

Jayhawks drop Wake Forest despite poor foul shooting

LAWRENCE (AP) — Roy Williams' message to his fourth-ranked Kansas Jayhawks was short and to the point.

"I'm going recruiting tomorrow," he told them after their 83-76 victory over No. 23 Wake Forest on Tuesday night.

"And if I were you, I'd be in a gym with a ball shooting free throws."

If they shoot them like they did against the Demon Deacons, the Jayhawks will hit only one out of every two. Playing great defense in an effort to reverse last year's 31-point loss at Wake Forest, they were 20-of-40 from the foul line.

"Sometimes you make the suckers and sometimes you don't," Williams said. "That was a terrible exhibition."

Still, it was good enough to turn around the fourth-most lopsided defeat in Kansas basketball history. The way the sellout crowd of more than 16,000 at Allen Fieldhouse kept stomping and screaming, it was almost as though they had all been there in person.

"They weren't at the game last year. I was," Williams said. "And I was sure as the dickens thinking about that. I

told the guys we shouldn't focus solely on that. But the crowd! From git-go to the end, you can't have a better crowd."

Nick Collison had 16 points for the Jayhawks (5-1), who seized the lead and the momentum from the start in the long-awaited rematch.

Reflecting the intense interest among fans, there had been 60 "camping groups," where students take turns waiting in the hallways of the fieldhouse from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. to get prime seating locations.

For archival Missouri, they are usually about 50 groups.

"It was a great crowd," Collison said. "I think we gave them a pretty good show."

Wake Forest (5-2), which had never played at Kansas, trailed by 11 at half-time, but quickly got the lead down to 44-38 on a driving layup by Broderick Hicks, who had 12 points and was one of five Deacons in double figures.

"To play Kansas at Kansas is hard to do," said Darius Songaila, who had 10 points for the Deacons. "They are a physical team. This is exactly what we expected. They got a lot of offensive

rebounds and it's hard to win a game when they are getting a lot of second-chance points."

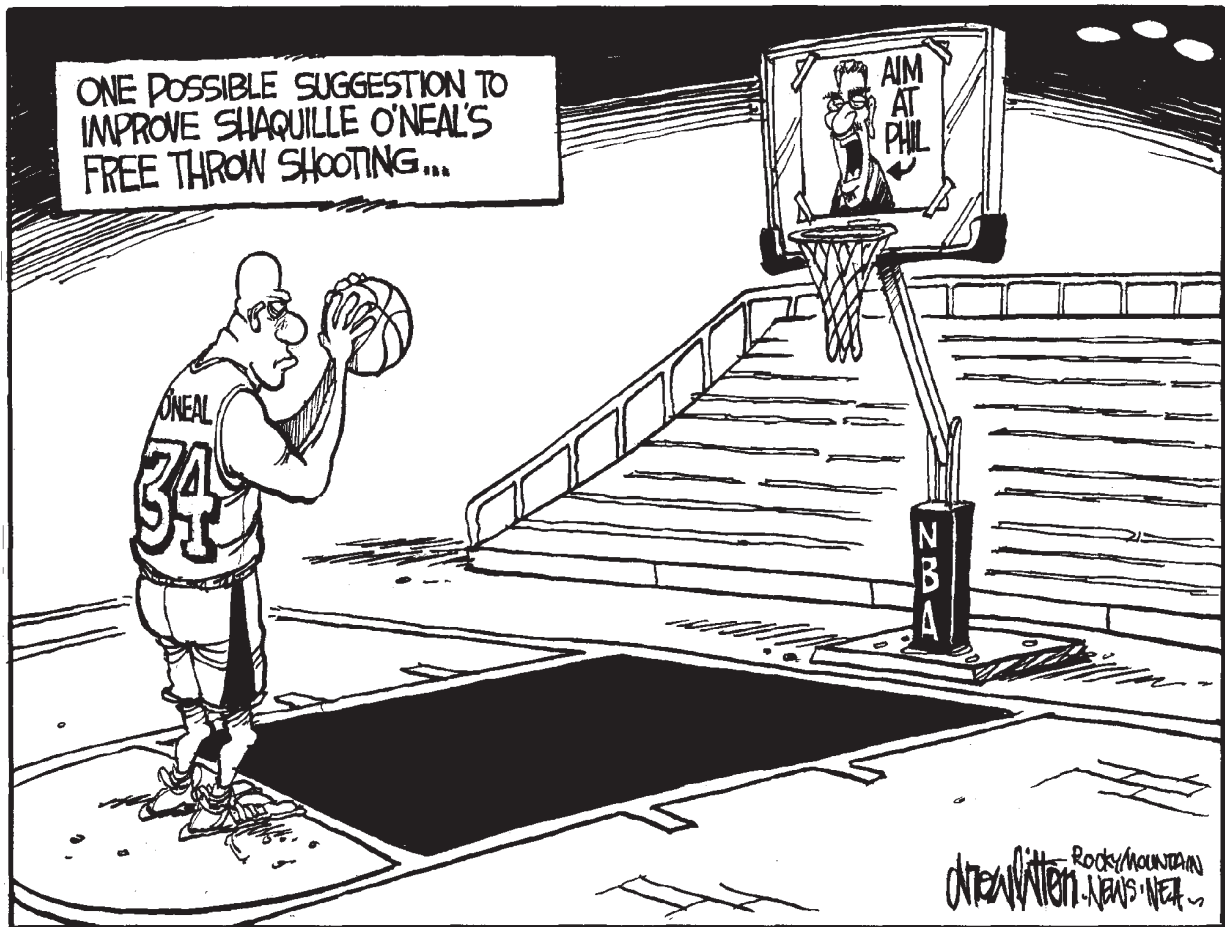
Heralded rookie Wayne Simien, who missed the first five games with a knee injury, had 10 points and 11 rebounds in his collegiate debut, including a huge dunk that put the Jayhawks in front 71-61 with 3:27 to go.

