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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Sampson commits first 2009 prospect

Native Hoosier Elston chooses IU over Purdue, UNC

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IU men's basketball coach Kelvin Sampson nabbed his first recruit for the 2009-2010 season when Indiana-native Derek Elston verbally committed to IU on Sunday, Elston's AAU coach David Hamilton said.

Elston, who recently started his junior year at Tipton High School in Tipton, Ind., is ranked as a four-star recruit and No. 97 in the class of 2009 by recruiting Web site Rivals.com. The 6-foot-8 power forward averaged 14.9 points and 12 rebounds per game as a sophomore last season.

"He fits the mold of an Indiana basketball player," said Hamilton, coach of SYF Indiana Rising Stars AAU team. "He's going to be a tremendous college basketball player."

Hamilton said Elston has a "multi-dimensional game" and can create a mismatch for some big players because he can shoot the ball well from the outside. But he can also match up against some of the bigger players, too.

"He is a big man with guard skills, but he doesn't try to be a guard," Hamilton said.

Hamilton said he expects Elston to play either the small forward or power forward position when he arrives in Bloomington in the fall of 2009.

Elston's commitment might be extra sweet for Hoosier fans since he chose IU over a handful of Indiana schools. Elston had offers from Purdue and Butler, among others, and had strong interest from North Carolina, Hamilton said. Elston's father, Darrell Elston, played for North Carolina in the 1970s before playing professionally.

Hamilton said the Tar Heels were going to see how Elston developed during his junior year and still might have offered him a scholarship.

But Elston wanted to be close to home.

"He thought he'd make his name for himself," Hamilton said, "which is probably a smart move."

Hamilton learned of Elston's commitment during his team's

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BRANDON FOLTZ • IDS

Richard Gage, practicing architect and founder of Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth, presents the program "9/11 Research: Why the Official Story Can't Be True" Monday evening at the Buskirk-Chumley Theatre. The presentation challenged the official account of the World Trade Center building collapse.

Group questions 9/11 truth

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On Sept. 11, 2001, World Trade Towers One, Two and Seven all collapsed via controlled demolition, according to Richard Gage of the Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth.

Gage is the founding member of the group, and spoke about this theory at the Bloomington 9/11 Working Group's Monday night presentation in front of large crowd at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater. The group was created in an effort to encourage further probe of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"It is important to understand it because it was a pretext for the invasion of two countries in which almost a million people have perished," Gage said.

The group, along with others who believe the Sept. 11 attacks were part of a broad conspiracy, have often been questioned and criticized by others.

"If it is a conspiracy, it is hard to believe they could pull it off," said Spencer resident Scott Ackerman, who attended the conference. However, he added that getting to the truth was impor-

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OTHER REASONS THE GROUP SUSPECTS THERE IS MORE TO THE SEPT. 11 STORY:

- The Twin Towers were designed specifically to withstand being hit by a jumbo jet and should not have collapsed
- The British Broadcasting Company announced the collapse of Tower Seven 20 minutes before it actually fell
- Insider trading occurred
- National air defenses failed for nearly two hours
- Allies warned the U.S. about the attacks beforehand



JACOB KRIESE • IDS

Doug Hofstadter sits for an interview in his home near campus. Hofstadter's book, "Fluid Concepts and Creative Analogies," was the first book to sell on Amazon.com. Hofstadter lectures and researches cognitive and computer sciences, among others, at IU.

EYES NOT ON THE PRIZE

Despite winning a Pulitzer, an American Book Award and authoring the first book sold on Amazon.com, Doug Hofstadter remains modest despite the attention he gets for his accomplishments.

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Amidst the large Tudor-style homes that line the streets south of campus sits a beautiful brick house with ivy growing up the sides. Within that house, shelves of books and M.C. Escher prints line the walls, giving only the feeling of wisdom. There, College of Arts and Sciences distinguished professor Doug Hofstadter nestles in piles of research, pondering his latest cognitive theory.

