Stanford AD Bowlsby Accepts Big 12 Commissioner Job

A person with direct knowledge of the situation says Stanford athletic director Bob Bowlsby has accepted the open Big 12 commissioner's job.

Bowlsby will take over for interim Commissioner Chuck Neinas. The person spoke Thursday to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the league had not made an announcement.

Bowlsby is in his sixth full season at Stanford. He was hired away from Iowa in 2006, following 15 years running the Hawkeyes' athletic department. Bowlsby has helped oversee the transformation of the Stanford football program back into a national power.