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Mavericks release Rodman

DALLAS (AP) — Dennis Rodman needed less than a month to wear out...

The Mavericks gave up on their big drawing card Wednesday, giving him...

This could be the end of the line for the most-pierced, most-tattooed player in league history.

The team, which announced the move on its Website before...

There also was no immediate comment from Rodman. His Los Angeles-based publicist was preparing a response.

The 29-day stint in Dallas is the shortest of Rodman's career. He lasted nearly two months with the Los Angeles Lakers last season.

The Mavericks were 4-9 since Rodman joined the team. He was ejected twice, suspended once and fined \$13,500 by the league.

Rodman had only been on a losing team once before in his 14-year career. The series of defeats wore on him.

After a fifth straight loss Tuesday night, he slammed Cuban, who had personally wooed Rodman and even was briefly landlord.

Cuban also had given Rodman permission to skip practices and show up late to games.

"Mark Cuban wants to win, but he's not a player," Rodman said in a 101-86 loss in Seattle. "He doesn't need to be hanging around the players like he's a coach or something. That's why Jerry Jones, and it's dumb. That's why the Cowboys went down. He needs to be the owner, step back and put people in who can get this team in the right direction."

The Mavericks play again Thursday night at home against Minnesota. Attendance surely won't be as high as it has been with Rodman wearing No. 70.

Dallas has sold out four games this season, three since the hometown native began wearing blue and green. He didn't even get a chance for the locals to see him play in his new hairdo featuring the teal colors.

At 38, Rodman's career may be over. He won five championships, three with Chicago and two in Detroit, and seven other titles.

Yet for everything he accomplished on the court, he'll be remembered for all the court antics such as showing up at a ball signing wearing a wedding dress.

Sports in Brief A school year seems more like a lifetime for the girls in Mount Vernon, Tenn., after being shut out of the year-old class.

The 25th-ranked Texas A&M softball team defeated the Southwest Texas State University Bobcats 2-1 Wednesday in San Marcos.

Down 1-0 in the sixth inning, A&M sophomore second baseman Lisa Klam hit a two-run home run to put the Aggies in the lead for good.

Klam finished the day 2-for-4 with the home run and two RBIs. A&M freshman pitcher Karla Weikel pitched three innings of no-hit relief to pick up the win.

Weikel (4-3) allowed no base runners and struck out six.

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The Nebraska game highlighted performances from the A&M seniors. Forwards Jerald Brown and Paul Janssen turned in top performances to close out the season.

Normally, the inside performance comes from Jack and freshman Andy Slocum. Regardless, the Aggies are beginning to develop strength in the paint.

Colorado is led by senior Jason Walls with 17.4 points and 4.7 rebounds per game. Inside, the Buffaloes rely on senior Jamahl Mosley who averages 12.5 points and seven rebounds.

"We remember what happened at College Station," said Walls who scored a team-high 19 points against A&M. It would be nice to get some revenge in Kansas City.

A&M is completing its second year rebuilding under Watkins. The Aggies see a tournament win as the next level in the rebuilding process.

"It would be the next step," Jackson said about going for the first Big 12 Tournament win. "It would be real important for us, as far as the overall program and for us, the players, right now."

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