

Dallas falling from NBA elite, hoping for quick turnaround

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks are wondering what disaster will strike next.

They suffered the worst NBA home loss in their history on Sunday, humiliated 118-93 by the Los Angeles Lakers on national television.

Last week they lost guard Rolando Blackman for almost three weeks with a finger injury.

Earlier in January, forward Roy Tarpley, the best sixth man in the league, entered a drug rehabilitation center.

Forward Mark Aguirre has hinted he would like to be traded.

On Dec. 29 the Mavs beat Boston at home 131-115 to run their record to 17-9.

Since then the Mavs have fallen out of first place in the Midwest Division to fighting for their lives to gain a playoff berth.

They are 4-10 in January. Dallas had a string of 17 straight months of records over .500.

"You haven't heard the word 'elite' thrown around here in a long time," said Dallas center James Donaldson. "We are really struggling in the scoring department."

The Mavs took the Lakers to a seventh game of the Western Conference finals but Donaldson said Dallas isn't in the same league right now.

"It's obvious we are no threat to them," he said. "But they still took things out on us."

Dallas has lost all three games against the Lakers this year.

Guard Derek Harper said the Mavs need to awaken quickly.

"We've got to come back and put



forth a blue collar effort," Harper said. "We are trying but it's just not coming together. We've got to find a way to regain our lost confidence. If we don't the season will get away from us."

The Mavs' high point scorer against Los Angeles was Aguirre with only 16. It was the lowest output by a Dallas leading scorer this season.

Aguirre's output has been way off his form of last season.

He is under 20 points in 17 games for the season with over three months left. He was under 20 points only 17 times all of the 1987-88 campaign.

The Mavs are 15-8 at home with 23 games remaining.

Last year Dallas was 33-8 in Reunion Arena.

"These aren't the Mavericks that we know," said Los Angeles' James Worthy. "Their crowds don't even seem to be in the game. It's the quietest I've ever seen Reunion Arena."

Ex-Olympic diver sentenced to prison

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Former Olympic diver Bruce Kimball on Monday was sentenced to 17 years in prison for a high-speed drunken driving accident last summer in which he plowed into a group of teen-agers, killing two and injuring four.

"You must suffer the consequences of drunken driving. We must stop it. We can't seem to get a hammer on it," Hillsborough Circuit Judge Harry Lee Coe III told the 1984 Olympic silver medalist.

Calling the Aug. 1 accident a "terrible, terrible tragedy," the judge said he hoped the sentence would "scream out to young people" about the dangers of drunken driving.

Coe revoked Kimball's drivers license and said his prison term would be followed by 15 years probation to include community work aimed at teaching young people the dangers of alcohol.

A model prisoner could expect to serve one third of his sentence, which means Kimball could be free in five or six years, according to defense attorney Fran Quesada.

Kimball was legally drunk the night his speeding sports car

slammed into a crowd of some 30 teen-agers on a dark dead-end street at a site known as "the spot," a popular hangout for teen-agers in suburban Brandon, Fla.

Prosecutors said he roared down the narrow road at about 75 mph and skidded 397 feet from point of impact, hurling victims 30-60 feet, sideswiping several cars and leaving a trail of blood.

Kimball, dressed in a blue jail uniform, stood impassively before the judge. He said nothing and did not visibly react when the sentence was read.

Kimball's attorneys threw him on the mercy of the court after the 25-year-old athlete interrupted the start of his trial Jan. 11 and in a surprise move switched his plea to guilty on two counts of driving under the influence manslaughter and three counts of causing great bodily injury while driving under the influence.

He has been in jail since.

On Monday, Kimball changed his plea again, this time to no contest, a technical move aimed at making it easier for victims to recover damages from his automobile insurance company.

Top back in Texas picks Baylor

CUERO (AP) — Robert Strait touted as the state's top high school running back and the No. 3 rusher in national schoolboy history, decided Monday to play college football at Baylor.

Strait, a member of The Associated Press Super All-State football team, rushed for 1,421 yards last season, giving him a career total of 8,404 yards, second in Texas schoolboy history behind Sugar Land's Kenneth Hall.

"I decided to go to Baylor because it has an excellent program. The coaches are real nice. I want to be with a program that can help build up," Strait said.

"It came down to Baylor and USC (Southern California)," Strait said in a news conference telephone call. "I was just going by what my heart thought."

Strait said he felt more comfortable at Baylor than the other schools and didn't feel like he would be a "just a number" there.

