

# Illinois player facing charges in crash case

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## CHAMPAIGN, Ill.

University of Illinois basketball player Jamar Smith was charged Tuesday with driving under the influence of alcohol and leaving the scene of an accident, authorities said.

Smith, 19, a sophomore guard, was driving a 1996 Lexus when it struck a tree in heavy snow late on the night of Feb. 12. He then drove the car a little more than a mile to the apartment complex where he lived in Savoy, Ill.

University officials have said bystanders called 911 after seeing the badly damaged car in the parking lot, with Smith's passenger, teammate Brian Carlwell, still inside.

Carlwell, 19, suffered a severe concussion and spent four days at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Ill., before being released Friday.

Smith was treated at the same hospital for a minor concussion

and released early the morning of Feb. 13.

Smith's only previous traffic infraction was a 2004 citation for failure to give stop or turn signal, according to the Illinois Secretary of State's office.

## In other news

SPOKANE, Wash.

## Gonzaga center charged

Suspended Gonzaga center Josh Heytvelt is being charged with felony possession of a controlled substance following his Feb. 9 arrest, when police said they found hallucinogenic mushrooms in his car.

According to court documents released Tuesday, police found 33.2 grams, just more than an ounce, of mushrooms inside a plastic bag in the back of the Chevrolet Blazer that Heytvelt was driving. Possession of any amount of illegal mushrooms is a Class C felony.

Heytvelt, 20, and teammate Theo Davis, 21, were arrested in Cheney on Feb. 9 and booked into Spokane County Jail. They were released the next day on their own recognizance.

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nation's toughest schedules and have won three of their past four, including home victories against Indiana and Michigan State.

Senior guard David Teague was named Big Ten Player of the Week after torching the Hoosiers for a career-high 32 points. Teague and senior forward Carl Landry, the Boilermakers' leader in both points (19.2) and rebounds (6.9), have provided stability for Purdue in Painter's second year.

Iowa's momentum hit a wall Saturday, courtesy of Michigan State. The Hawkeyes had less than 48 hours to get ready for the Spartans after their game against Northwestern was delayed by weather, and it showed.

Iowa suffered its worst loss in Alford's eight-year tenure, 81-49.

"We knew we had a really difficult turnaround, and I thought Michigan State played really well," Alford said. "They made a lot of shots early and made it hard for us to get into rhythm."

The NCAA Tournament looks out of reach for the Hawkeyes unless they win the Big Ten tourney for the second straight year,

thanks to an 8-6 start in non-league play.

But Alford hopes that the selection committee looks less at the Hawkeyes' early-season struggles and more at their unexpected surge toward the top half of the conference standings.

Iowa has just three games left, two at home and one on the road against Penn State (1-11 Big Ten).

"If we're able to finish third or fourth ... in the Big Ten, I would hope the non-league wouldn't have a whole lot to do with it," Alford said.

The Hawkeyes represent Purdue's final chance to pick up a quality road win.

The Boilermakers wrap up the season with a date with Minnesota, sandwiched around two games against Northwestern.






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