Twins' Zumaya Considering Retirement After Latest Arm Injury

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Joel Zu-maya's season is over, his time with the Minnesota Twins ended before it began because of a damaged elbow.

Now he has to decide whether his once-promising career is finished as well, and the reliever with the rocket right arm and the pattern of recurring injuries sounded like he's ready to quit rather than endure another arduous year of rehabilitation.

"Right now, my perspective is probably not," Zumaya said Monday, two days after tearing the ulnar collateral ligament in his throwing elbow. "I know I'm pretty young, but I'm probably going to go on six surgeries if I go get another one. I'm only 27 years old. I've taken a

lot of wear and tear on my body, especially my arm, and then rehab, and it just mentally takes a lot out of you."

Zumaya didn't pitch last season. He left the Detroit Tigers to sign with the division rival Twins, getting an incentive-laden one-year contract with \$400,000 guaranteed.

"I've got a little 2¹/₂-year-old, so maybe it's time to move on," Zumaya said.

To resume his career Zumaya would need Tommy John surgery, the ligamentreplacement procedure that typically requires at least a year of rehab. He said he expects to decide withing two days whether to have surgery or retire.

"It's tough for anybody involved in a

situation when you're talking about a guy going through what he's going to have to go through here," said Twins general manager Terry Ryan, who hoped to strengthen a struggling bullpen with the high-risk, high-reward reliever. "It's a personal decision between his family and people he confides in and so forth.'

Zumaya was hurt throwing his first session of batting practice after just 13 pitches Saturday. He said he had little doubt after the injury that the diagnosis would be dire.

"I was trying to be so optimistic, but I knew. I knew right away," Zumaya said. "I've been told. I've asked people, 'How does it feel? What are your instincts?

What happens?' Basically right when I came off the field, I just felt that my arm was gone.'

Zumaya has spent much more time rehabbing injuries the last several seasons than showing off that 100 mphplus heat. After gaining attention as a rookie for the 2006 AL champion Tigers, he has pitched in just 109 games over the last six years while dealing with foot, shoulder, elbow and finger problems.

"People who throw as hard as me ... you're injury prone, you know?" Zumaya said. "It's just hard, man. I guess you're not meant to throw a pitch as hard as I do. My arm's been through some stuff."

Zumaya has spoken with other pitch-

ers who've had ligament-replacement surgery to help with his decision.

"Last night, it was weird," Zumaya said. "I probably got like 100 text messages from quite a few teammates, exteammates, Tigers, quite a few friends that I played baseball around with."

Zumaya remained on Minnesota's 40man roster, but Ryan said a decision hadn't yet been made on Zumaya's future with the club if he were to decide to have the surgery.

Zumaya, meanwhile, has already started considering about other potential careers.

"I'm a pretty dang good fisherman, so I might pursue professional fishing," Zumaya said with a shrug.

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move to put the Lynx back ahead. The teams scrapped for each bucket in the hard-fought game, until Brandon Valley eventually ended with the victory.

"This was a good high school basketball game," Stadem said. 'Both teams played very hard."

Yankton's Pesicka was disappointed in the loss, but has not given up hope. Yankton gets a chance to take the court again on Thursday to keep their state tournament hopes alive.

"That is the beauty of this sys-tem," Pesicka said. "We get three chances to win two games. We used our gimmee up tonight, now we have to win the next two to stay alive. I still have a lot of faith in this team.'

There is a beauty to the system, but there is also an ugliness to the system. In District 2AA, all four teams have a winning record. Yankton entered the night with a 14-5 record, while Brandon Valley entered with a 14-6 record.

"It is almost a crime that two 14win teams have to face each other in the first round of the District Tournament," Stadem said. "But that's just the way that it is sometimes.

For the night, Hoff added seven rebounds and Koehn had six rebounds.

For Yankton, Fedders led with her 16 points, six rebounds, and six assists, while Cornemann had 14 points. Hora grabbed 10 rebounds.

Yankton will now host Sioux Falls Lincoln on Thursday at the Summit Center in the next round of the District 2AA Tournament.

Yankton (14-6) Chloe Cornemann 7-14 0-0 14; Mikala Hora 2-7 0-0 4; Tory Gross 0-2 0-0 0; Kelsey Fitzgraid 2-7 1-3 5; Emily Fedders 6-13 0-0 16; Jenn Granflaten 2-3 0-0 4; Sarah Ekeren 0-0 0-0 0; Courtney True 1-2 0-1 2. Totals: 20-48 1-4 45

Brynee Rist 0-11-4 1; Lexi Hoover 1-3 2-4; Heidi Hoff 5-22 9-12 19; Allison Koehn 6-12 1-3 17; Val Peltier 1-2 1-2 3; Briana Reegiers 1-4 1-2 4; Jordyn Griffith 0-1 0-0 0. Totals: 14-45 15-27 49

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DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Former Texas offensive coordinator Greg Davis has found a new home at Iowa after a year out of the game.

during their District 2AA opener Monday night at the Summit Center.

Hawkeyes coach Kirk Ferentz announced Monday that Davis will be his new offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Davis replaces Ken O'Keefe, who left the Hawkeyes after 13 seasons to become the wide receivers coach with the Miami Dolphins.

"While Greg's body of work on the field has been stellar, I have been even more impressed with the many positive things I have learned about Greg as a person and staff member. I am very confident he will

ing — have broken the 60-point

"That has been our main

focus. Our defense has been the

most consistent aspect of our game," Gross said. "They did a

nice job against an explosive Lin-

coln team the first time around."

