

Grand jury indicts ex-Memphis St. coach

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Dana Kirk, former Memphis State basketball coach, was indicted Thursday by a federal grand jury on charges of obstruction of justice, mail fraud, income tax evasion and filing false tax returns.

If convicted on all counts, Kirk, 51, could draw a maximum sentence of 62 years in prison and fines of \$912,000, the U.S. attorney's office said.

Kirk, who turned Memphis State into a Top 20 contender, also was named in the 11-count indictment with seeking payoffs to have his team play in tournaments.

The coach was fired from Memphis State in September after seven seasons. Memphis State President Thomas Carpenter has refused to outline his reasons for firing Kirk except to say it was in the best interest of the university.

Kirk was indicted by a grand jury that for the past 1½ years has been investigating allegations of sports gambling in the Mid-South.

Kirk was charged in the indictment with soliciting a \$2,000 payoff to have Memphis State participate in a basketball tournament at New Orleans in 1982 and a \$10,000 payoff to send the Tigers to a tournament at Los Angeles in 1983.

The indictment said Kirk was paid \$10,000 for pregame telephone interviews with the media covering the Los Angeles tournament. The money was paid by tournament organizers and was required for Memphis State's participation in the games, the charges said.

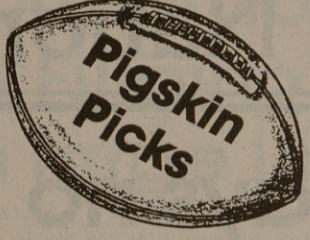
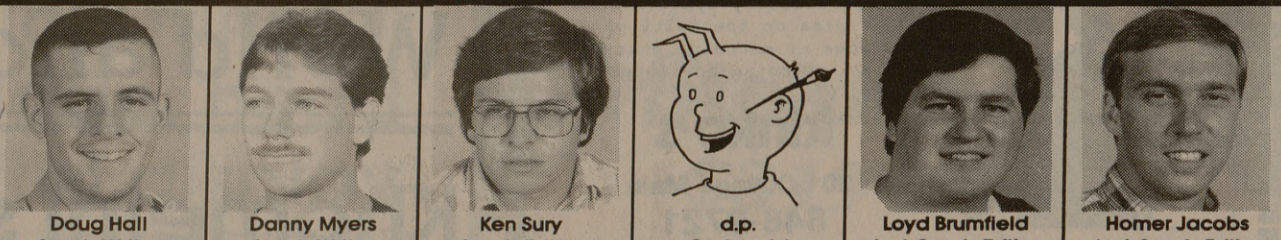
The indictment also accused Kirk of trying to influence the grand jury testimony of Memphis businessman Ira Lichterman, who was expected to testify about basketball tickets allegedly sold by the former coach.

Kirk told Lichterman to lie or refuse to answer if the jury asked about such ticket sales, the indictment said.

The tax charges accuse Kirk of under-reporting his taxable income in 1982 and 1983 and of understating income received from summer basketball camps from 1980-1983.

Kirk took over a struggling basketball program at Memphis State and posted records of 13-14 in his first two years with the Tigers.

But the Tigers had a 24-5 record the following year and were on a roll that took them to the Final Four of the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament in 1985. They returned to the playoffs last season, but were eliminated in the second round.

						
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Texas A&M vs. TCU	Aggies by 13	Aggies by 28	Aggies by 28	Aggies by 24	Aggies by 32	Aggies by 35
Arkansas at SMU	Razorbacks by 3	Razorbacks by 7	Razorbacks by 7	Mustangs by 2	Razorbacks by 1	Mustangs by 1
Texas at Baylor	Bears by 6	Bears by 8	Bears by 13	Bears by 7	Bears by 7	Bears by 6
Houston at Texas Tech	Red Raiders by 10	Red Raiders by 4	Red Raiders by 17	Red Raiders by 7	Red Raiders by 10	Red Raiders by 6
Air Force at Rice	Falcons by 1	Falcons by 9	Falcons by 9	Falcons by 7	Falcons by 10	Falcons by 10
Michigan at Ohio State	Wolverines by 3	Wolverines by 2	Wolverines by 4	Wolverines by 7	Wolverines by 6	Buckeyes by 1
Arizona State at Arizona	Sun Devils by 3	Wildcats by 1	Sun Devils by 3	Sun Devils by 7	Sun Devils by 1	Wildcats by 4
Oklahoma at Nebraska	Sooners by 10	Comhuskers by 2	Sooners by 7	Sooners by 7	Sooners by 4	Comhuskers by 4
Notre Dame at LSU	Tigers by 3	Fighting Irish by 1	Tigers by 10	Tigers by 1	Tigers by 8	Tigers by 14
Yale at Harvard	Crimson by 7	Crimson by 5	Elis by 9	Elis by 1	Crimson by 10	Elis by 1
Houston Oilers vs. Indianapolis	Oilers by 9	Oilers by 1	Oilers by 3	Oilers by 1	Oilers by 1	Colts by 2
Dallas Cowboys at Washington	Cowboys by 2	Cowboys by 3	Redskins by 7	Redskins by 1	Redskins by 7	Redskins by 3
Last Week's Record	7-3-2	7-3-2	8-2-2	5-5-2	7-3-2	6-4-2
Overall Record	81-37-2 (.686)	78-40-2 (.661)	78-40-2 (.661)	76-42-2 (.644)	76-42-2 (.644)	75-43-2 (.636)

