

# Guards dominate AP's All-Big 12 squad

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Jamaal Tinsley of Iowa State, Maurice Baker of Oklahoma State and Missouri swing man Kareem Rush head a guard-dominated Associated Press All-Big 12 basketball team for 2000-2001.

Rush, Missouri's remarkably quick and smooth 6-foot-6 sophomore who was leading the Big 12 with almost 22 points a game before being sidelined with a thumb injury, was the only player named on every first-team ballot. Baker and Tinsley were named on every first-team ballot but one.

The team announced Monday was selected by reporters who cover Big 12 basketball on a regular basis.

Filling out the first team are 6-5 Baylor senior Terry Black, who came within four steals of leading the Big 12 for the second consecutive year, and Kansas sophomore Drew Gooden.

The 6-10 Gooden, who missed eight games with an injury, is averaging almost 16 points and nine rebounds and the only first-teamer to rank in the league's top 10 in both scoring and rebounding.

He returned for the last two games of the regular-season and averaged 18 points and seven rebounds as the Jayhawks finished in a three-way tie with Texas and Oklahoma for second place behind Iowa State.

"Drew is having a great year," said Kansas coach Roy Williams. "Even though he missed the games with injury, you look and he's led or been close to the league lead in rebounding all year. Plus, his scoring is up this season as well."

No single player the past two years, however, has influenced his team or his conference more than Tinsley. The 6-3 ball-handling wizard from the playgrounds of Brooklyn played the key role as Iowa State ousted Kansas as the Big 12's dominant program.

Aided by a very capable supporting cast, Tinsley led the Cyclones to their second straight Big 12 title, averaging almost 17 points, seven assists and three steals in conference games. He raised his team to such a level, the Cyclones were able to fool the experts and overcome the loss of Marcus Fizer, last

## AP All-Big 12 teams

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Here are the first team, second team, third team and honorable mention selections for the Associated Press All-Big 12 basketball team. Players are listed by name, school, class, height, weight and home town.

**FIRST TEAM**  
Jamaal Tinsley, Iowa St., Sr., 6-3, 195, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Maurice Baker, Oklahoma St., Jr., 6-1, 175, Granite City, Ill.  
Kareem Rush, Missouri, Soph, 6-6, 214, Kansas City, Mo.  
Drew Gooden, Kansas, Soph, 6-10, 221, Richmond, Calif.  
Terry Black, Baylor, Sr., 6-5, 210, Milwaukee, Wis.

**SECOND TEAM**  
Nick Collison, Kansas, Soph, 6-9, 240, Iowa Falls, Iowa.  
Kirk Hinrich, Kansas, Soph, 6-3, 180, Sioux

City, Iowa.  
Kantrail Horton, Iowa St., Sr., 6-1, 225, Covington, Ga.  
Chris Owens, Texas, Jr., 6-9, 245, Duncanville, Texas  
Cookie Belcher, Nebraska, Sr., 6-4, 205, Mexico, Mo.

**THIRD TEAM**  
Kenny Gregory, Kansas, Sr., 6-5, 205, Columbus, Ohio.  
Kimani Ffriend, Nebraska, Sr., 6-11, 220, Kingston, Jamaica.  
Fredrik Jonzen, Oklahoma State, Jr., 6-10, 230, Uppsala, Sweden.  
Darren Kelly, Texas, Sr., 6-3, 190, Forrestville, Md.  
Martin Rancik, Iowa State, Sr., 6-8, 230, Bratislava, Slovakia

**HONORABLE MENTION**  
Bernard King, Texas A&M; Hollis Price, Oklahoma; Maurice Evans, Texas; Nolan Johnson, Oklahoma; Jamahl Mosley, Colorado; Larry Reid, Kansas State.

season's Big 12 player of the year.

"Tinsley does what all great players will do. He makes people around him better," said Texas coach Rick Barnes.

In his two years since transferring from Mt. San Jacinto Community College, the Cyclones never lost a home game.

Heading the second team are Kansas sophomores Kirk Hinrich and Nick Collison, defensive whiz Cookie Belcher of Nebraska, Iowa State guard Kantrail Horton and Chris Owens of Texas.

The third team consists of Kansas senior Kenny Gregory, who scored in double figures in every game he played in the regular season; Oklahoma State's Fredrik Jonzen, Texas' Darren Kelly and Iowa State's Martin Rancik.

Rush, the younger of the two Rush brothers who became prep legends in Kansas City, was on his way to a monster season before the thumb injury put him on the bench. Rarely is a player blessed with greater offensive skills.

Whether darting inside or pulling up and firing away from the baseline, he is equally dangerous. In Missouri's 75-66 victory over Kansas, he had 27 points and 11 rebounds.

