all, the Wildcats are assured of having their 16th straight losing season. But Iowa Coach Hayden Fry said Friday it's his Hawkeyes he feels sorry for as they await today's game.

"I feel sorry for my team because of all the stuff we've had to go through this week on the Kevin Harmon situation," Fry commented.

It was ruled Friday that Harmon, a senior running back, will be able to play in today's 1:05 p.m. game against Northwestern. Iowa, with a 6-3 season record and a 3-2 Big Ten mark, is a 21-point favorite to whip the Wildcats (1-6-1 and 1-4) for the 14th straight time.

But the Harmon controversy has made much more news in Iowa this week than prepararations for today's

"All this stuff about us possibly

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USA Wrestling officials decide on new home today

By TOM WITOSKY Register Staff Writer

Officials for USA Wrestling will decide today whether to locate the headquarters for American international and Olympic wrestling in Des

Officials of the organization, now located in Stillwater, Okla., are considering moving to one of three cities - Des Moines, Indianapolis, or Colorado Springs, Colo.

Mike Chapman, communications director for the organization, said the decision should be made at a meeting today, ending a five-month search for a new permanent headquarters. The group decided earlier this year to find a more central and accessible city for its headquarters, which will have about 20 full-time employees and

provide about \$4 million worth of economic activity.

In late September, Des Moines and state officials courted a three-member search committee from USA Wrestling during two day of meetings and tours of available facilities.

At that time, Ben Bennett, chairman of the search committee and president of USA Wrestling, said all cities entering bids would be judged on the basis of accessibility, desirability, facilities, financial support and volunteer community support.

Drake University Athletic Director Curt Blake spearheaded the Des

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with the contract."

LIVING DOLL. Those of you who think Nebraska's Tom Osborne is a doll of a coach can prove it now. All you need to do is give Nona Albers of Omaha \$229 and you can have one of the limited edition of 500 Tom Osborne dolls. The hand-crafted porcelain doll stands 20 inches tall and comes with a red satin staff jacket, red slacks and a white sports shirt. Albers intends to give 6 percent of the sales to the University of Nebraska athletic department.

NIELSEN GIVEN TITLE. Lonnie Nielsen, formerly of Belle Plaine, Ia., was declared the winner of the \$100,000 Wiison-PGA Club Professional Classic when torrential rain forced cancellation of the final round Friday at JDM Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Niel-

sen, who collected \$10,000 for his victory, took the third-round lead Thursday with a 7-underpar 65 and 12-under 204 total.

GREEN FOR ORANGE. Like so many sports events, the Orange Bowl Classic has decided to share its name with a big-bucks corporate sponsor. Bowl officials voted this week to seek a minimum five-year contract. Unfortunately for the Orange Bowl, the natural sponsor is already taken: Sunkist Orange Juice already has betrothed itself to the Fiesta Bowl.

FEVER BREAKS. "Football fever" was high at Marshall University in Huntington, W. Va. The Thundering Herd is 6-3 and ranked No. 18 in NCAA Division I-AA, and plays at No.

2 Appalachian State today in a game billed all week as one of the biggest in Marshall history. So what more appropriate than a big-time nighttime pep rally Thursday? Hold the bonfires and don't bother shaking down the thunder: 20 people showed up - and the cheerleaders weren't there. "It hurts to see such a small turnout," former associate athletic director Ed Starling said Thursday night.

GETTING AROUND. Today should be a busy day for Luther College football coach Bob Naslund. His 7-1 Norsemen play Central at Decorah beginning at 1 p.m. in a game that will decide the Iowa Conference championship. Then, Naslund's son, Mike, will play for Decorah in a state high school football playoff

game against Fairfield at Cedar Falls starting at 4. Punt his son's game? No way: A group of Decorah High School boosters have chartered a plane for the coach so he can get to Cedar Falls after the Luther game and have arranged transportation to and from the airports.

SUN OF GOODWRENCH. The multimillion-dollar General Motors' solar-powered car Sunraycer glided into Adelaide, Australia, Friday to win the inaugural World Solar Challenge, with its nearest rivals more than 21/2 days away. Sunraycer was on the road for 42 hours and 50 minutes and covered the route at an average speed of 43.5 mph. In second place is Ford Motor Co.'s Model S, holding onto a 124mile lead over the Swiss entry, Spirit of Biel.