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# all-star team

posed to make something of yourself, remember? You were supposed to realize your potential. And look what happened.

Sure, you painted the rec room and you cut down on the saturated fats. But you never got around to reading all 983 volumes of "Remembrance of Things Past."

explored the Himalayas. And what about that pilot's license you always wanted to pursue?

No, you weren't an abject failure, but it could have been better, right? Well, all is not lost: There's still time to pick the basketball team of the decade for the Big Ten, Big Eight

On Tuesday the results will be

## advised to send cash — to this column.

have all the fun? The Big Eight and the Valley have produced just as

So after much painstaking research, excruciating soul-searching and copious coin-flipping, I've made my selections. Dissenters are advised to glare directly into a solar eclipse or send their arguments — along with \$100 in cash — to this column.

easiest. There aren't any heavy questions like: What do I do with a pair of immensely tall and talented sleepwalkers like Joe Barry Carroll and Benoit Benjamin?

have been a contest.

in Lawrence for five seasons.

day . . . so without further delay:

er, Iowa State; Tisdale; Steve Stipanovich, Missouri; Rolando Blackman, Kansas State.

Missouri; Mookie Blaylock, Oklahoma; Stacey King, Oklahoma; Mitch Richmond, Kansas State; Jon Sund-

mond, Blaylock and Grant might have gone up a notch had they not served time in junior college - espe-

cially the dazzling Richmond. As for Stipanovich, in his four seasons, the Tigers never finished lower than first in the league stand-

ings, and he was the primary reason. I know. I snubbed Jay Humphries of Colorado, one of the league's 12 first-round draft choices in the '80s.

Humphries, whom do you leave off? produce 1,000 points and 600 assists.

sixth-leading scorer? Can't do it. And what of the other no-shows? What of Oklahoma's Tim McCalister, who falls between Grayer and Stevens on the scoring list? What of Sooner teammates Chew Kennedy

and Anthony Bowie?



# Decade of the

In case you've been too busy to notice, this is the last year of the decade. Which means you'd better get cracking; there isn't much time left to salvage the '80s.

This was the decade you were sup-

You never hired a Sherpa and

and Missouri Valley conferences.

The Big Ten has been at the fore on this matter, enlisting the help of Midwestern writers and broadcasters. We voters have been instructed to pick three five-player teams, without regard to position, and a player of the decade.

unveiled. But why should the Big Ten

# Dissenters are their arguments along with \$100 in

many or more outstanding pros.

If the responses are interesting, insulting or embarrassing enough, I might include them in a later column. That's if I don't shred them into a million pieces.

Now, however, it's time to reveal This Column's Big Eight Team of the Decade: (Sunday is Big Ten day. Monday is Valley. Tuesday is grilled cheese sandwiches with Tater Tots.)

The Big Eight is first because it's

Danny Manning, without question, is the Big Eight Player of the Decade. Had Wayman Tisdale stayed at Oklahoma for his senior season, it might

Most important, his brilliance was enough to keep nomadic Larry Brown

Manning might even be the college player of the decade. If not Manning, whom? Ralph Sampson? Patrick Ewing? That's a question for another

First Team - Manning; Jeff Gray-

Second Team — Derrick Chievous, vold, Missouri.

Third team — Darnell Valentine, Kansas; Jeff Hornacek, Iowa State; Dave Hoppen, Nebraska; Harvey Grant, Oklahoma; Barry Stevens, owa State.

Now for some explanations. Rich-

That was tough, but if you take Hornacek was the second player (after Valentine) in league history to Stevens? Remove the league's

What of Ed Neely of K-State, Larry

Drew of Mizzou? What of all the other build on." worthy candidates?

Sorry.

# Hawks take heartache to unsympathetic Michigan

By RICK BROWN

Register Staff Writer

Many expected Michigan State to be the season's final appetizer for Iowa's basketball team, but the Spartans only brought indigestion.

Coach Jud Heathcote's team beat the 11th-ranked Hawkeyes, 83-81, Thursday night in Iowa City. Now comes Iowa's challenging main course, starting with today's game with 10th-ranked Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich. It will be followed by a game at No. 8 Illinois Wednesday and a home game against third-ranked Indiana March 11.

Michigan State had lost seven of its last eight games before Thursday. In its previous game the Spartans were embarrassed at home by Michigan, 79-52, scoring just 20 second-half points.

