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# Kansas beat more than just OU 'Hawks win NCAA crown in face of adversity

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas' second NCAA basketball championship was something special.

The Jayhawks won it Monday night on a near-homecourt that had never been friendly in title games. They did it over an old foe and one considered the better team.

There were players making contributions, some on the court and some off. There were more losses than any other champion.

There was a coach who is talked about in terms of moving, making moves that will be talked about.

Finally, there was Danny Manning.

And he is the reason that Kansas was so special Monday night.

The two-time All-American ended his collegiate career with a game that summed up the Jayhawks' season.

Manning finished with 31 points and 18 rebounds in the 83-79 victory over Oklahoma. But it was the way he scored the big points and the way he avoided his fourth foul to remain on the court that showed how valuable he was all season.

"I don't think he ever played a better game," said his father, Kansas assistant coach Ed Manning.

Manning picked up his third foul 25 seconds into the second half. Coach Larry Brown didn't remove him from the game and it proved to be a great move eight minutes later.

Oklahoma took its largest lead of the game, 65-60, with 12:13 to play.

Manning's fellow senior Chris Piper hit a jumper to pull the Jayhawks within three. Manning then scored the next seven Kansas points — the last two on a nice hook shot — around a three-pointer by Mookie Blaylock, and the Jayhawks had the lead they never gave up.

"I knew he wanted it bad, and he came out here and proved that tonight," Oklahoma's Stacey King said after the game. "He had 18 rebounds and did a good job defensively."

Manning had five steals, and his play — with three fouls — was a major reason King and Harvey Grant, Oklahoma's leading scorers, were held to a combined eight points in the second half.

But it wasn't Manning alone.

Piper had eight points and seven rebounds and he teamed with Manning on the inside defense. Milt Newton had 15 points and Kevin Pritchard added 13. Clint Normore had seven points and four assists in 16 minutes. Scooter Barry hit a big free throw with 16 seconds left.

Brown figured out how to stop the Sooners, the second-highest scoring team in the country. He slowed it down after playing a first half that was to Oklahoma's liking and ended at 50-50.

"I wanted the kids to understand that we had to work the clock, run some plays and get a little organized," Brown said.

The final minutes found Oklahoma making charge that was snuffed by four free throws. Manning in the final 14 seconds.

So Kansas won the title only 35 miles from campus. But Kansas City had never been kind to Kansas before.

The Jayhawks, who were eight-point underdogs, had played three championship games there before Monday night and lost each time.

The Jayhawks lost both regular-season meetings with Oklahoma, the champions of the Big Eight. They had nine other losses; that was one more than any champion had before.

Kansas also had an extra player on the line before the game.

Archie Marshall, the forward whose season was ended in December by a knee injury, did not take part in the pregame drills.

Brown had spoken of Marshall throughout the tournament as the man who inspired the Jayhawks to continue on the road to the championship.

After Marshall's injury, Manning wore a band with Marshall's number on it.

Now both are wearing special championship rings.

## Hectic schedule leads Woosnam to his 1st Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Here it is barely April, and Ian Woosnam already has played in three golf tournaments in Australia — one each in Hong Kong and Europe, and has made three appearances in the United States.

This week the 5-foot-4 golfer will play in the Masters for the first time. Ringing in his ears will be a warning from Scotsman Sandy Lyle.

"He can't go dodging around the world like that and come here and expect to start hitting great shots immediately," Lyle said.

The 1988 record supports Lyle's analysis.

With all that jumping around this year, Woosnam still hasn't won.

And he has missed the cut in his last two American starts, particularly frustrating because Woosnam scheduled his four-week swing around the American circuit to "give myself the chance to play well."

"I've played here before, but always one week at a time, never giving myself the chance to get acclimated," he said.

Now he has had the chance. Nothing has happened.

"I've still got the brake on," Woosnam said, the frustration clear in his voice.

And he has only this week, in the Masters, to salvage something from his first extended American appearance. There is little indication that it is likely to happen.

"I just haven't been playing all that well this year," Woosnam said

before a practice session on the Augusta National Golf Club course, where the 52nd Masters begins Thursday.

He insists, however, the distractions and pressures of one of the world's great tournaments will not have a bearing on his performance.

"It's just another week to me. It's the same as last week or next week."

"I don't want to get over-awed by it. I just want to go out and do my job, try to play well the first three days and get in position to win the tournament."

Woosnam grew up near the English-Welsh border as a farmer's son, and was a farm laborer, assistant golf pro and sometimes bartender.

Despite his lack of height, he generates enormous power from the tee. Last year he was the most financially-productive player in golf's history, collecting about \$1.8 million in world-wide earnings. He won eight international titles — five in Europe.

In the Masters, he will be part of a 16-man foreign delegation that also includes Seve Ballesteros of Spain, Greg Norman of Australia, British Open champion Nick Faldo of England, Lyle and former Masters champion Bernhard Langer of West Germany.

