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ROY HEADS HOME

Contract doubles Williams' base pay

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Roy Williams

- Overall record — 418-101 (.805) in 15 seasons at The University of Kansas, the second-most wins in KU history
- Won nine regular-season conference championships (five Big 8, four Big 12) and four conference tournament championships
- Went to four Final Fours (1991, 1993, 2002, 2003) and two NCAA championship games (1991, 2003)
- Teams selected for the NCAA Tournament 14 times in 15 seasons and posted 14 consecutive seasons of 20 wins or more
- At Kansas, Williams was 11-8 against Atlantic Coast Conference teams

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Go online to vote on who you think will replace Roy Williams; watch video coverage of Roy Williams' decision.
 Also, discuss Williams' departure in forums and find archives of his time at KU.

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Coach Roy Williams bids farewell to fans before boarding a University of North Carolina plane to Chapel Hill at Lawrence Municipal Airport.

By Ric Anderson
 The Capital-Journal

LAWRENCE — Three years after Roy Williams told fans that "Kansas is my place," the North Carolina transplant who was described by KU chancellor Robert Hemenway as a treasure went back home on Monday.

Ending a week of speculation and a 15-year run as Jayhawk basketball coach, Williams accepted an offer from his mentor, Dean Smith, to return to the University of North Carolina.

UNC officials introduced Williams as their new head coach at 9 p.m. Topeka time, but word had leaked hours before when Williams told his players in a tearful meeting that he was leaving Lawrence.

"I wanted to coach both, but you can't," Williams said during his introductory news conference in Chapel Hill, N.C. "Last time I decided to stay because it was the right thing. This time I decided to leave because it was the right thing."

Williams listed three factors in opting to reverse the decision he had made three years ago to turn down the Tar Heels, for whom he was an assistant coach under Smith for 10 seasons.

As in 2000, he listed coaching at UNC as his childhood dream. Second, he said, came family issues. Williams' father and sister, who live in North Carolina, are in declining health, and his son, Scott, also lives in his home state. Lastly, Williams said, "these are my roots."

The terms of the eight-year contract with UNC will pay a base salary of \$260,000 annually — Williams' KU base last year was \$129,380 — and include media packages and bonus compensation that should easily exceed his estimated \$1.125 million package in Lawrence.

In welcoming Williams, UNC chancellor James Moeser recalled a conversation he had with Hemenway earlier Monday.

"He said, 'We're sending you a treasure,'" Moeser said.

Hemenway responded to Williams' departure by announcing that the university would conduct an "aggressive search" for a successor. The search is believed to start with Illinois coach Bill Self, a one-time KU assistant, and will be addressed today at an 11 a.m. news conference with Kansas interim athletic

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★ OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM ★

Pentagon says major combat done in Iraq

Tikrit: Last city falls with little resistance from Saddam loyalists

By David Espo
 The Associated Press

Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit fell Monday with unexpectedly light resistance, the last Iraqi city to succumb to overpowering U.S.-led ground and air forces. A senior Pentagon general said "major combat engagements" probably are over in the 26-day-old war.

As fighting wound down, Pentagon officials disclosed plans to pull two aircraft carriers from the Persian Gulf. At the same time, Iraqi power brokers looked ahead to discussions on a postwar government at a

U.S.-arranged meeting set for today. "I would anticipate that the major combat engagements are over," Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal told reporters at the Pentagon. Tikrit fell with no sign of the ferocious last stand by Saddam loyalists that some military planners had feared.

Secretary of State Colin Powell hinted at economic or diplomatic sanctions against Syria, saying the government is developing a weapons of mass destruction program and helping Iraqis flee the dying regime. Syrian officials denied the charges.

Looting eased in Baghdad after days of plundering at government buildings, hospitals and an antiquities museum, and a group of religious and civil opposition leaders met in the capital to plan efforts at renewing power, water, security and

other vital services. American forces found prodigious amounts of Iraqi weaponry, French-made missiles and Russian anti-tank rocket launchers among them. And Army troops discovered thousands of microfilm cartridges and hundreds of paper files inside a Baath Party enclave as the dead regime began to yield its secrets.

In Tikrit, about 90 miles north of Baghdad, "There was less resistance than we anticipated," Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks told reporters, as American ground troops moved into the city after days of punishing airstrikes.

American forces captured a key Tigris River bridge in the heart of town and seized the presidential palace without a fight as they rolled past

DEVELOPMENTS

- Large-scale combat in Iraq is finished and some U.S. forces are headed home, the Pentagon said.
- All oil fields in Iraq now fall within areas controlled by the U.S. coalition, U.S. Central Command said.
- U.S. commanders said Syrians were among the foreigners helping Iraqis resist American troops in Baghdad.

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U.S. Marines break open a gate on a door to a building while looking for resistance as they secure an area in Tikrit, Iraq.

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