"He's so hard to match up with de-

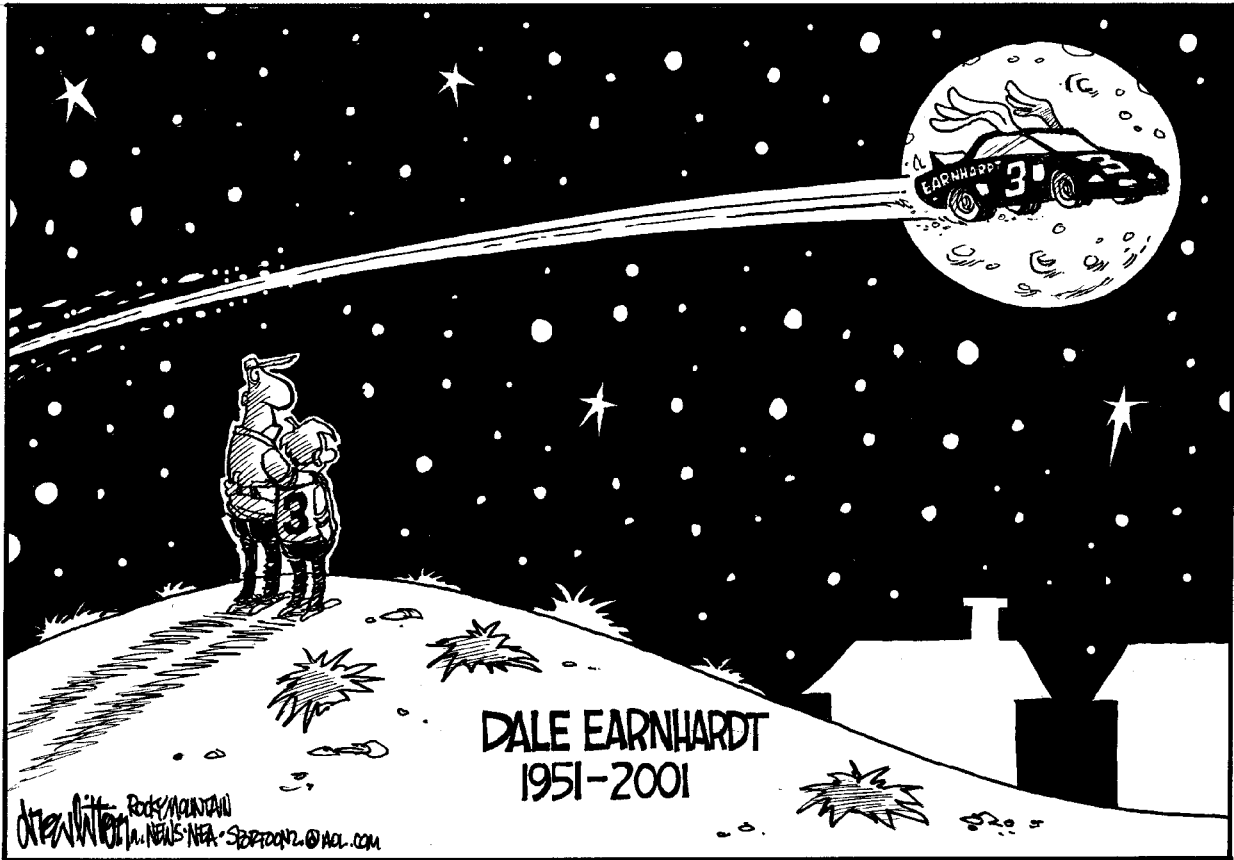
fensively," said Kansas coach Roy Williams. "He can take the ball to the basket. He presents great problems for the opponent and gives them a tremendous emotional lift."

Black was always known as a fine player, but he began to blossom this year when coach Dave Bliss moved him from forward to guard. He goes into the Big 12 tournament averaging almost 15 points for the Bears and tied with Belcher for second place in the league in steals, four behind Tinsley.

"He has gone through one of the great metamorphoses of college basketball, from being an undersized post man to playing all-conference basketball on the perimeter," said Bliss. "His evolution as an outside player is what's had the most dramatic effect on our improvement. "He's one of the five best players I've ever coached."

Baker transferred to Oklahoma State from Dixie College in Utah and, like Tinsley the year before, made an immediate impact.

"He's such a competitor, and his work habits are so good," said coach Eddie Sutton. "He never wants to come off the practice floor. I've had some good rebounders who played guard but I've never had anyone like him."



## Crash stalking NCAA committee

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The horror of the Oklahoma State plane crash will stalk the NCAA selection committee this week.

Big 12 commissioner Kevin Weiberg, a first-year member of the panel, lost a nephew in the Jan. 29 tragedy that claimed 10 members of Oklahoma State's traveling party, including two players.

