Football fans have 22 bowl games to watch between now and Jan. 3

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and 2002 starts revving up its engines, sports fans in Thomas County will be oining those all over the country watching bowl games. Many of them. In fact, there are 22 bowl games left between Christmas Day and the national championship showdown on Jan. 3. All of that in addition to several bowl games already entered in the his-

Of particular interest to Kansas fans is the Saturday Insight.com Bowl in Phoenix pitting the 6-5 Kansas State University Wildcats against 9-3 Syracuse. Game time is 4:30 p.m. Despite the records, the 'Cats are 5-point favor-

Here's the schedule, now through Jan. 3 (all times Central):

As the year 2001 moves to a climax Tech vs. Stanford, ESPN, 3 p.m.; Independence Bowl, Shreveport, La., gan State, FOX Sports, noon,; Liberty Iowa State vs. Alabama, ESPN, 5:30 Bowl, BYU vs. Louisville, ESPN, 3

> • Dec. 28 — Galleryfurniture.com Bowl, Houston, Texas A&M vs. Texas Christian University, ESPN, 12:30 Fla., Ohio State vs. South Carolina, p.m.; Music City Bowl, Nashville, ESPN, 10 a.m.; Cotton Bowl, Dallas, Tenn., Boston College vs. Georgia, ESPN, 4 p.m.; Holiday Bowl, San Diego, Calif., Texas vs. Washington, ESPN, 2:30 p.m.

> Pontiac, Mich., Toledo vs. Cincinnati, Fiesta Bowl, Tempe, Ariz., Colorado ESPN, 11 a.m.; Alamo Bowl, San Antonio, Texas Tech vs. Iowa, ESPN, 2:30 Bowl, New Orleans, Illinois vs. LSU, p.m.; Insight.com Bowl, Phoenix, ABC, 7:30 p.m. Kansas State vs. Syracuse, ESPN2, 4:30 p.m.

• Dec. 31 — Sun Bowl, El Paso, • Dec. 25 — Las Vegas Bowl, Uni- Texas, Washington State vs. Purdue, Calif., Miami vs. Nebraska, ABC, 7 versity of Southern California vs. CBS, 11 a.m.; Humanitarian Bowl, p.m. for the national championship.

Utah, ABC, 2:30 p.m. Boise, Idaho, Louisiana Tech vs.
• Dec. 27 — Seattle Bowl, Georgia Clemson, ESPN, 10:30 a.m.; Silican Valley Classic, Fresno State vs. Michip.m.; Peach Bowl, North Carolina vs. Auburn, ESPN, 6:30 p.m..

• Jan. 1 — Outback Bowl, Tampa, Arkansas vs. Oklahoma, Fox, 10 a.m.; Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla., Virginia Tech vs. Florida State, NBC, 11:30 a.m.; Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla., • Dec. 29 — Motor City Bowl, Michigan vs. Tennessee, ABC, noon; vs. Oregon, ABC, 3:30 p.m.; Sugar

• Jan. 2 — Orange Bowl, Miami, Maryland vs. Florida, ABC, 7 p.m.

• Jan. 3 — Rose Bowl, Pasadena,

Nuggets' Issel takes leave of absence

most turbulent two weeks in Denver Nuggets' history, and it might not be

Rather than return to the bench after a four-game suspension for a profane and ethnically insensitive outburst at a fan, coach Dan Issel took an indefinite leave of absence that left many to wonder if he will ever be back.

"I hope he does come back," acting

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scoreboard

Boys'scores

Results of games Friday night: Andover 78, Sunrise Academy 70 Augusta 73, Mulvane 32 Beloit 54, Abilene 44 BV-Randolph 53, Frankfort 50 Emporia 60, McPherson 42 Eureka 53, Caney Valley 45 Hays 61, Buhler 60 (OT) Herndon 64, Golden Plains 51 Junction City 63, Leavenworth 56 Lawrence 53, Lawrence Free State

Macksville 79, Pawnee Heights 66 Maize 72, Valley Center 58 St. John 95, Kinsley 41 Stafford 62, Cunningham 60 Wichita Heights 74, Bishop Carroll

Girls' scores

Abilene 51, Beloit 34 Andover 63, Sunrise Academy 45 Bishop Carroll 67, Wichita Heights

Eureka 57, Caney Valley 51 Frankfort 51, BV Randolph 49 Golden Plains 41, Herndon 29 Hays 52, Buhler 50 Leavenworth 53, Junction City 48 Macksville 59, Pawnee Heights 40 McPherson at Emporia Mulvane 61, Augusta 41 St. John 54, Kinsley 33 Stafford 50, Cunningham 36 Valley Center 62, Maize 41

what is best for him.'

No timetable was set for Issel's return, though general manager Kiki Vandeweghe said Saturday night he believed Issel would need only a day or two to make a decision.

Vandeweghe said Issel requested "some additional time to consider his future in terms of coaching the Nug-

He wants to make sure his return to the sidelines is in his best interest and the best interest of the organization."

The Nuggets were scheduled to be off Sunday and Monday, then practice on Christmas before their home game against Minnesota on Wednesdav.

If Issel plans to resign, he may have requested the additional time to work out a settlement with the team.

However, Vandeweghe would not comment, saying instead, "Everybody in this organization hopes that Dan Issel will be associated with the Nug-

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DENVER (AP) — It has been the coach Mike Evans said, "but I want gets basically forever."

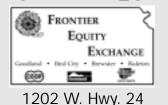
Issel, who also serves as the team president, earns \$2.5 million this year. His contract reportedly runs another

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