Yankton's defensive effort

against Lincoln the first time

around held the Patriots six

points under their season aver-

age of 61.1 points per game. Of

barrier on Yankton.

The 60-year-old Davis has spent 33 years as a college coach, including a stint as the head coach at Tulane from 1988-91. But he's perhaps best known for the 13 years he spent working for Texas coach Mack Brown.

Davis resigned shortly after the 2010 season, when the Longhorns finished 5-7

Though his stint with the Longhorns ended poorly, the program boasted some of its best offenses in under Davis. He coached the likes of Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams and quarterbacks Vince Young and Colt McCoy, both Heisman finalists, and had five players earn Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year hon-

Top-Ranked Baylor Women Beat No. 17 A&M 69-62

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Baylor coach Kim Mulkey didn't like watching a big firsthalf lead dwindle with star Brittney Griner on the bench. She was even more troubled when the forward's fourth foul sent her there again in the second half.

But after the top-ranked Lady Bears overcame Griner's foul trouble in a 69-62 win over No. 17 Texas A&M on Monday night, Mulkey saw the value in the situation.

"I was taught by some of the greats of the game to get them out of there," Mulkey said. "We need to be in situations like that. I need to be in tough decisions. We already wrapped up the Big 12 championship. This game, you want to win it, but it's a game to maybe see what you can do." Griner and Odyssey Sims

scored 25 points each and the Lady Bears used a late run to

hold off the Aggies. Baylor (30-0, 17-0 Big 12) led by one point before going on a 6-0 run that was aided unintentionally by an official. Griner made a jump shot before Kimetria Hayden knocked the ball out of

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JEREMY HOECK/P&D

had just come back into the game after having her nose bloodied by the Matadons.

The Coyotes shot 11-26 from the field for 42.3-percent while holding the Mastadons to 29.2percent shooting and holding the team's top scorer Stephanie Rosado to four points. The Coyotes, very steady of late from the free-throw line, were 8-8 from there in the half.

Hegge led all scorers at the



Both teams agreed that the play with the official was pivotal in the game, and Sims said she just did what she was taught on

"Coaches say: 'The play is not over," Sims said. "Just stay with it. If you don't hear a whistle, keep playing."

It was a much more competitive game than the first meeting between these teams when Baylor won 71-48.

"We've gotten better since we got embarrassed in Waco," Texas Ă&M coach Gary Blair said.

The Lady Bears have matched the 2009-10 Nebraska team for the best start in conference history and have their second straight 30-win season.

Baylor got its 10th win in last 11 tries against A&M in Big 12 regular-season meetings, with the Aggies moving to the Southeastern Conference next season.

break with 10 points while dishing out four assists.

The Mastadons closed to within 38-31 early in the second half after a 3-pointer from Anna Boese but could get no closer as the Coyotes sealed the 70-56 win, their 21st of the season.

Hegge finished with 28 points and 10 rebounds for her 10th double-double of the season. Roche scored 12 points. Hyde led IPFW (9-20, 6-12)

with 14 points as Rosado had 11 points.

The Coyotes will finish their regular season with a non-conference game at the DakotaDome Thursday night against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.



don Valley 0. Turnovers: Yankton 13 Brandon Valley 8

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by one and two points, and their other loss is to an out-of-state team (Sioux City, Iowa, East).

"We'll have to play well to knock them off."

In the first meeting with Lincoln, Yankton led 23-19 and shot 49 percent from the field in the game. The Bucks were hampered by 20 turnovers.

Jackson Seitzinger has been the Bucks' leader offensively this season, averaging 13.2 points per game. He has scored 25 points or more in three contests this season, including a season-best 27 points against Pierre in their first meeting. He has reached double figure scoring in eight straight games.

"Jackson has pretty much been our go-to player if we need a basket," Gross noted. "He's been our leading scorer in a lot of the games we've played.'

Bryan Youngberg (8.3 ppg) has scored 16 points in a game twice, including against Lincoln. Connor Fitzsimmons (5.7 ppg), Jackson Pasco (4.6 ppg), Connor Vlasman (4.4 ppg) and Kellen Soulek (4.7 ppg) have also been contributors offensively.

Of late, junior Michael Rucker and sophomore J.J. Henja have made an impact, starting the last two games.

"Rucker has played well of late, and J.J. has done a nice job at times," Gross said. "Youngberg, Pasco, Fitzsimmons and others have done well."

Finding offensive consistency has been an issue for the Bucks, who enter the post-season averaging 46.4 points per contest.

"If more of them can contribute offensively, it will work out better for us," Gross said. The defense, though, has

been strong, holding opponents to 53.2 points per game. Only two opponents — Brookings (68) and Pierre (66), each in the first meet-

be a tremendous asset to our program, campus and community," Ferentz said in a statement.

> the four games in which Lincoln scored less than the 55 points it had against Yankton, its lost three of them.

Yankton's Mikala Hora, right, looks to pass over the out-stretched arms of Brandon Valley defender Allison Koehn

Iowa Hires Greg Davis As Offensive Coordinator

While the downside of Yankton's record is that the Bucks would only play a home game in the post-season if they beat Lincoln, then lose in the district championship, the upside is that all three Yankton victories came away from the Summit Center. "I'm not happy that we're on

the road but, if we play better on the road, I'll be happy," Gross said. "Hopefully we play well and give Lincoln everything we've got.'

Game time tonight is 7 p.m. The Bucks will play at either Sioux Falls Washington or Brandon Valley on Friday, with firstround winners and losers matching up. If Yankton goes 1-1, the Bucks will play in a regional on Tuesday, March 6.

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