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IOWA'S COLE TO MISS REMAINDER OF SEASON DUE TO INJURY

IOWA CITY, IA - - Iowa freshman Jarryd Cole suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee during Iowa's 57-50 win over Southeastern Louisiana Saturday and will miss the remainder of his rookie season.

Cole is a 6-7, 250-pound forward who has played in all 13 games to date, with six starts. The native of Kansas City, MO (Winnetonka HS) is averaging 6.6 points and 4.4 rebounds, while shooting .667 from the field. He had season-bests of 15 points and nine rebounds against Iowa State.

"I feel badly for Jarryd," said Iowa Coach Todd Lickliter. "Injuries such as this are something you don't anticipate or prepare for. I know he will attack his rehabilitation as aggressively as he has basketball and academics through the first semester of his college career."

Cole is expected to undergo surgery within the next week. Cole was in the starting line-up Saturday in Iowa's most recent win, contributing four points and four rebounds. His dunk with 11:55 remaining gave Iowa a 32-31 advantage. The injury occurred just after his basket.

"His presence has had an effect on our team," added Lickliter. "While we are going to miss not having him on the court, our concern is for him personally. He's in great hands with our medical staff. With time, we look forward to Jarryd's complete recovery."

The injury to Cole is the second major injury suffered by a member of the Hawkeye program this season. Junior guard Tony Freeman has played in just three of 13 games after suffering a foot injury in Iowa's pre-season exhibition game.

Iowa begins Big Ten Conference action Wednesday, hosting Indiana (8:05 p.m., BTN).



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