Kansas State

seems to hex

Hilton magic

ISU faces foe that has

By BUCK TURNBULL

Register Staff Writer

Eight teams.

Lon Kruger, that is.

won in Ames last 2 years

Iowa State's Hilton Coliseum in

Ames is an extremely tough place for

visitors to win - for everyone but

Kansas State's head basketball

coach has never lost to the Cyclones

there in five previous visits, three as

a player in 1972, '73 and '74 and the

He'll try to make that record 6-0

last two years as the Wildcat coach.

today when Kansas State and Iowa

State conclude the regular season.

With a victory, the Wildcats can

Since Hilton Coliseum opened in

the 1971-72 season, Kansas State has

won 11 of 17 games, best among Big

But despite his personal triumphs,

**IOWA STATE** 

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6.7 4.2

Sr. 16.1 7.1

Jr. 11.5 2.6

Jr. 17.7 2.8

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Jr. 8.4 2.1

Sr.

Kruger knows the Wildcats will be up

Probable Lineups

Time and place-3:05 p.m., Hilton Coli-

Television-WOI, Ames: KCRG, Cedar

Rapids; KJMH, Burlington; KTIV, Sioux City;

KANSAS STATE (8-5, 18-8)

No. Starter

F 34 Simmons

41 Dobbins

G 10 Humphrey

No. Starter

F 41 Baugh

G 22 Born

seum, Ames.

34 Mack

C 52 Alexander

4 Woods

KTTW, Sioux Falls, S.D.

IOWA STATE (6-7, 15-10)

Radio -- Cyclone network.

C 44 McCoy

G 12 Henson

clinch third place in the Big Eight.

"If you had been watching Michigan State all year like we had, you would have known that was an excellent team," Davis said. "The problem is that the league is so tough they've had trouble getting wins."

The Spartans played well, scoring off Iowa's full-court press and hitting countless second-half jumpers to keep the Hawkeyes at arm's length.

"They shot well, they outrebounded us and did all the things you have to do to win," Davis said. Iowa, the national leader in re-

bound margin, lost the rebounding battle, 33-28. The Spartans shot 61.4 percent from the field. Davis had to look no further than free throws to find another reason why his team fell to 21-7 overall and 9-6 in Big Ten

play. Iowa made just 18 of 33 attempts, a season-low 54.5 percent.

"Free throws can drive you crazy," Davis said. "They can be so easy, and yet so hard."

Both Ed Horton, who was 5-for-13 from the free-throw line, and B.J. Armstrong, the team's leader at 84.9 percent, missed the front ends of one-and-one opportunities in the final minute 25 seconds with Iowa trailing by a point.

"We'll have to be at our best if we're ever going to compete against the teams we have left," Armstrong

Michigan is on a mission. After a controversial 76-75 loss at Indiana Feb. 19, the Wolverines circled the last six regular-season games on their schedule and made it a goal to win them all.

"We're halfway there," said Michigan Coach Bill Frieder, whose team is 10-5 in Big Ten play and 22-6 overall. "We want to carry that momentum into the Iowa game."

The loss to Indiana left Frieder and his team in a fighting mood. The Hoosiers' Jay Edwards made a threepoint basket with zeroes on the clock, though the buzzer didn't sound until he released the shot.

"We don't like the fact that we lost to Indiana, and if we meet them in the NCAA tournament it won't happen again," Frieder said.

The angry Wolverines have taken a

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#### Probable Lineups

					A CONTRACTOR	
IOWA (9-6, 21-7)						
	No.	Starter	Ht.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.
F	25	Horton	6-8	Sr.	18.0	10.6
F	32	Thompson	6-5	Fr.	11.0	4.2
- 14		Jepsen	7-0	Jr.	4.3	5.3
G	23	Marble	6-6	Sr.	19.3	5.6

G	10	Armstrong	6-2	Sr.	18.2	2.4			
MICHIGAN (10-5, 22-6)									
	No.	Starter	Ht.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.			
F	52	Mills	6-10	Jr.	11.2	5.8			
F	41	Rice	6-7	Sr.	24.7	6.3			
C	35	Vaught	6-9	Jr.	13.6	8.0			
G	20	Griffin	6-9	Jr.	3.1	2.9			

6-2 Jr. 14.2 3.4 G 21 Robinson Time and place -- 12:08 p.m., Crisler Arena, Ann Arbor, Mich. Radio - WHO, Des Moines; WMT, KHAK,

Cedar Rapids. Television -- KDSM, Des Moines; KGAN, Cedar Rapids: KDUB, Dubuque: KIMT Mason City: KOIA, Ottumwa: WHBF, Rock Island, III.; KCAU, Sioux City.