Baylor quarterback Brad Goebel also is from Cuero.

Oilers' Jones joining Detroit staff

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Oilers quarterback coach June Jones, credited with building the Oilers offense into the second-highest scoring team in the NFL last season, said Monday he was leaving to become an assistant coach with the Detroit Lions.

Jones, 35, becomes the second assistant on the Houston staff to leave this month. Receivers coach Milt Jackson departed last week to take a similar job with Indianapolis.

Jones had been with the Oilers for two years and before that coached in the old United States Football League and was an assistant with the

University of Hawaii. He also played and coached with Toronto of the Canadian Football League.

"Because Detroit's offense has been down for so long, the opportunity to coach there and turn things around intrigued me," Jones said.

He also noted, however, that he would be rejoining old colleague Mouse Davis, added late in the season to the staff of the Lions, one of the league's doormats.

Jones said the Oilers had "bent over backwards" to keep him in Houston and that his decision did not come down to money.

"Actually, the offer I've accepted

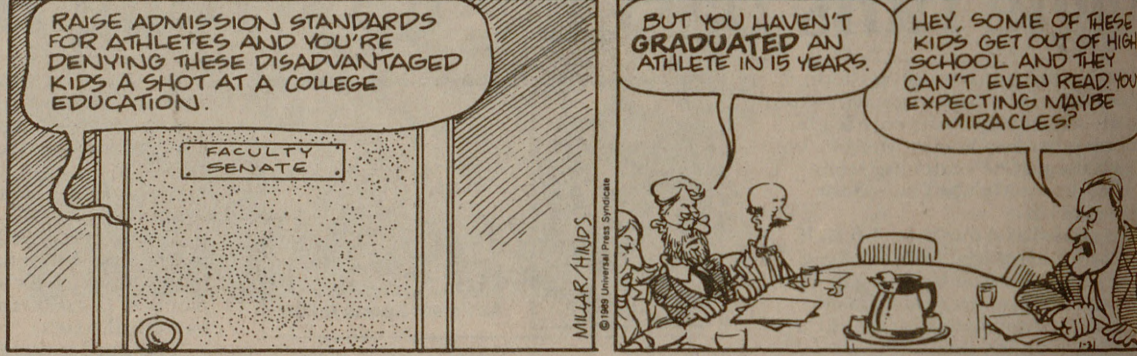
with Detroit is less than what the Oilers were offering," he said.

Jones was instrumental in installing Houston's "Red Offense," a four-wide receiver formation that helped make the Oilers one of the most potent offenses in the league.

"June did a very good job for us," Houston coach Jerry Glanville said.

"I have mixed emotions," said Oilers quarterback Warren Moon, who became a Pro Bowl player under Jones' guidance. "I'm glad June is getting the opportunity that he wants. But from a personal and selfish level, I hate to see him go."

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DANCE

Advanced Country & Western Dance:
Wed, Feb 8, 15, 22, Mar 1, 8
7:30-8:45pm
\$20/student

Beginning Jitterbug:
Sun, Feb 12, 19, 26, Mar 5, 19
7:30-8:45pm

Mon, Feb 13, 20, 27, Mar 6, 20
7:00-8:15pm
\$18/student

Ballroom Dancing:
Tues, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, Mar 7
7:30-9pm
\$18/student

Bellydance/Exercise:
M/W, Jan 30 - Mar 8
6-7pm
\$22 class fee

BUSINESS

Begin Accounting for Business Owners:
Thurs, Feb 2, 9, 16, 23, Mar 2, 9, 23, 30
7:30-9:30pm
\$28/student

Career Counseling:
Thurs, Feb 2, 9, 16, 23
6-8pm

Thurs, Mar 23, 30, April 6, 13
6-8pm
\$14/student

Basics of Investing:
Tues, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, Mar 7
7:30-9pm
\$15/student

Creative Writing:
Tues, Feb 21, 28, Mar 7, 21, 28, April 4
6:30-9:00pm
\$25/student

Business Etiquette for Success:
M/W, April 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19
6:30-8pm
\$10/student

Interviewing:
Thurs, March 9 OR Thurs, April 27
6-9pm
\$8/student

Resume Writing:
Thurs, March 2 OR Thurs, April 20
6-9pm
\$8/student

SPECIAL INTEREST

Auto Mechanics:
Thurs, Feb 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9
7-9pm
\$18/student

Thurs, March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20
7-9pm
\$18/student