"I did not feel real comfortable out there at first," he said. "Wake was definitely a physical team and it made me nervous at first. After the first few times up and down the floor I became more comfortable and began recognizing the flow of the game and where I was needed."

Jeff Boschee had 14 points for the Jayhawks, including 4-of-8 on 3-pointers, while Kirk Hinrich had 13 and Drew Gooden 11.

Antwan Scott had 13 points for Wake Forest, but fell heavily to the floor in the final minute.

Josh Howard, who had 21 points for Wake Forest in the blowout last year, was held scoreless until midway through the second half and wound up with nine points.



Players never expected contraction to be part of contract negotiations

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Major league players expected to negotiate a new labor contract during the off-season. They just never thought the elimination of teams would be an issue.

"All of the discussions we had about it previously were just that it was something they had maybe talked about it, and it was nothing really that was serious," said Texas pitcher Rick Helling, the AL player representative. "It took all of us by surprise."

At the same hotel where the players' association executive board began its annual meeting Tuesday, an arbitrator heard the first testimony in the union's grievance against the plan to fold two teams before next season.

Gene Orza, associate general counsel and the union's No. 2 official, was the only person who testified Tuesday before arbitrator Shyam Das. Orza refused to comment on his testimony, which lasted more than three hours and was scheduled to resume Wednesday.

After testimony Wednesday, the grievance hearing moves to New York on Monday for four more days. The sides have agreed to additional hearing dates in December if they are needed.

Owners voted Nov. 6, just two days after the World Series ended, to eliminate two teams. The teams haven't been named, but Montreal and Minnesota are the leading candidates.

The players' union claims the contraction vote violated the terms of their labor contract, which expired Nov. 7 but remains in effect.

"Basically, what it comes down to is we feel they're obligated to negotiate with us over contraction, and they don't feel they are," Helling said.

There are about 50 players at the union's meeting, the largest gathering of players since the World Series.

"Nobody can figure out what they (owners) are thinking, and we're not too sure they know what they are thinking," Detroit Tigers pitcher Danny Patterson said. "This union sticks together. We're not saying we are going to strike, but we're going to fight it."

Players don't want contraction to be the overriding focus of their meeting. But they know until it is settled, there can't be progress toward a labor deal.

"You have to know one way or another because they intertwine," Helling said. "To get a collective bargain-

ing agreement done, we have to know how many teams will be playing. Obviously, we're against contraction. We are going to do everything we can to stop it."

Cubs outfielder Michael Tucker acknowledges there are other issues on the table, but that players realize what a pertinent issue contraction is. And they expect it to take a long time to settle the issues.

"Any time you want to get things done the right way, it's not going to be something that's going to be settled in a hurry," Tucker said. "It's something that's going to be time-consuming."

But time may be running out for baseball to eliminate two teams in time for the 2002 season.

The Minnesota Supreme Court last week refused a request by baseball and the Twins for a speedy review of an injunction that forces the team to play next season. The court set a hearing for Dec. 27, two weeks after the deadline for contraction under commissioner Bud Selig's original plan.

Selig has said the elimination of teams will happen, but has acknowledged the timetable is out of his control.

Mangino named Jayhawk football coach

LAWRENCE (AP) — Oklahoma assistant Mark Mangino, three days after withdrawing from consideration, was named head football coach Tuesday at Kansas.

Mangino, 45, said he will begin his new job immediately and not go to the Cotton Bowl with Oklahoma, where he has been offensive coordinator the past two years. Before that, he spent eight years at Kansas State as Bill Snyder turned that program from a loser into a winner.

"Our goal is to be the best team in the Big 12," Mangino said at a news conference with media, staff and fans.