#### TERRY FARRIS/The Register

Friday's races at Prairie Meadows were canceled because of bad weather, but there was still work to be clear away snow and ice around the track buildings.

done. Workers took advantage of the lull in activity to

# Safety first: Track cancels races

By DAN JOHNSON

Register Staff Writer Yet another first took place at Prairie Meadows Friday. The track had its first cancellation due to hazardous weather conditions.

The decision to call off the races was made at noon. five hours before post time. "Anytime this comes up, we're looking at safety issues — whether it's safe to ride and whether or not it's safe for our patrons to get here and to leave," General Manager Stan Bowker

The racing surface, which was raked throughout the night, was in excellent condition Friday afternoon, but track officials were concerned the strip would be unsafe by nightfall.

"The track was in great shape today," Bowker said. "It probably would have been OK to race on. However, with the report of a temperature drop tonight, that

would create even more ice on the streets than now. And I'm sure it would start cresting on the track. . . . If it were an afternoon card, with a 2 o'clock post time, we probably would have raced today."

Fans with tickets to Friday's program will be able to get refunds or exchanges, Bowker said.

The track has been hit by bad weather since it opened its training facilities Feb. 6. Bowker estimated that there were 3,000 to 3,500 no-shows Thursday because of the inclement conditions. However, he said the track is willing to accept the weather hazards in order to race in March.

"Anytime you race in March, you obviously take the TRACK

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# Ex-Drake star Lloyd ousted by CBA team

#### He played just more than a month in Cedar Rapids The Register's Iowa News Service

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA. - Just more than a month after gaining permission to compete in the Continental Basketball Association, forward Lewis

Lloyd has been released by the Cedar Silver Rapids Bullets. Lloyd, who was banished from the National Basketball Association

two years ago for cocaine use, first LEWIS applied to play in LLOYD the CBA in November but was rejected by the league's commissioner, Jay

Ramsdell. Ramsdell said at the time he was not convinced the former Drake University star had overcome his drug problems. Lloyd filed a lawsuit against Ramsdell, the Silver Bullets and the CBA in an attempt to gain admission

to the league. Ramsdell later reconsidered his decision, and Lloyd dropped the suit. Lloyd signed with Cedar Rapids as

a free agent on Jan. 27.

Cedar Rapids spokesman Greg Anderson said Lloyd's release had nothing to do with drugs.

Lloyd had averaged 18.8 points and 6.6 rebounds per game in 18 games with the Silver Bullets.

"This is a personnel decision made by our coaching staff and office which we felt was in the best interest of Cedar Rapids as a team," Cedar Rapids General Manager Kevin Krause said in a statement released by the team. "This decision was because Lewis did not, in the sole opinion of the club, perform in such a way as would merit his continuance as a member of this club."

### Sanders tells coach he's leaving Oklahoma State

ATLANTA, GA. (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders has told Oklahoma State Coach Pat Jones he plans to leave the school to join the NFL, The Atlanta Constitution and

The Atlanta Journal reported. Jones, however, denied the report Friday night.

"Yeah, that's right," Jones said. "But that's all I'm going to say about it. You asked, I answered. OK?"

Sanders has not made a formal announcement, but the running back declined to suit up Wednesday for the

first day of spring practice. Oklahoma State announced at the vent anyone from playing if a team time that Sanders would skip spring practice to consider his options, but

did not disclose that he had told Jones the same day of his decision.

"Yeah, that's right, too, but I'm not going to get into the details of what we discussed," Jones told the Atlanta newspapers.

Jones said whatever the papers

printed "is taken way out of context. I think I told the guy that yes, we had talked, but I didn't say anything I hadn't said before. I did not tell that guy the kid told me he's coming out. I did not tell that guy that." NFL rules prohibit teams from

drafting underclassmen, but legal ex-

perts maintain the league cannot pre-

wants him. Jones urged Sanders to choose a



**Barry Sanders** 

Reportedly headed for NFL reputable agent and offered to help with the process, the newspapers reported. Sanders, who could be among go up by 13 points in the third quarter. the top 10 picks in the draft, will begin to screen agents next week.

