

# Jayhawks' coach to confront former boss in Final Four

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — No matter what Roy Williams does, his name will always be linked to Dean Smith.

This is Williams' fifth season as coach at Kansas and he's already assured of second place on the all-time list for victories by new coaches during that span. When the Jayhawks take the floor Saturday, it will be his second Final Four appearance. Seems he should be able to shake the name of his former boss.

Problem is, the team going against Kansas will be Smith's North Carolina Tar Heels. It was the same way two years ago when the former boss and his long-time assistant met in the semifinals in Indianapolis with the student prevailing 79-73.

You can't hear Williams' name without hearing Smith's. It's that way when one serves as an assistant to the other for 10 years and then has a program remarkably similar when he does go out on his own.

"Too much was made of all this in 1991," Smith said. "This game will be decided by our players and the Kansas players. Roy and I are always going to be friends, regardless of what happens. We've already got a golf date set for April. That's when we'll be competing against each other."

Saturday, though, it's basketball. North Carolina (32-4) against Kansas (29-6), followed by Kentucky (30-3) and Michigan (30-4). All but Kansas, the second seed in the Midwest, were top seeded in their region. The winners meet Monday night for the national championship.

Smith brought a North Carolina team to the 1982 Final Four in New Orleans and those Tar Heels left with the coach's only national title. This is Smith's ninth Final Four.

Williams had a good seat for that '82 game as Smith's assistant. He can quickly and in detail recall the timeout with 32 seconds left that led to Michael Jordan's game-winning shot 15 seconds later.

"That one timeout sticks out in my mind," Williams said. "Coach Smith taught me something each and every day I was there. But that confidence that he was able to show and give our kids during that timeout of the Georgetown game is something I can still remember. The look on his face. I can still remember everything about that timeout just like it was last night."

The 1991 meeting was the game Smith didn't see to its conclusion as he was ejected in the final minute after he was charged with his second technical foul.

# Husker's Jennings named All-American

From Staff Reports

Nebraska's Karen Jennings will be among 10 players honored this weekend at the NCAA Women's Final Four as a Kodak Women's All-American.

Jennings, who led the Cornhuskers to the second round of the NCAA Tournament, becomes Nebraska's first-ever first-team All-American.

Jennings played in 119 games in her career at Nebraska, scoring in double figures in 114 of those games. She is a two-time Big Eight Player of the Year and broke the school scoring record with 2,405 points.

Jennings, a two-time GTE Academic All-American, holds a 3.89

grade point average in exercise science.

Joining Jennings on the first team were Andrea Congreaves of Mercer, Toni Foster of Iowa, Laurretta Freeman of Auburn, Heidi Gillingham of Vanderbilt, Lisa Harrison of Tennessee, Katie Smith of Ohio State, Sheryl Swoopes of Texas Tech, Milica Vukadinovic of California and Val Whiting of Stanford.

Swoopes and Whiting were the only repeat selections to the team, while Smith became only the second freshman to be named to the team.

The team is selected annually by a panel of women's basketball coaches around the nation.

# Women's Gym

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Walton said conditioning for the meet had been good for his team, but it must now focus.

"The physical preparation is over," Walton said. "Now (the team) has to mentally be able to stay in the meet. They have to be able to go from a relaxed state to a competitive frenzy in a matter of seconds."

With seven teams competing in only four events, waiting and then competing briefly is a major part of the competition.

Nebraska is scheduled to begin the meet on the vault, a strong event for the Huskers, according to Walton.

Walton said the team's rotation would be an advantage to overcoming the arena's distractions.

"The best way to get away from the pressure is to start good," Walton said. "If (the team) starts in a hole, they'll have to fight the crowd."

But despite Walton's concerns with the crowd, he said the attention was good for women's gymnastics.

"It lends a lot to the excitement to the event," Walton said.

Walton said he had high hopes for his team.

"We'll make it interesting; it'll be close," Walton said. "This is a meet of attrition. People that can endure the longevity of the event will do well."

# Softball

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to improve this weekend.

"This is a very important weekend for us," Revelle said. "We need to go out and play up to our potential in every game."

With the cancellation of Wednesday night's doubleheader against Creighton due to rain, the Huskers are in need of playing more games to keep up with the rest of the Big Eight teams.

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*This is a very important weekend for us.*

—Revelle  
NU softball coach

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"We're just excited to play. The other Big Eight teams have had a few more games than us and now we're playing catch up," Revelle said. "We really need to get playing and get some more games in."

# Dalton

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of the best and on the top," he says. "But I tried not to be overconfident or cocky."

Whether his family was living in Minnesota, South Dakota, Missouri or Nebraska, baseball has been there always.

"Baseball was the one constant," he says. "I made a lot of friends playing it."

Yet, it wasn't until later that Dalton decided he wanted baseball to be part of his life for good.

"My senior year in high school I decided to concentrate on baseball," he says. "It was the smartest decision

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*The more you give, the more you get out of it. I was raised to go all out at everything you do, or else you'll just be wasting your time.*

—Dalton  
NU center fielder

I could have made." And ever since then, the determination came out in full force. "When I go out, I have a fire inside," he says. "I'm really competitive; I hate to lose." Dalton says he hopes he can take this competitive edge all the way to the major leagues.

"I'd at least want to get a shot at playing pro ball," he says. "I don't know what I'd do without baseball." If the pros don't pan out for Dalton, not surprisingly, he says he will try to rub off his own style onto future players. "I'd be a tough coach, a motivator," he says.

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# Huskers

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Nebraska notified the NCAA of the possible violations, but did confirm that Nebraska did indeed contact the NCAA about its in-state rival.

Byrne also refused to comment on the nature of the violations.

Despite the distraction, Sanders said his team would be focused on the game and ready to play.

While the series is the conference opener for Nebraska, Oklahoma State has already played seven conference games and has a 3-4 record.

As a result, Oklahoma State, the 1992 Big Eight regular season and tournament champion, is third in the conference. Oklahoma, hoping to return to the College World Series, is off to a fast start, leading the pack with a record of 5-0.

The 10-9 Cornhuskers will start Troy Brohawn and Brian Martin in the first two games against Oklahoma State, he said, but no decision has been made yet on the third game. The left-handed Brohawn is 3-0 with a 2.08 ERA this season while Martin is 3-1 with a 4.94 ERA.

A solid team effort will be needed for the Huskers to be successful in Stillwater, he said. However, Sanders said he expected his team to "step it up a notch."

Notes:

• Both Nebraska and Oklahoma State have been cold lately. The Huskers have lost six of their last eight games, while the Cowboys have come away without a victory in their four games.

• Nebraska has six starters hitting over .300 for the season to date. They are Sagmoen, Darin Peterson (.356), Jed Dalton (.338), Darin Erstad (.321), James Garcia (.313) and Derek Dukart (.309).