## Kansas' recovery faces big test

Improved Jayhawks may not be ready for Florida St.
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Esst ruthbrporo East rutrikrop, NJ. mous football alumnus. However, quiet alum.
Mason is set Saturday to lead Cansas into what will be the ayhawks will meet No. 1 Florida State in the Kickoff Classic in
It's the official start of the col-
lege football season, in front of a ational television audience. That's pretty heady stuff for a pro-
gram that was $1-10$ as late as 1988 .
Yet Sayers questions why Kanpoint. The Jayhawks are 27-point inderdogs, and the potential is for uch worse from a high-powered could melt right inte the Astroblistering hot day.
The Jayhawks were $8-4$ last Brigham Young in the Aloha Bowl. But to Sayers, taking on the soon, especially since one of their y Nebraska. He stated his conrns earlier this month. "Im not going to say it's going
to kill your program," Sayers said. "But I am saying Florida State has a tremendous team, and if Kansas
could discourage a lot of players." Mason responds by going into
the brave coach's rap about not being afraid of Florida State. Even if the likely disaster should occur,
Mason believes it still will be worth the trip.
"Everyone has got a different opinion," Mason said. "Gale
doesn't think we should play, I quarterback and coach] if we should play. He said, 'I would con-
sider you chicken if you didn't
play,"
First things first, Kansas wasn't the Kickoff Classic's first choice to
pair up with Florida State. The pair up with Florida State. The Michigan instead of a game with
an almost four-touchdown point spread.
But teams are reluctant to take
on an extra on an extra game, let alone an op-
ponent like Florida State. So the Classic found Kansas, a program
that hungers for exposure. A big six-figure payday also doesn't "Back in 1988 [Mason's first yearl, there was talk of dropping
football" Mas football," Mason said. "Now we've
gone to a bowl game and been ofgone to a bowl game and been of-
fered a ame game like this. Who can
pass this up?" Indeed, it is a credit to the Kansas program and Mason they are
in this position. Back in 1988, the in this position. Back in 1988, the
Jayhawks were at the bottom of the football food chain. Kansas had just over 50 scholar-
ship players, while everyone else was near the 95 limit. Mason said ir the 93 team played the 88 team,
"We'd be 27 -point favorite."
Mason slowly rebuilt the proMason slowly rebuilt the pro-
gram after a disastrous first season. The Jayhawks broke throug
in 1991, finishing $6-5$, and then en joyed a big season in 1992. They routed Oklahoma 27.10, an
unthinkable notion in the 1980s. Kansas now serves as the in
spiration to rebuilding progra spiration to rebuilding programs Northwestern.
"The program has gone from a oser, to a winner to a bowl win
ner," Mason said. "Most of ou hers, Mason said. "Most of ou
fank in we don't have a win-
ning season, they"ll be dis ning season, they'll be disappoint could pus used to be happy if we
cold players out there without taking a delay-of-game penalty."
Mason made it happen, and now college football. He's so hot that for the last couple of years he has had to put down rumors that he
will replace John Cooper at Ohio Wille, rapere hehn cooper at Ohas an assis tant coach.
That's talk for another day, not
August. However August. However, should Mason
and the Jayhawk pull off the upset Saturday, he will be able to
write his own ticket anywhere. "I told the guys that they came
here to play college football," Mason said. "Some guys never get
the opportunity to play in a game the opportunity to play in a game
like this. When you do, you thank
God and make the best of it" = = =ivix

## No leads in death of former agent


#### Abstract

MALIBU, Calif. (AP)-Au- but no weapon was found. thorities were able to release $\begin{gathered}\text { She said nothing obvious indi- } \\ \text { only sketchy information Friday cated a break-in, and nothing }\end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { night about how former sports } \\ \text { agent Lloyd Bloom was killed, }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { apparent was missing from }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | agent Lloyd Bloom was killed, other than he was found shot to death at his Malibu home. Bioom, 36, was found Thurs day morning by a family ac quaintance who had come to check on him, said Benita Hinojos, a sheriff spokeswoman. Blom was shot several times in the upper body, Hinojos said,

The jury foreman in that case said the players' schools, in- cluding Iowa and Michigan State of the Big 10 , were partly to blame because they were lax An appeals court reversed the An appeals court rever convictions a year later. Bloom and Walters later entered conditional guilty pleas to two counts of using the mails to defraud the players' schools Those convictions were over Those convicti turned in June.


