

Big 12 enforces its coat rule

LAWRENCE (AP) — Memo to Big 12 coaches: Removing your suit coat during a game and twirling it is OK. But fling your garment into the crowd and expect to get hit with a technical foul quicker than you can say Roy Williams.

Or at least that would seem a reasonable interpretation of events during the second half of Kansas' 82-66 victory over Texas on Saturday in noisy Allen Fieldhouse.

With about six minutes left, officials called a fourth foul on Kansas' Drew Gooden when he came into contact with Texas' driving Chris Owens. Furious, Williams ripped off his gray suit coat and tossed it about six rows into the student section. The foul was one of 46 called during the long game.

Referee Scott Thornley whistled Williams for a technical, sending the Longhorns to the foul line with a good chance of eating into the Jayhawks' 10-point lead.

A few minutes later, Texas coach

Rick Barnes took off his coat and began twirling it while staring at the official following a questionable call against a Longhorn. But Barnes did not throw his coat and no technical was forthcoming.

"I was just having some fun there," said a smiling Barnes.

Elsewhere in the Big 12 over the weekend, No. 24 Oklahoma got outrebounded 32-23 but still beat hapless Texas A&M 72-63; Terry Black scored 21 points to help Baylor snap a four-game losing skid with an 82-74 win over Texas Tech; No. 15 Iowa State got a career-high 26 points from Jamaal Tinsley and bested Kansas State 84-78; and Colorado let a 16-point lead getting away in the second half before nailing down a 60-57 victory at Nebraska.

Williams could hardly believe he had drawn a technical for tossing his coat. But his Jayhawks responded with an 8-1 run that kept them on top in the Big 12 race.

Many people thought Williams was frustrated with the referees. However, it turned out Williams was mad at Gooden.

"It's the weirdest thing I've ever been involved in," Williams said. "I had zero complaint with the call. I had a lot of complaint with Drew."

Said Gooden, "I looked over there and saw coach in his shirt sleeves and I knew I was in trouble. I didn't slide my feet, and that really ticks coach off."

Two of the day's winners, Oklahoma and Iowa State, both outplayed but not outbeaten. The Sooners beat Texas A&M, which dropped to 0-9 in the conference, despite being outrebounded 32-23.

Kansas State outplayed Iowa State in just about every phase but the point total.

Kansas State's Larry Reid scored 30 points as the Wildcats shot 55.6 percent and made all but one of their free throws.

"We got outplayed and won," Iowa State coach Larry Eustachy said. "That's nice when you can do that."

The Wildcats sliced a 12-point deficit to four points in the second half but Iowa State made eight free throws in the final minute, extending its home-court winning streak to 32 games.

"I was unbelievably impressed with Kansas State," Eustachy said. "We were lucky to win this one."

Oklahoma got 22 points from Aaron McGhee and won its fourth in a row while handing Texas A&M its ninth straight loss.

"Texas A&M's first shot didn't hurt us today. It was their second shot and third shot," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said.

The Sooners were 16-of-16 in the second half from the foul line.

Jamahl Mosley had 17 points and eight rebounds for Colorado.

"Any time you go on the road in the Big 12 and win, it's huge," he said. "This is when you have to get it done."

KU faces Iowa St.

LAWRENCE (AP) — Nick Collison, a native of Iowa Falls, Iowa, and a star forward for the Kansas Jayhawks, cannot deny he was thinking about this game all the way back to last summer.

"It would be dishonest if I didn't tell you that if there was one game I wanted to win, it was this one," Collison said.

"Now, in addition to everything else, it's a very big game."

Nothing less than first place will be on the line Monday night when No. 3 Kansas plays host to No. 15 Iowa State. If any additional motivation is needed by the Jayhawks (18-2, 7-1 Big 12), it could be the fact the Cyclones (19-3, 7-2) have beaten

them three straight times.

"We haven't forgotten they've beat us three times in a row," said Kansas center Eric Chenoweth. "We'll need to take care of business."

Both teams are coming off relatively lackluster victories on Saturday, when they were possibly looking forward to each other. Kansas beat Texas 82-66 after shaking itself out of a first-half lethargy. And Iowa State admitted it was lucky to beat Kansas State 84-78.

"We have to play hard," said Iowa State forward Martin Rancik. "We just have to think and execute much better than we did (against Kansas State)."

American Conference wins Pro Bowl, 38-17

HONOLULU (AP) — For most of Rich Gannon's career, playing in the Pro Bowl was something for other players. Having reached that level, the Oakland Raiders quarterback wasn't about to pass up an opportunity to stand out.

Still recovering from the separated left shoulder he sustained Jan. 14 in Baltimore's 16-3 victory over the Raiders in the AFC championship game, Gannon played anyway Sunday, albeit briefly. He wound up the player of the game.

"It's OK and getting better," Gannon said after completing 12 of 14 passes

for 160 yards and two touchdowns in the opening 11 minutes, igniting the AFC to a 38-17 victory over the NFC. "It's still not 100 percent healthy, but I was able to get out of there today without getting slammed. So that's important."

"I've loved it here so much, we're heading to Maui next week."

The 35-year-old Gannon was playing in his second Pro Bowl since signing a four-year, \$16 million contract with the Raiders in 1999. Before that, he spent most of his first 11 NFL seasons as a reserve with Minnesota, Washington and Kansas City.

North America wins hockey All-Star, 14-12

DENVER (AP) — Halfway through the highest-scoring NHL game ever, some fans probably wondered which of Sunday's All-Star affairs would feature more scoring — the NHL or the Pro Bowl.

For the record — and, yes, there were lots of records in a game that resembled hockey only in that there was a puck and two nets — the final score was North America 14, World 12. No, the World team didn't miss a potential game-winning field goal at the end.

With no hitting, no checking, no penalties, no neutral zone traps and precious little defense, NHL All-Star games aren't for hockey purists, or for goaltenders. But never in 50 previous All-Star games had there been anything like 14-12, not even in the days when Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux annually traded goals.

Sure, Denver fans are accustomed to high-scoring games in their thin air. But, for gosh sakes, not indoors.

This was more fitting for that show-

place of scoring, Coors Field, than for the climate-controlled Pepsi Center.

"It was exhausting," said North American goaltender Martin Brodeur, who made some remarkable saves even while allowing five goals in the third period. "Once a year for this, that's enough."

There was so much scoring that 18 players had one goal or more, led by surprise MVP Bill Guerin's three goals. The offensive pace was so frenetic that ABC-TV missed a goal while

taking a commercial break during the third period.

Of course, with 26 goals, four more than any previous All-Star game, it wasn't like anybody really noticed. Perhaps the only surprise was that Lemieux, making his return to the All-Star stage after ending a 3 1/2-year retirement, wasn't one of seven players with at least two goals. He settled for a goal and an assist. "Usually, 12 goals win the game," Peter Forsberg of the World team deadpanned.

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Thursday, Feb. 8 - "C" BB @ St. Francis 5 p.m., JH G BB (H) Hoxie, 3:30 p.m., JH WR @ Hoxie 3:30 p.m.

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