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Iowa deals with death

■ School officials have difficult time

By Steve Batterson
QUAD CITY TIMES

IOWA CITY — Words were not easy to come by Wednesday as the University of Iowa basketball program began to cope with the loss of one of its brightest stars.

The accidental death of junior forward Chris Street stunned Hawkeye coaches, players and administrators.

Iowa Coach Tom Davis reportedly sobbed at the scene of the accident as Street's body was pulled from the wreckage early Tuesday night.

Wednesday, Davis still was struggling to cope with the loss.

He declined interview opportunities and instead, issued a prepared statement.

Davis said:

"I cannot begin to describe the deep feelings of Chris Street's teammates and coaches. We all loved him and we all will miss him very much. We hope his family will remain part of our family.

"Chris represented all that is good about the Midwest and the state of Iowa. He was open, caring, honest, loving and lived life to the fullest every day."

Davis also announced that beginning with the establishment of a Chris Street Award to presented annually beginning at this year's Iowa basketball banquet.

The award will be presented to the player who "best exemplifies the spirit, enthusiasm and intensity of Chris Street."

"We want to remember everything Chris represented. He was one of the greatest Hawkeyes of all time," Davis concluded.

Iowa Athletic Director Bob Bowlsby offered his sympathy during a meeting with the press.

"All of the people who competed against him or coached a team that played against Chris can feel this loss, too," Bowlsby said. "That's the type of person he was."

University President Hunter Rawlings ordered the flag that flies atop Old Capitol at the heart of the Iowa campus to be lowered to half-mast.

"I know I speak for the entire University of Iowa community when I say that we are all shocked and profoundly saddened at the death of Chris Street. He was an outstanding individual, student and athlete, and he exemplified what is best about Iowa and our students," Rawlings said in a statement.

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The San Juan Shoot-Out has renamed its Most Valuable Player award after Chris Street, here blocking a shot in the final game of this year's tourney. Street was the MVP.

Yes, he really was special

■ Although modest, Street was inspiring

Steve Batterson

IOWA CITY — Chris Street typified everything the Iowa basketball program is all about:

Intensity.
Hard work.
Determination.
Family.

"I don't see myself as anything special," Street said less than a week before his tragic death Tuesday night in an automobile accident.

"I just put everything I have into every opportunity I get. I think that's what every basketball player should be all about."

Street was that — and more — to an Iowa basketball team that jumped out to one of its best starts in recent years.

He led the Hawkeyes in rebounds. He led the team in shooting percentage. He also led the team in grit.

In what turned out to be his final game as a Hawkeye, Street scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds last Saturday against Duke.

He also established an Iowa school record for consecutive free throws, hitting his 33rd and 34th straight attempts.

But more than points, rebounds or records, it was Street's feisty attitude that mirrored the Hawkeye spirit and unraveled more than one opponent.

In front of a hostile crowd last weekend at Duke, there he was.

Jaw-to-jaw with all-American point guard Bobby Hurley, Street was undaunted and unwilling to back down from either Hurley or the taunts of the crowd at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

The bump-and-grind style of Street and the Hawkeyes didn't sit well with Hurley.

He let Street know.

Street acknowledged with his own view, sharing it with an already angry Hurley.

"I just asked him how his mother was and how his brother was doing at Seton Hall," Street said after the game, showing a hint of the smile that often graced his face. "Just kidding. There were a lot of words used out there, but that's part of the game. It was a big game."

It was a part of Street's game that made him effective in the black-and-blue Big Ten.

"Chris Street is constantly fighting to control himself, but I'm not so sure that isn't good," Iowa Coach Tom Davis said earlier this week. "His emotions are a big part of his game."

And Street was an even bigger part of Iowa's game.

"He makes that team go," Duke Coach Mike Krzyzewski said prior to the Blue Devils' game against Iowa last week. "Acie Earl is so solid in the middle and Val Barnes is an excellent perimeter player, but Chris Street is the guy who makes it work. He's a very talented player."

He also took the time to be more than just a player.

When an elementary school age youngster sought an autograph after Iowa's tough loss at Ohio State two weeks ago, Street stopped, penned his name and talked with the youth instead of following a line of players scurrying to the bus.

His opinions weren't limited to his opponents, either, and win or lose, Street always shared them with the media.

To him, dealing with fans and the press were all a part of being a player.

But when the frustrations of back-to-back losses to open the Big Ten got to be too much, Street stepped back.

