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The meek marsupials of
UMKC



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- ⇒ Puzzled UMKC fan still has no idea why he sticks with the team, or why they are called the Kangaroos

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UMKC attempts to bolster team by recruiting actual Kangaroo

By: Eddie Norborne

In a desperate attempt to give their team some kind of chance on the basketball court, the UMKC Kangaroos have begun attempting to recruit an actual kangaroo for their roster.

In this unprecedented undertaking, UMKC hopes to give itself an advantage over its opponents, though the team is not quite sure what that advantage is yet. One UMKC player had this to say:

"Well, I can't say it'd be easy for other teams to play against a real kangaroo. As far as I know, they're pretty unpredictable basketball players. But maybe that's what Coach Brown is hoping for: the way he sees it, the unpredictability of a kangaroo gives us a slightly better chance than the consistent incompetence of the current roster." At this point, he dropped his voice to a grumble, and his words became only intermittently audible: "Then



again...Coach...unreliable himself...been drinking..."

When asked to clarify what he had just said, the player simply stated "Never mind, I've said too much" before hurrying away. Head Coach Matt Brown similarly declined to comment before asking HcP staff to leave his office and opening what appeared to be a mini-fridge under his desk. Upon investigating the dumpster outside the building, HcP staff discovered nothing but empty boxes labeled "Milwaukee's Best" and "Colt 45".

However, the Kansas City Zoo, where UMKC was rumored to be recruiting from, was much more willing to comment. According to the Marsupial Habitat, UMKC's most promising prospect appeared to be Lucy, 4 years old (pictured). When the zoo director, who claimed to have little knowledge of college basketball, was asked how UMKC planned to separate the mother kangaroo from her joey, he responded "I'm not really sure. I think they said something about giving the baby a redshirt?"

Upon further inquiry, HcP learned that the NCAA is investigating the UMKC basketball program for providing improper benefits to Lucy during the recruiting process. According to leaked documents, a UMKC booster was seen bribing one of the zookeepers, intending for Lucy to receive extra portions of grass daily, as well as use of the really soft brush used for daily grooming.

Staton, Dibble stoked for return to home-state

By: Jericho Sanders

UMKC's Michigan natives--- Thomas Staton of Southfield and Dustin Dibble of Petoskey---will be making their first trip back to their home state of the season. While they're excited for a chance to play basketball in front of their families, their primary reasons for being stoked about the return are more basic in nature.

"We're really excited to eat some coney dogs, drink some Vernors, and get out our snowmobiles," Dibble told the Half-Court Press yesterday. "We've been in Kansas City for far too long, and a guy can only eat so much barbecue food."

Staton agreed with Dibble.

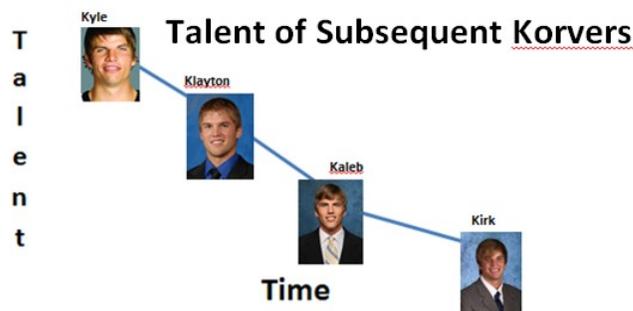
"When we're home, we get our comfort foods. But we also don't have to be surrounded by Royals fans. What a sorry franchise, man."

Both players lamented the fact that they don't get home enough. Dibble said, "Both of us would have loved to play ball in Michigan. But you know, when you play for UMKC,

it pretty much means you're at the lower end of the Division I spectrum. I mean, Eastern Michigan wouldn't even have us."

Indeed.

Below: A helpful chart for tracking the relative decline in talent of the Korver brothers. The youngest brother Kirk Korver is a forward for UMKC



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