## HORSE RACING

Offspring pick up where legends left off

## By Neil Milbert

Alydar is dead, but his rivalry
with Affirmed will live on Saturday at Arlington International Racecourse, where Aquilegia will
attempt to upset Flawlessly in the attempt to upset Flawlessly
$\$ 500,000$ Grade I Beverly D. Aquilegia is a daughter of Aly-
dar, runner-up in all three 1978 Triple Crown races. Flawlessly is the daughter of Affirmed, who
conquered Alydar and became the conquered Alydar and became the
11th and most recent Triple 11 th and mos
Crown winner.

Flawlessly, from California, will four races last year in Ireland and
go into the world's richest grass go into the world's richest grass has captured five of seven since race for fillies and mares after
winning 11 of her 14 grass races.
year. In to the United States this She is the $6-5$ favorite on the year. In her most recent start, sheck
morning line. morning line.
Aquilegia, from New York, has ord for $11 /$ miles in winning a
Grade III race. Aquilegia, from New York, has
won five of 10 races on turf is the fourth choice at 6-1. Let's Elope is the $5-2$ second
choice in the seven-horse race followed by Via Borghese at 3-1. Let's Elope moved to California
after being Australia's Horse after being Australia's. Horse of
the Year in 1990 and 1991 .
Via Borghese won three of her Grade III race. In harness racing at Sporsman's Park, Hambletonian run ner-up Pine Chip and Ham-
bletonian Oaks winner Winky's Goal will head their respective
fields for the Nields for the $\$ 220,000$ Americanits $\$ 174,000$ sister race.

## Million

1. That's right where Evanescent's trainer, Lou Goldfine, expected
him. him. There are only four or five
horses who are going to get any action," Goldfine said. to "The big two [Star of Cozzene and Lure] McAnally took exception to Johann Quatz's being dismissed as a long shot.
bit generous at $20-1$, " he said. "Some people are already on the
phone trying to get some money phone trying to get some money
down at that price." Last year in France, Johann
Quatz competed at the highest level. Amompeted at the his three victories in eight starts was a Group I race at ongchamp. Since moving to year, Johann Quatz has posted wo wins, a place and a show. Last time out, he won Hollywood's ${ }^{11 / 3-\text {-mile }}$ Fidd
Since running ninth in last
year's Million, Star of Cozzene has performed won six of 10 races from coast to coast and runnin
second in each of his defeats. Lure has six wins and three places in nine grass races. He won
his first two jousts with Star of Cozzene, then was a competitive he stretch. In all four races, Lure ent off as the favorite. One of the losses came at the
Million distance of $1 \%$ miles. But trainer Shug McGaughey isn't as concerned about the distance as
he is about the condition of the he is
grass.

"He's definitely better on a firm
course," McGaughey said. Accompanying Lure to Ar-
lington is Strolling Along, pegged as the 7.2 favorite Sunday in the
day's other Grade I race the day's other Grade I race, the
$\$ 400,000$ Secretariat Stakes for 3 . year-olds.
Unlike Lur
Unlike Lure, who runs fast in the early going, Strolling Along
does his best running in the stretch. But the two also have a lot in
common. Both are sons of Danzig common. Both are sons of Danzig
out of Alydar mares, and Strolling
Along's career is following the Along's career is following the same direction as Lure's. "This spring Strolling Along
wasn't living up to expectations
on the dirt, and it was in the back
of my mind all along to switch of Lure

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withers Mal 5 at Beltont strol ling Along har reormide
two pilaes and a shor
and In contrast to the Million, the $11 /$-mile Secretariat will have 14 contestants and seems a wide-
open affair. A In Sociology, a New pen affair. A In Sociology, a New
Yorker who defeated Strolling Along last time out, and Califor-
nia stakes winner Earl of Barking are the second choices on th
morning line at odds of $5-18$


St. Francis' new offensive coordinator, Jim Boyter, instructs players during a recent practice.