Plan Your Own Wedding:
Mon, Feb 13, 20, 27, March 6
6-8pm
\$14/student

Camcorder and VCR Technology:
Thurs, Feb 23, March 2, 9, 23, 30, April 6
7-9pm
\$20/student

Bike Maintenance:
Tues, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, Mar 7
7-9pm

Tues, Mar 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18
7-9pm
\$16/student

POTTERY

Pottery - Wheel Throwing:
Mon, Feb 13, 20, 27, Mar 6, 20, 27
5-7pm

Mon, Feb 13, 20, 27, Mar 6, 20, 27
7:30-9:30pm

Thurs, Mar 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27
5-7pm

Thurs, Mar 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27
7:30-9:30pm
\$25/student

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6:30-9pm
\$27/student

Thurs, Mar 23, 30, April 6, 13
6:30-9pm
\$27/student

Intermediate Woodworking:
Sun, Mar 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
6-9pm
\$20/student

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Mon, March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24
6-8pm
\$18/student

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6:30-9pm
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Calligraphy II:
Wed, April 5 - May 3
7-9pm
\$18/student

Cross Stitch Welcome Mats:
Wed, Feb 8th
6-9pm
\$12/student

Stained Glass:
Tues, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, Mar 7
6-9pm

Wed, Mar 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19
6-9pm
\$25/student

Etched Glass:
Tues, Feb 21
6-9pm

Tues, March 28
6-9pm
\$10/student

Hot Glass Seminar:
Saturday, Feb 25
9am-3pm
\$30/student

Matting & Framing:
Mon, Feb 13, 20, 27
5-7pm

Mon, Feb 13, 20, 27
7-9pm

Wed, Feb 8, 15, 22, Mar 1
7-9pm

Wed, Mar 22, 29, April 5, 12
7-9pm
\$25/student

JEWELRY

Jewelry Casting Seminar:
Sat & Sun, March 4 & 5
9am-12noon & 1-4pm each day
\$38/student

Jewelry Construction Seminar:
Sat & Sun, Feb 18 & 19
9am-12noon & 1-4pm each day
\$38/student

PLANTS

Home Landscaping:
Tues, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, Mar 7
7-9:30pm

Tues, Mar 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18
7-9:30pm
\$20/student

Herb Gardening:
Tues, Mar 28, April 4
6-8pm
\$8/student

Flower Drying & Arranging:
Thurs, Feb 23, Mar 2, 9
6-9pm
\$15/student

Potpourri:
Thurs, Feb 9, 16
6-8pm

LANGUAGES

American Sign Language:
M/W, Feb 6 - Mar 8
6-8pm

M/W, Mar 20 - April 19
\$25/student

Conversational Chinese:
T/Th, Feb 28 - April 13
6:30-8pm
\$25/student

Conversational French:
M/W, Feb 13 - March 29
6:30-8pm
\$25/student

Conversational Spanish:
M/W, Jan 30 - March 8
6:30-8pm

M/W, Jan 30 - March 8
8-9:30pm

T/Th, March 21 - April 27
8-9:30pm
\$25/student

Int. Conversational Spanish:
T/Th, March 21 - April 27
6:30-8pm
\$25/student

Conversational German:
M/W, Feb 13 - Mar 29
6:30-8pm
\$25/student

Conversational Hebrew:
Thurs, Feb 9 - May 4
7-8:30pm
\$25/student

Conversational Italian:
M/W Feb 13 - Mar 29
6:30-8pm
\$25/student

Conversational Japanese I:
T/Th, Feb 14 - Mar 30
6:30-8pm
\$25/student

Conversational Japanese II:
T/Th, Feb 14 - Mar 30
8-9:30pm
\$25/student

HEALTH

CPR:
M/W, Feb 13 & 15
6-10pm

M/W, Mar 20 & 22
6-10pm

M/W, April 17 & 19
6-10pm

\$10/student

Personal Safety:
M/W, Feb 27 & Mar 1
6-8pm

M/W, April 10 & 12
6-8pm

\$12/student

First Aid:
T/Th, Feb 21, 23, 28, Mar 2
6-9pm
\$20/student

Yoga:
T/Th, Mar 21 - April 27
\$20/student

Wine Appreciation I:
Wed, Feb 15, 22, March 1, 8
7-8:30pm
\$25/student

Wine Appreciation II:
Wed, March 22, 29, April 5, 12
7-8:30pm
\$25/student

Bartending:
M/W, Feb 20 - March 29
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