Harris lifts Rockets to win over Utah

HOUSTON (AP) — Reserve guard Steve Harris scored 10 of his season-high 14 points in the fourth quarter and Rodney McCray had a career-high 14 assists to lead the Houston Rockets to a 104-90 NBA victory over the Utah Jazz Thursday night.

Harris made three baskets in the first five minutes of the fourth quarter to boost Houston to a 86-74 advantage. The Jazz cut Houston's lead to eight with 6:33 left but were never that close again.

Houston, playing without power forward Ralph Sampson, who is sidelined with a sprained right ankle, was led by Robert Reid with 20 points. Akeem Olajuwon, the other power forward, had 19 and Jim Petersen scored a season-high 18 for Houston.

Darrell Griffith and Karl Marlowe each had 23 for the Jazz.

Houston moved ahead 13-6 midway through the first quarter and led 22-10 with 2:59 left in the quarter. Reid scored seven of his 11 first quarter points in the final 1:30 of the quarter to spark Houston to a 31-16 margin.

Olajuwon picked up three quick fouls early in the second quarter and left the game, as the Jazz chipped away at the Rockets lead until they pulled within four, 46-40, with four minutes left in the first half. Houston held a 54-50 halftime lead.

The Rockets outscored Utah 12-2 in the first four minutes of the third quarter to lead 66-52. The Jazz pulled within 74-70, but a pair of late Rocket baskets increased their lead to 78-70 going into the fourth quarter.

Allen's overtime TD gives Raiders victory

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Marcus Allen ran 28 yards for a touchdown 8:33 into overtime Thursday night to rally the Los Angeles Raiders to a 37-31 NFL victory over the San Diego Chargers.

The Raiders, winning for the eighth time in nine games since an 0-3 start, drove 56 yards in five plays on their second possession of the overtime period. A key play in the drive was a 28-yard pass completion from Jim Plunkett to Todd Christensen that moved the ball to the San Diego 38.

Allen ran for 10 yards to the 28 and, after an incompletion, Allen scooted around right end, broke a couple of tackles and carried two Chargers into the end zone for the winning score.

Reserve quarterback Mark Herrmann, playing only because regular Dan Fouts was injured and starter Tom Flick was ineffective, rallied the Chargers, 2-10, to three touchdowns after the Raiders had ridden their defense and Plunkett's arm to a 31-10 lead.

Curtis Adams ran one and 13 yards for touchdowns before Herrmann guided the Chargers 66 yards in eight plays for the tying score.

Herrmann threw 16 yards to Charlie Joiner with 1:01 left in regulation to tie it.

The first punt of the game by San Diego's Ralf Mojsiejenko was blocked by Hayes, and Robinson picked up the loose ball and scored from the 2-yard line.

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				Midwest Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB	
Boston	7	2	.778	—	Houston	6	3	.667
Philadelphia	7	4	.636	1	Utah	5	4	.556
Washington	4	6	.400	3½	Dallas	6	5	.545
New York	3	8	.273	5	Denver	6	5	.545
New Jersey	2	8	.200	5½	Sacramento	4	6	.400
					San Antonio	3	7	.300

Central Division				Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	8	2	.800	—	LA Lakers	7	1	.875
Milwaukee	8	4	.667	1	Golden State	5	5	.500
Chicago	5	3	.625	2	Phoenix	5	5	.500
Indiana	6	5	.545	2½	Seattle	5	5	.500
Detroit	3	6	.333	4½	Portland	5	6	.455
Cleveland	3	8	.300	5½	LA Clippers	3	8	.273

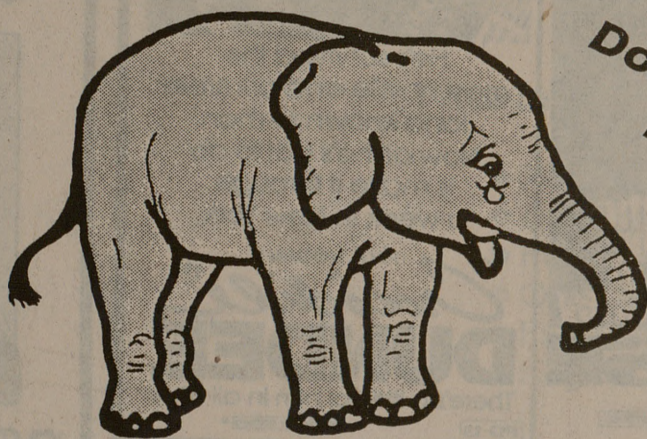
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