Bill Hancock, the NCAA tournament director, lost a son.

Everyone will be as considerate as they possibly can be to the feelings of the two men, of course. But at some point in the room where the committee is cloistered, the Cowboys will be considered for a precious at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

That's when things could get tricky. Will the committee give extra weight to Oklahoma State out of sentiment?

Should it?

There are only 34 at-large bids to pass around. It could be a close call. There is no precedent for this in tournament history and the NCAA has always maintained that sentiment was never a factor in its tournament decisions.

"We haven't talked about it, and I don't know how to answer that," said committee chairman Mike Tranghese.

With a 19-8 overall record going into the Big 12 tournament starting Thursday, the Cowboys are probably a bubble team — no cinch for a bid unless they win the Big 12's automatic entry.

"They're human beings," said Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson. "It can't help but be a factor. Those are husbands and fathers and human beings in that room, and I do think it will be a factor."

Tranghese said the issue would be raised by the committee.

"I'm very, very sensitive personally to that kind of tragedy," he said. "Honestly don't know what the answer is."

Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton, who has won the respect of coaches everywhere for the courage he and his team have shown, says he would not want any unfair advantage.

"I don't think any of us would want the committee to do something they wouldn't do for someone else," he said.

"They always consider injuries, and certainly emotionally we've been injured. So from that standpoint I would hope they would look at it. But the one

thing we've got going in our favor is we have won 10 conference games in a very strong league. That, more than anything, probably helps us."

If the committee polled coaches, they would probably say go ahead and consider all the heartbreak the Oklahoma State family has been through.

"The committee has a very difficult time dealing with physical injuries," said Baylor coach Dave Bliss. "The situation concerning emotional injury is uncharted."

"What I think they ought to consider is that Eddie Sutton is one of the premiere coaches and always has a premiere program. And this year he has done as good a job of coaching as anybody given all that has occurred. I choose to think they have earned (a bid)."

Texas Tech coach James Dickey would not hesitate to show at least a slight favoritism, just this once.

"When you look at the tragedy they've endured, and the burden (Sutton) has had to carry on his shoulders, it's been remarkable the job he has done," said Texas Tech coach James Dickey.

"But I am not surprised."

## major league baseball

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	4	0	1.000
Texas	3	0	1.000
New York	3	1	.750
Toronto	3	1	.750
Anaheim	2	2	.500
Minnesota	2	3	.400
Tampa Bay	1	2	.333
Seattle	2	5	.286
Boston	1	3	.250
Chicago	1	3	.250
Cleveland	1	3	.250
Detroit	1	3	.250
Oakland	1	4	.200
Kansas City	0	2	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct
Florida	3	0	1.000
San Diego	4	1	.800
Cincinnati	3	1	.750
Chicago	4	2	.667
Arizona	2	1	.667
Philadelphia	2	1	.667
Colorado	3	2	.600
San Francisco	3	2	.600
Milwaukee	3	3	.500
Los Angeles	2	2	.500
Houston	1	1	.500
Montreal	2	3	.400
Pittsburgh	2	3	.400
Atlanta	1	2	.333
New York	1	3	.250
St. Louis	1	3	.250

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

**Sunday's Games**

Minnesota 5, Boston 4
Montreal 8, St. Louis 7
Baltimore 5, Los Angeles 3
Oakland 4, Anaheim 2
Seattle 18, San Diego 3
San Francisco 7, Chicago Cubs 2
Arizona 2, Colorado (ss) 2, tie
Chicago White Sox (ss) 7, Milwaukee 3

## Royals tie Astros 5-5

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Craig Biggio, returning from knee surgery, got his first two hits of the spring as the Houston Astros played a 5-5 tie with the Kansas City Royals. Biggio had a first-inning double and a run-scoring single, going 2-for-2.

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**Colorado (ss) 8, Chicago White Sox (ss) 6**  
N.Y. Mets vs. Florida at Viera Fla., ccd, rain  
Tampa Bay vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee Fla., ccd, rain  
Cincinnati vs. Texas at Port Charlotte Fla., ccd, rain  
Toronto vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven Fla., ccd, rain  
Detroit vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater Fla., ccd, rain  
**Houston vs. Kansas City at Haines City Fla., ccd, rain**  
N.Y. Yankees vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton Fla., ccd, rain

**Monday's Games**  
Texas 4, Pittsburgh 1, 1st game  
Texas 13, Pittsburgh 2, 2nd game  
Boston 17, Montreal 8  
Toronto 4, Detroit 3  
Florida 5, Cleveland 4  
Cincinnati 7, Minnesota 6  
**Kansas City 5, Houston 5, tie**  
Los Angeles 12, St. Louis 6  
Philadelphia 5, Tampa Bay 1  
Baltimore 4, N.Y. Mets 3  
N.Y. Yankees 10, Atlanta 5  
San Diego 6, Anaheim 2  
Seattle 6, Chicago Cubs 1  
Milwaukee 10, Arizona 9  
**Colorado 7, Chicago White Sox 0**  
San Francisco 4, Oakland 2