### Weather wrecks schedule; top Class 2-A team wins

By JOHN NAUGHTON

Register Staff Writer Mother Nature had a role in more boys' district final games than the

teams scheduled to play did. Only eight of 17 scheduled games were played and the other nine were postponed until today.

But the weather didn't seem to be a problem for Council Bluffs St. Albert. The top-ranked team in Class 2-A cruised to a 62-46 victory over Creston at Red Oak. It was the Falcons'

23rd straight victory. After trailing early in the contest, St. Albert jumped to a 29-22 halftime Creston rallied to within six at 41-35 before falling.

St. Albert's Trent Holmberg and Nate Schnitker each had 16, while Creston's Scott Belger hit six threepointers for a game-high 16 points. Creston closed the season at 16-6.

Another ranked team did not fare as well. Pella avenged a season-opening loss as it ousted eighth-ranked Pella Christian, 80-72, in a game played at Central College.

Pella (16-6) had a 50-32 lead midway through the third quarter, but Pella Christian closed to within 72-69 with 2 minutes remaining in the lead. The Falcons made an 8-2 run to game before Pella finished the game

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### MORNING REPORT

■ DEATH THREAT. Extra security was assigned to follow Cleveland Cavaliers Coach Lenny Wilkens Friday after a threat on his life was made prior to a game at Detroit. Wilkens said the call came to his hotel room in suburban Detroit about 2:20 p.m. CST. Less than an hour later, a caller told the front desk at the Northfield Hilton that a bomb was timed to go off there at 3:45 p.m. The Cavaliers canceled plans to stay overnight at the hotel and planned to drive back to Cleveland after the game. A Northfield Hilton spokesman said about 100 people were evacuated from the hotel following the bomb threat, but a search revealed no bomb.

■ TOP DEBUT. Jim Abbott, the rookie left-handed pitcher who was born without a right hand, made his debut for California in its 4-2 "B" game victory over San Diego Friday in Yuma, Ariz. Abbott worked the fourth, fifth and sixth innings without allowing a run. He was allowed two singles. "It's a start," said Abbott, who was the Angels' No. 1 pick in last June's free agent draft of amateur players. "It's good to have the first one out of the way. Maybe this shows the club what I can do and is something I can

■ NEBRASKA COACH RETIRES. University of Nebraska

linebacker coach John Melton, the last of the original assistant coaches under Bob Devaney, said Friday he's retiring after undergoing heart-bypass surgery. Melton, 61, came to Nebraska with Devaney from Wyoming in 1962. He completed his 27th year with the Cornhuskers last fall. Melton had bypass surgery in February and is recuperating at home.

JUDGE SAYS NO. A federal judge refused Friday to dismiss charges against two agents accused of using cash and threats of violence to recruit college athletes as clients. The move cleared the way for a trial next week. Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom are charged with racketeering, extortion, mail fraud and wire fraud. Their case is drawing national attention with a long list of prospective witnesses that includes NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle and Joe Jackson, father of singer Michael Jackson.

SUPER FAST. Miami Dolphins receiver Mark Duper was arrested Friday in Echo, La., when his car was clocked at 101 mph in a 55 mph zone, police said. Duper was released on bail, but police would not disclose the amount of bail. Duper was suspended by the NFL with three games left last season for violating a drug abuse policy.

#### TV Today

12 p.m. (17) Basketball Iowa at Michigan. 1 p.m. (ESN) Auto Racing NASCAR Goodwrench 200.

1:30 p.m. 13 Basketball Arizona at UCLA. 2 p.m. (WGN) Exhibition Baseball Oakland vs. Chicago Cubs.

2:30 p.m. 8 Basketball Missouri Valley Tournament, Drake vs. Bradley

3 p.m. 8 Basketball Louisville at Notre Dame.

3 p.m. (5) Basketball Kansas State at Iowa State. 3 p.m. (ESN) Basketball North Carolina State at Wake Forest.

3:30 p.m. (13) Golf Honda Classic, third round. 5:05 p.m. (TBS) U.S. Olympic Gold World luge championships. (Tape) 6 p.m. (ESN) Basketball Northeast Conference Tournament, championship:

Robert Morris vs. Fairleigh Dickinson 7:30 p.m. (WGN) Basketball Marquette at DePaul.

8 p.m. (ESN) Basketball Mid-Eastern Conference Tournament, champion-

ship: Florida A&M vs. South Carolina State 10:30 p.m. (ESN) Basketball Wyoming at Utah.