## St. Francis steps up again

Saints tackle Division II with hopeful Gillespie

## By John Owens

Eight years ago, the College of
ootball team. This year, the Fighting Saints
make the move from NAIA Division I to NCAA Division II. At he same time, they leave the inependent ranks to take their
place in the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference So is anyone worried about aking on too much too soon?
"I think it's inspiring for us to start in a new league," head "oach Gordie Gillespie said
"Sure, were not playing any weak teams, but we've always played a quality schedule and
we've held our own. I think we'll do OK." Francis opens its season against Ashland (Ohio) on Sept the previously independen Fighting Saints. The MIFC placed three teams in the Divi-
sion II playoffs last year-Grand Valley Stata, Ferris Steate
of Michigan) and Butler. The reason Gillespie is unchedule is because he has made ure his team has faced strong competition like perennial NAIA ivision 1 power Central Stat
(Oino) the last few years. And Gillespie is no neophyte small
college coach. During the last 43 years, Gilbaseball, basketball and footbal eams in the Chicago area at the His accoomplishments are un deniable: four NAIAA champion
ships as a college baseball coach at Lewis University and the Col

## North Park player dies of head injury

By Joe Knowles
Tribune STafr Writ
James Morgan, a 19 -year-old
freshman football player at North Park College, died Friday at North coming ill at practice Thursday According to head coach Tim According to head coach Tim
Rucks, Morgan was participating
in a kickoff n a kickoff-coverage drill Thurs day when he became dizzy and disoriented. Morgan was removed
rom practice, and paramedics were summoned.
"We sat him in the we could get in the shade until Re could get some help," said
Rucks. "He seemed fine up until
that point." that point."
The paramedics took Morgan to
Illinois Masonic Hospital, where Illinois Masonic Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at $3: 12$
p.m. Friday. According to Rucks,
the cause of death was listed as a
head injury.
"There was no noticeable conRucks. "This was a routine, said The whole thing is unexplain-
able."
able.
North Park spokesperson Patty
Wigand said Wigand said that Morgan apparently was not taken to nearby
Swedish Covenant Hospital be. cause paramedics determined he needed a full-service trauma unit. "Evidently, the paramedics felt way," said Wigand. Pamela Bauers, nursing super-
visor at Illinois Masonic, convisor at Illinois Masonic, con-
firmed that Morgan was being firmed that Morgan was being the cause of death would be deter-
mined by the Cook County Medimined by the
cal Examiner.
Rucks said that, to his knowl-
edge, Morgan had no previus
strictive medical history.
"All our players go through physical checkups,", said Rucks. Morgan was born in Chicago
and graduated from Lincoln Park nigh graduated from Lincoln Park
High Scool last year. He was twice named Lincoin Park's most
valuable football player. He was valuable football player. He was
trying to make the North Park
squad as a linebacker "This is a tough thing for the
team to take," said Ruck "Thes teare still young men, and this will be a time of grief and questioning for all of them." Visitation for Morgan will be
from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday and from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday and
at $9: 15$ a.m. Monday at Cooney Funeral Home, 3552 N. Southport
Ave. Funeral mass will be said at Ave. Funeral mass will be said at
10 a.m. Monday at St. Gregory 10 a.m. Monday at St. Gregory
Church, 1634 W. Gregory St.
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contributed to this report.

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