**Today's Games**  
Minnesota vs. Texas at Port Charlotte Fla., 11:05 a.m.  
Tampa Bay vs. Toronto at Dunedin Fla., 11:05 a.m.  
Los Angeles vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee Fla., 11:05 a.m.  
Pittsburgh vs. Boston at Fort Myers Fla., 11:05 a.m.  
Montreal vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale Fla., 11:05 a.m.

**Kansas City vs. Detroit at Lakeland Fla., 11:05 a.m.**  
Philadelphia vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven Fla., 11:05 a.m.  
Florida vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie Fla., 11:10 a.m.  
Houston vs. St. Louis at Jupiter Fla., 11:10 a.m.  
Oakland vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa Ariz., 1:05 p.m.  
Arizona vs. Seattle at Peoria Ariz., 1:05 p.m.  
San Francisco vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 1:05 p.m.  
Anaheim vs. Chicago White Sox at Tucson Ariz., 1:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees vs. Cincinnati at Sarasota Fla., 5:05 p.m.  
**Colorado vs. San Diego at Peoria Ariz., 7:05 p.m.**

**Wednesday's Games**

Detroit vs. Houston at Kissimmee Fla., 11:05 a.m.

Texas vs. Tampa Bay at St. Petersburg Fla., 11:05 a.m.

Boston vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater Fla., 11:05 a.m.

Florida (ss) vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beach Fla., 11:05 a.m.

**Atlanta vs. Kansas City (ss) at Haines City Fla., 11:05 a.m.**

**Kansas City (ss) vs. Florida (ss) at Viera Fla., 1:05 p.m.**

Cincinnati (ss) vs. Pittsburgh (ss) at Bradenton Fla., 11:05 a.m.

Montreal vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie Fla., 11:10 a.m.

Baltimore vs. St. Louis at Jupiter Fla., 11:10 a.m.

Seattle vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 1:05 p.m.

Arizona vs. San Diego at Peoria Ariz., 1:05 p.m.

Anaheim vs. Chicago Cubs (ss) at Mesa Ariz., 1:05 p.m.

Milwaukee (ss) vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale Ariz., 1:05 p.m.

Toronto vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers Fla., 5:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh (ss) vs. Cincinnati (ss) at Sarasota Fla., 5:05 p.m.

Cleveland vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Fla., 5:15 p.m.

**Wednesday Night Mixed League**

Mueller Grain over W-R Equipment 4-0  
Pinbreakers over Extras 3-1  
Phillips Brothers over Team One 4-0

Shear Dimensions over D&G Clan 3-1  
Mudslingers over Kickers 2 1/2-1 1/2  
Kanorado Coop split with Gamblers 2-2

**Men's high game:** Jim Fritz-242  
**Men's high series:** Jim Fritz-580

**Women's high game:** Marilyn Snethen-199  
**Women's high series:** Marilyn Snethen-553

**Team high game:** Pinbreakers-846  
**Team high series:** Pinbreakers-2408

**League Standings:** Shear Dimensions 65, 39; Phillips Brothers 65, 39; Gamblers 63, 41; Mudslingers 62 1/2, 41 1/2; Pinbreakers 61, 43.

**Wednesday Night Men's Scratch Classic League**

## Rockies win in exhibition

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Denny Neagle pitched three shutout innings, Larry Walker and Todd Helton hit back-to-back homers and the Colorado Rockies rolled to a 7-0 exhibition win over the Chicago White Sox.

Five Rockies pitchers combined to limit the White Sox to four hits. Neagle (1-0) gave the Rockies their fifth solid outing by a starter in six spring games. He allowed two hits and struck out one.

## bowling results

Fitzgibbons over Eisenbart Trucking 13-7  
Alcorn Shelter Insurance over Weber Kennel 12-8  
Sigco over Phantom 15-5  
Bowladium Lanes over ProLine Inc. 13-7  
**Individual high game:** Darren Hickson-278  
**Individual high series:** Darren Hickson-906  
**Team high game:** Fitzgibbons-658  
**Team high series:** Sigco-2394  
**League Standings:** Sigco 15, 5; Bowladium Lanes 13, 7; Fitzgibbons 13, 7; Alcorn Shelter Insurance 12, 8; Weber Kennel 8, 12; ProLine Inc. 7, 13; Eisenbart Trucking 7, 13; Phantom 5, 15.

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