He indicated one reason he had with-

drawn his name was because Kansas athletic director Al Bohl had not yet offered him the job. Bohl said there was no restructuring of the offer.

"At that time, I had every intention of staying at the University of Oklahoma," Mangino said.

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, who had been an assistant with Mangino at Kansas State, gave him permission to begin his new job at once.

"He said, 'Mark, you better get up there. You've got a lot of work to do,'" Mangino said.

With Stoops at Oklahoma, Mangino helped revive the once-mighty Sooners into national champions who have lost

only two games the past two seasons.

Mangino's base salary on a five-year contract will be \$128,438, but his total package is certain to be much bigger.

Bohl, who was hired last summer specifically to turn around the long-suffering football program, said details of Mangino's overall compensation had not been settled. He promised it would be competitive.

But Mangino, unaware of Bohl's comments, offered a different view.

"Everything is settled," he said.

Exactly one month earlier, Bohl fired Terry Allen with three games remaining on his fifth straight losing season.

Cowgirls could have rematch with Ottawa in Topside Tipoff

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once the whistle blows, it's a competition."

It will be good for the Cowgirls to have a chance to play the best, Hixson said.

"It would be a good test," he said, "to see where we are."

But in order for that to happen, the Cowgirls have to win two games and Ottawa has to win two games.

Though he would like to compete against the eastern Kansas team, Hixson said, as a coach he has to take it one game at a time.

The first game of the tournament for the girls will pit Yuma against Morrill at 2 p.m. Thursday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The Burlington boys will face Ottawa at the same time in the new junior high gym.

The Ottawa girls will face Holyoke at 4 p.m. in the junior high gym while the McCook boys face Morrill in a Nebraska showdown at the fieldhouse.

The Cowgirls take on Wray at 6 p.m. at the fieldhouse while the Yuma boys face Holyoke in the junior high gym.

The 8 p.m. matchups have the Cowboys against Wray at the fieldhouse while the Burlington girls face McCook.

Friday at 2 p.m., the winners of the girls Yuma versus Morrill and Holyoke versus Ottawa games will play in the

fieldhouse while the losers play in the junior high gym.

At 4 p.m. the boys winners of the McCook versus Morrill and Burlington against Ottawa games will play at the fieldhouse while the losers play in the new gym.

The 6 p.m. matchups will have the winners of the Cowgirls versus Wray and the Burlington versus McCook games competing in the fieldhouse while the losers battle in the new gym.

At 8 p.m., the winners of the Cowboys against Wray and Yuma versus Holyoke will face off in the fieldhouse while the losers compete in the new gym.

Saturday's first game will be at 11 a.m. when the girls compete for third place in the fieldhouse and for fifth in the new gym.

The boys fifth place consolation match will be at 1 p.m. in the new gym while the girls seventh place match is played in the fieldhouse.

The boys third place match will be at 3 p.m. in the new gym while the boys compete for seventh place in the fieldhouse.

The girls championship game will be at 5 p.m. in the fieldhouse and the boys championship will follow at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Nuggets lose to Pacers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jalen Rose had 25 points and 10 rebounds and Jermaine O'Neal added 23 points and 11 rebounds as the Indiana Pacers beat the Denver Nuggets 104-96 Tuesday night.

Al Harrington scored 18 for the Pacers, who were playing their first game at home following a five-game road trip that ended with a 31-point loss to the Los Angeles Clippers.

Nick Van Exel scored 30 and had 10 assists for the Nuggets and Raef LaFrentz had his fourth straight double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds. Voshon Lenard scored 13 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter.

The Nuggets trailed 85-70 at the end

of the third quarter, but Lenard scored 10 points, including two 3-pointers, in the first six minutes of the fourth to make it 91-82.

Indiana pushed the lead back to 12, and the Nuggets got no closer than eight the rest of the way as they lost for the fifth time in six games.

The Pacers outrebounded Denver 52-39. The Nuggets only had 10 offensive rebounds, despite averaging nearly 15 a game.

The Pacers took a lead two minutes into the game and never trailed. They shot 62.5 percent in the second quarter, with Harrington making all six shots from the floor and Jamaal Tinsley shooting 3-for-4.

basketball scores

By The Associated Press

Boys Scores

Tuesday

Atwood 65, Golden Plains 51
Grinnell 65, St. Francis 31
Oberlin 94, Cheylin 49
Quinter 51, Oakley 47
Stratton 65, Brewster 59
Wamego 80, Council Grove 49

Girls Scores

Atwood 49, Cheylin 43
Grinnell 77, Oberlin 67
Jennings 55, Eastern Heights 54, OT
St. Francis 43, Golden Plains 42
Stratton 58, Brewster 42
Trego 49, Ellis 34
Wamego 61, Council Grove 27

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