Hofstadter has won the Pulitzer Prize and the American Book Award, and co-incidentally authored the first item ever sold on Amazon.com.

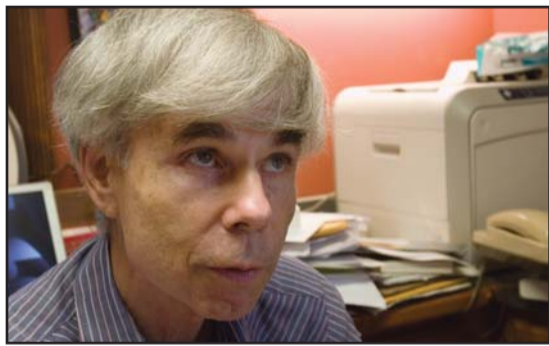
But he doesn't like to be associated with his awards and accomplishments. He said he works for the sake of discovery, not for the opportunity to earn recognition.

"I can't say that I don't like the fact that I won a Pulitzer," he said. "It was a very major piece of good luck, and I got a great deal of freedom from the University. So I can't say that prizes are 'good' or 'evil.'"

Hofstadter has an unconventional role in the University. As a distinguished college professor, he's not restricted to one department. The former Guggenheim Fellow has the freedom to choose and change departments as his research interests evolve, said J. Michael Dunn, retired dean of the School of Informatics, who used to work with Hofstadter.

"He has given the word 'interdisciplinary' a completely new meaning," Dunn said. "His work straddles art, literature, music, computer science,

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JACOB KRIESE • IDS

MEN'S SOCCER

Junior forward Kevin Noschang jogs after the men's soccer game Sept. 2 at Bill Armstrong Stadium.



JACOB KRIESE • IDS

Junior forward garners national accolades

Coach Freitag says Noschang can pose threat to anyone

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Following junior forward Kevin Noschang's performance over the course of last season, IU coach Mike Freitag said he hoped to see more consistency in the attacker's play. Freitag knew that with more experience, Noschang would pose

an offensive threat to any opponent.

Noschang is proving his coach right.

After his two-goal weekend at the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic, Noschang attracted the attention of soccer critics across the country. With that attention came awards - Noschang was named the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week, National Soccer Coaches Association of America's Player of the Week and was named to the All Tournament Team at the Classic.

"(Being named the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week) was fantastic,"

Noschang said. "It was very flattering. I didn't expect it, but it is always nice to get recognized, especially by someone like the Big Ten."

Noschang is consistently one of the top offensive threats for the Hoosiers. In the 2006 season, he tallied 11 shots on goal, with a shot-on-goal percentage rate of .688. Noschang also appeared in 17 games, six of which he started.

"Kevin continues to grow as a player," Freitag said. "When he came to campus,

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JASON DECROW • THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Dave Matthews performs at Farm Aid on Randall's Island on Sunday in New York.

Students vote to bring DMB to campus

Contest winning university will get free concert in Nov.

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Attending a free Dave Matthews Band concert on campus could be a real possibility for IU students in the coming months.

Dave Matthews Band recently announced they would play live at the college or university that wins the "World's Loudest Pep Rally" contest. The contest, which is sponsored in part by AT&T, is open to more than 100 colleges nationwide. Now until Oct. 15, students 18 and older can send invitations to the band by voting on atblueroom.com. The contest began Sept. 1. The college or university who sends the most invitations wins.

On atblueroom.com, fans can submit their own invitations, such as essays, photos, videos or sound clips for the band. Individuals are limited to sending fifty invitations per day. Those who have AT&T as their wireless provider can submit invitations by texting "DMB" to 959, according to the AT&T news release.

Junior Kyle Lee found out about the contest while looking through a Dave Matthews Band fan site Sunday night. When he first started sending invitations, Lee said IU was placed at number 34.

"I asked my friends to send invitations too," Lee said. "But by Monday, I saw that IU had dropped even further to number 36."

In an attempt to get even more

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