The American field is led by Paul Azinger, Mark McCumber, Ben Crenshaw, Tom Kite, Tom Watson, PGA champion Larry Nelson, Lanny Wadkins, Jay Haas, Curtis Strange, Payne Stewart and Jack Nicklaus, the only six-time Masters winner.

## Winfield rejects trade to Astros

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Yankees outfielder Dave Winfield rejected a proposed trade that would have sent him to the Houston Astros for right fielder Kevin Bass, the Houston Post reported Tuesday.

But Houston general manager Bill Wood said there is a possibility a trade between the two teams could still be worked out.

The Astros and Yankees agreed to the deal and needed only Winfield's approval to complete the transaction, the newspaper said. But Winfield, an 11-time All-Star, invoked his right to refuse a trade Monday.

Since Winfield has been in the major leagues for 10 years, five of them with New York, he has a right to refuse any trade. Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, however, has maintained there is a clause in Winfield's contract which waives his right of refusal.

Winfield's contract clause may supercede his right to refuse a trade to specific clubs. He may veto trades to all clubs but the Yankees' AL East Division rivals and the Seattle Mariners, but the players' union contends that his 10-and-5 status supercedes the individual contract.

Winfield said Tuesday that a proposed trade had been discussed with his agent but side-stepped any direct answers.

"We talked about it," Winfield said after the Yankees beat the Minnesota Twins 8-0 in their season opener. "We'll listen."

Steinbrenner is feuding with

Winfield and the Yankees have been actively trying to trade the outfielder for several weeks.

The Baltimore Orioles and Yankees reportedly discussed a deal that would send Fred Lerner to New York for Winfield.

Wood said late Monday that talks involving the Astros and Winfield were "dead in the water."

Wood declined further comment on the matter, saying that he had spoken several times over the weekend with Yankees general manager Lou Piniella about the possibility of bringing Winfield to Houston.

The Yankees reportedly agreed to pay a part of Winfield's 1988 salary, estimated at \$3 million and also agreed to a hefty portion of a \$4.9 million buyout clause that would have allowed the Astros to trade Winfield to Houston.

Astros spokesman Rob MacLennan told the Associated Press Tuesday he could not confirm or deny that such a trade proposal had been made with the Yankees.

Bass, who has hit .311 with .284, respectively, and had a total of 164 RBI the last two seasons reportedly is coveted by the Yankees for his ability as a switch-hitter. He signed a two-year, \$3 million contract plus with the Yankees in February.

Houston Manager Hal Lindgren said he spoke with Yankees manager Billy Martin regarding Winfield over the weekend.

## Hough still tough in Rangers season opener

ARLINGTON (AP) — In a game where most of the victories go to the young and swift, Charlie Hough is old and slow.

But he is the strong foundation for whatever fate befalls the Texas Rangers this year in the American League West. The 39-year-old Hough, whose fluttering knuckleball can barely be clocked by a radar gun, proved it again Monday night.

Hough gets rough under pressure. He went eight innings on a night when he couldn't get his knuckler to behave properly. His 4-3 victory over the Cleveland Indians before 37,000 fans attending the home opener couldn't come at a better time as a confidence builder for the Rangers.

Texas started 1-10 last year, and not even Hough could save the club by himself with 18 victories. He pitched more innings than anybody in the league, trying to drag the Rangers along behind him.

"Charlie is amazing," Manager Bobby Valentine said. "He is such a tough competitor that he's hard to beat even on his off nights. Charlie pitched well enough to win. He just kept getting them out in the clutch."

Case in point was Monday night when Hough said, "I didn't have a good knuckleball the whole game."

The Indians touched him for three homers but couldn't send him to the showers.

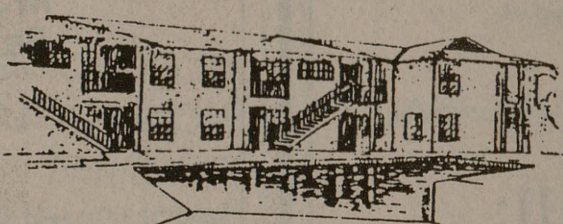
"I always seem to get lucky against these guys," Hough, who has won his last 13 games against the Indians and is 16-4 lifetime against them, threw 111 pitches but didn't have his arm down afterward.

"I'm still in great shape," he said. "I know? I might still be around five years now."

The Rangers may be developing an reliever to help pick Hough up and that may make Texas' elder statesman a threat to his games. Mitch Williams earned a save by picking runner off base then striking out two more in ninth inning against Cleveland.

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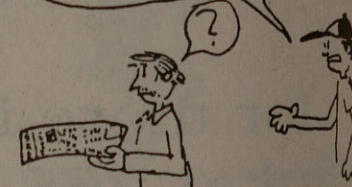
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