The day after the Ohio State game, he left his teammates behind and went hunting on a farm just outside of Iowa City.

He brought home a rabbit, a pheasant and a renewed spirit, something the open spaces and clear skies can bring out of almost anybody.

"I didn't think much about basketball or the last couple of games at all. It was kind of nice," Street said. "Sometimes, you have to step back and put everything into perspective."

Amen.

Condolences pour into university

By Steve Batterson
QUAD-CITY TIMES

IOWA CITY — The impact of Chris Street's death stretched far beyond the confines of Carver-Hawkeye Arena and the state of Iowa.

Phone lines to the Iowa basketball office and the university's sports information office were busy all day Wednesday as people expressed their sympathy and expressed their shock at the news that Street's promising career had come to a tragic, premature end.

Indiana Coach Bob Knight issued a statement that asked, "What could be more tragic than to have something like this happen?

"He played hard every minute of the game and because of that, he was one of my favorite players in the Big Ten. The Indiana basketball team extends its sympathy to Chris' family, head coach Tom Davis and the rest of the Hawkeye team."

Similar telegrams and messages were received from coaches throughout the Big Ten and from other institutions around the nation.

"It's been a very busy day," Iowa Sports Information Director George Wine said. "We've had calls from all over the country."

Most callers expressed shock. Others offered sympathy and support as the Hawkeyes attempt to recover from their loss.

Iowa State Coach Johnny Orr said he will always remember Street for his competitiveness.

"Chris was the kind of person you wanted to have on your team and didn't like to play against because he never quit," Orr said. "He was such a great competitor."

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, officials with the San Juan Shootout announced that it would name its most valuable player award in Street's honor.

Street was selected the MVP of the tournament last month when he led the Hawkeyes to the team title. His effort there included a career-high 21 points and 16 rebounds in Iowa's semi-final win over Eastern Michigan.

The Hawkeyes were scheduled to make their first-ever visit to State College this weekend, but Saturday's game against Penn State has been postponed, as was Wednesday's game against Northwestern.

Skillett says only time will help

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Skillett said. "But even now, I'm in shock about the whole thing. It was so unexpected. So sudden. In a lot of ways, you don't know how to feel.

"I feel for his family and I feel for my teammates. It's something all of us are going to have to overcome. It won't be easy because he was such a great player and a great role model."

Skillett said Street's easy-going, good-natured personality was often disguised by his intense nature on the court.

"It was a side of him a lot of people didn't get a chance to see, but it was the true Chris Street. He had the ability to leave the competition on the court."

Iowa Coach Tom Davis has canceled practices for the remainder of the week and many of the Hawkeyes plan to attend Friday's funeral service in Indianola, Iowa.

"Time is the only thing that will help," Skillett said. "As a team, we have to stick together and help each other get through this. I'm sure our practice and our next game will be tough ... We know we have to move on. Chris would want us to."

Funeral services are set for Friday

Funeral services for Chris Street are scheduled for Friday in his hometown of Indianola, Iowa.

The 11 a.m. service will be held at the First Assembly of God Church, 1700 Highway 92 West, in Indianola.

A visitation is scheduled for 5-8 p.m. today at Overton Funeral Home, 501 W. Ashland, Indianola. No family members will be present.

The Street family has requested that memorial gifts be made in lieu of flowers. The money will be used to fund a sports facility in Indianola. Memorial gifts may be sent to the funeral home, the church or the UI Foundation, Iowa City IA 52242.

Driver says Street's car was moving slowly

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the county prepared to combat an ice storm that blanketed the Iowa City area Wednesday.

The straight blade of the snow plow struck Street's car and pushed it across the median, rolling it into the path of a vehicle driven by Thelma Frauenholtz of rural West Branch, Iowa.

Vinton, who was out of the car when rescue personnel arrived at the scene, remains in stable condition at University Hospitals. Frauenholtz was treated and released from Mercy Hospital in Iowa City with only minor injuries.

Street, 20, was pronounced dead at the scene by Johnson County Medical Examiner T.T. Bozek, who cited head injuries as the cause of death.

Funeral services for the Hawkeye player are scheduled for Friday morning in his hometown of Indianola, Iowa.

Skies were clear and the highway was not snow or ice-covered at the time of the accident. Pence said the accident occured so quickly, he is struggling to sort through all of the details. He does remember seeing the car pull slowly onto the highway.

