

# Reports: Nelson to resign as Warriors' head coach

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Multiple news outlets like [The Contra Costa Times](#) and [espn.com](#) are reporting that former Iowa basketball player Don Nelson will resign as the head coach of the NBA's Golden State Warriors. According to these reports, the move will be official when the team holds its media day on Sept. 27.

Nelson will be replaced by Keith Smart, who is remembered best as the Indiana player who hit the game-winning shot against Syracuse to win the 1987 national championship for the Hoosiers.

With 1,335 career coaching victories, Nelson walks away from Golden State as the NBA's all-time winningest coach. He set the new record on April 7, when the Warriors defeated the Minnesota Timberwolves, 116-107.

Nelson, who played at Iowa from 1960-62, ranks 10th on the Hawkeyes' all-time scoring list with 1,522 points. He shot a career 462-of-687 from the free-throw line while playing at Iowa, and he also averaged 10.9 rebounds per game, which is also 10th all-time in the team record books.

He led the Hawkeyes in both scoring and rebounding all three seasons he donned the Black and Gold.