"If he would have been in a hurry, he would have missed me," Pence said.

ISU gets victory

■ Coach Orr misses third straight game

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa State needed to work off its frustrations against someone, and Southern Utah State happened to be in the way.

The Cyclones took Southern Utah out of the game early with its aggressive man-to-man defense and forced 38 turnovers en route to a 91-63 victory Wednesday night.

Justus Thigpen scored 23 points to lead the way, hitting nine of 15 shots as Iowa State (10-5) bounced back from its miserable 35 percent shooting in a 64-49 loss at Missouri last Saturday. Julius Michalik went 8-for-9 from the field and scored 17 points. Ron Bayless had 15 points and Loren Meyer 14 for the Cyclones.

"I thought the guys were very intense, especially the starters," said Iowa State assistant coach Jim Hallihan, who subbed for ailing head coach Johnny Orr for the third straight game. "They didn't make many mistakes on defense and they moved the ball well on offense and got some shots."

The defense set the tone as Iowa State raced to a 21-6 lead. The Cyclones scored 22 points off turnovers in the first half and 38 in the game.

Southern Utah (7-8) tried to control the tempo by running off as much time as possible before shooting, and the Thunderbirds did shoot 50 percent. But their turnovers kept them from getting enough shots.

"The way they played kept us from really getting up and down the floor," Hallihan said. "Early in the game I thought we were playing really well and I looked and we were only up by 12. You would have thought the way we were playing we'd have been up by 30.

"They held onto the ball well, but our defensive pressure was outstanding and created a lot of points for us."

It was an especially frustrating night for Southern Utah's point guard, Reggie Ingram. He had nine turnovers, most of them caused by Ron Bayless. The Thunderbirds' other starting guard, Andy Ward, committed six turnovers.

"They made us play hard on the defensive end, more than we thought they were going to do," Thigpen said. "But that's good. It helped get us ready for the tough game we'll have here Saturday."

Iowa State players wore black patches on their uniforms in remembrance of Iowa player Chris Street, who died in a car-snowplow accident Tuesday night. The Cyclones gathered in a circle at center court before the game for a moment of silence in Street's memory.

Cyclones 91, Thunderbirds 63

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	min	fg	fga	ft	fta	rb	pf	a	tp
Bolley	22	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	3
Lovell	31	7	9	0	0	5	3	1	14
Burton	22	2	3	3	3	2	3	1	9
Ingram	39	1	4	0	0	1	5	9	2
Ward	23	3	6	3	3	1	3	1	9
Jones	9	1	4	0	0	3	3	3	2
Bockwer	10	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	3
Squire	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Christensen	13	1	3	0	0	1	3	0	3
Lewis	14	3	6	1	1	0	3	0	8
Jensen	14	4	6	3	3	4	3	1	10
Team						2			
Totals	200	24	52	10	11	31	16	15	63

ISU

	min	fg	fga	ft	fta	rb	pf	a	tp
Hoiberg	16	3	6	2	2	5	1	2	8
Michalik	24	8	9	1	1	4	3	3	17
Meyer	25	6	9	2	3	3	3	1	14
Bayless	21	7	12	1	2	2	1	4	15
Thigpen	29	10	19	2	2	4	0	5	23
Wheeler	16	2	4	1	2	1	0	1	5
Brown	11	0	1	2	4	1	1	2	2
Bivens	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
Eaton	13	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
Carlson	30	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Beechum	13	2	4	0	0	4	1	1	5
Hester	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team						2			
Totals	200	39	70	11	17	31	12	20	91

Halftime — Iowa State 41, Southern Utah 31. Three-point goals — Southern Utah 14 (Ingram 6-1, Ward 6-1, Jones 2-2, Christensen 1-1, Lewis 0-2); Iowa State 3 (Hoiberg 0-1, Bayless 0-1, Thigpen 1-1, Wheeler 0-1, Beechum 1-3). Turnovers — Southern Utah 38 (Ingram 11), Iowa State 20 (Bayless 5). Steals — Southern Utah 14 (Burton, Christensen 2), Iowa State 21 (Thigpen 6). Blocked shots — Southern Utah 3 (Jones 2), Iowa State 8 (Wheeler, Brown, Bivens 1). A — 12,498.

TOP 25 ROUNDUP

Lone unbeaten falls

■ North Carolina drops Virginia

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Seventh-ranked Virginia's 16-game winning streak came to an abrupt halt Wednesday night as No. 3 North Carolina pounded out an 80-56 victory.

The Cavaliers — who had the nation's longest current winning streak as well as the third longest in school history — couldn't overcome North Carolina's occasional dry spells in the first half.

In the second half, the Tar Heels pounded the ball inside to their big men and widened a seven-point halftime lead to as much as 29 points.

The Tar Heels (15-1, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) extended their own winning streak to seven games.

No. 5 Michigan 80, Minnesota 73

MINNEAPOLIS — Chris Webber, wearing a face mask to protect a broken nose, and Jalen Rose sparked a 21-12 second-half run as Michigan handed Minnesota its first home loss of the season.

Webber capped the spurt, which gave Michigan a 65-52 lead with 5:22 to go, with two spectacular dunks. The first was on an alley-oop pass from Rose. The second came after he blocked Randy Carter's shot, got the rebound, dribbled down court, beat two defenders with a behind-the-back move and powered in a two-handed slam.

Rose scored 23 points and Webber had seven blocked shots as Michigan (14-2, 3-1) avenged last season's Big Ten loss at Minnesota.

Wisconsin 76, No. 24 Ohio State 67

MADISON, Wis. — Sophomore forward Michael Finley scored a career-high 34 points to lead Wisconsin over Ohio State.

It was the second straight victory over a ranked team for the Badgers, who knocked off then-No. 19 Minnesota on Saturday. Wisconsin (9-4 overall, 2-2 in the Big Ten) is off to its best conference start since 1987.

Ohio State (9-3, 2-2) lost its second consecutive game.

No. 19 Vanderbilt 102, No. 8 Arkansas 89

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Billy McCaffrey scored 28 points, including four straight on technical fouls following the ejection of Arkansas Coach Nolan Richardson, as Vanderbilt beat the Razorbacks.

No. 11 Arizona 91, Arizona State 87

TEMPE, Ariz. — Arizona (10-2, 5-0) increased its overall winning streak to eight games and its Pac-10 streak to five games by coming back from a 13-point deficit in the second half. Arizona solved Arizona State's press and 7-footer Ed Stokes scored 16 points in the second half.

No. 20 Pittsburgh 81, Boston College 70

BOSTON — Pittsburgh pulled away after Boston College got within 58-56 midway through the second half.

Penn State visits Illinois

■ Henson tries again for 600th victory

By Craig Cooper
QUAD-CITY TIMES

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Several Big Ten basketball coaches were against the entry of Penn State into the conference.

Lou Henson wasn't among them but maybe he should have been for a very selfish reason. As soon as he knew the school was coming into the conference he set up a home-and-home series the last two years and the Illini proceeded to lose both of them.

Illinois knows all about the newest member of the league from meetings that the Illini would rather forget.

Especially last year's game, when the Illini jumped out to a 16-0 start, led 28-12, and ended up getting beat 65-60 at home. Two seasons ago the Illini lost 78-68 at Penn State.

Tonight they'll get a third chance at the Nittany Lions, the first one that counts in the Big Ten, at 7:05 p.m., in Assembly Hall.

Call it a cliche if you want but there is usually a great deal of truth in cliches. This is a "big" game. Not in national terms but in the terms of a NCAA tournament spot. Penn State at home is a game the Illini need to win.

"It is a big game. It's a game we can win if we have a good ball game," said Henson, who will take his second shot at his 600th collegiate career victory. "We can't play average and win it."

The 9-5 Illini are coming off a game where they played well but still lost. The opponent was Indiana. Penn State (6-7) doesn't have nearly the talent the Hoosiers do.

Henson is still upbeat.

"We're playing the best ball we've played in the Big Ten in the last three seasons."

LINEUPS

Penn State (6-7, 1-3)

Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Avg.
F DeRon Hayes	6-8	Sr.	16.4
F Eric Carr	6-6	Sr.	4.8
C John Amaechi	6-10	So.	12.2
G Greg Bartram	6-5	So.	9.4
G Michael Jennings	6-4	Jr.	8.4

Illinois (9-5)

Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Avg.
F Robert Bennett	6-6	So.	7.6
F Andy Kaufmann	6-8	Sr.	19.2
C Deon Thomas	6-9	Jr.	18.6
G Rennie Clemons	6-0	Jr.	6.6
G Richard Keene	6-6	Fr.	5.2

TIME, PLACE: Today, 7 p.m., Assembly Hall, Champaign, Ill.

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