

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Kevin Olson
'09

■ The guard hit all five of his three-pointers in last Saturday's 30-point victory over New York University.

Guard Kevin Olson's '09 performances in his last two games—Jan. 11 against Carnegie Mellon University and last Saturday against New York University—appear to be statistically similar. Olson scored 12 points and hit all three of his three-point attempts in a 69-57 win over Carnegie Mellon, and against NYU, he scored 15 points while hitting all five of his three-point attempts in a 65-35 blowout win.

But the similarities end there. While Olson did not attempt his first shot until 28 minutes into the game against Carnegie Mellon, he hit four three-pointers in the first eight minutes of play against NYU, enabling the Judges to surge ahead in an eventual blowout victory.

"[I'm] just trying to take it when it comes; I'm not going to force it," Olson said of his shot selection.

Olson said he scored earlier against NYU because the Violets placed extra emphasis on limiting Brandeis' low-post offense.

"They were really worried about our inside game and they just packed it in and I got a lot of open looks," Olson said.

Against NYU, Olson hit three-point shots from both corners and both wings. Olson and forward Steve DeLuca (GRAD) traded three-pointers early on as Brandeis built a 20-8 edge.

"If he's open, he's going to hit [the three-point] shot nine times out of 10," DeLuca said. "I just crashed the glass, and I see that shot go up, and I just know that it's going in."



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On the season, Olson has a team-leading 34 three-pointers, converting 54.8 percent of his shots from beyond the arc.

Ironically, while Olson hit all his three-pointers against NYU, he missed both of

his two-point field goal attempts.

"I thought those were good looks," Olson joked. "They couldn't go down for me; I'll survive."

—Jeffrey Pickette

Judging
numbers

7 team records broken by the women's swimming and diving team so far this season. Most recently, the team set a new record in the 400-yard medley relay with a time of 4 minutes, 7.46 seconds during last Wednesday's 125-118 loss at Wheaton College.

100 three-point field goal percentage for Kevin Olson '09, Kenny Small '10 and Andre Roberson '10, during the men's basketball team's 65-35 win over New York University last Saturday. The three guards combined to hit all nine of their three-point field goal attempts.

24 more free throws attempted by New York University than Brandeis in last Saturday's women's basketball game. The Judges shot only seven free throws compared to the Violets' 31 and lost the game 61-49.

3 appearances in the Division III National Championships for women's track and field jumper Anat Ben Nun '09. Ben Nun competed in the NCAA's in her first two seasons, and again qualified for Nationals last Saturday at the Bowdoin Invitational in this, her senior season.

19 events out of 26 won by the men and women's swimming and diving teams in last Wednesday's meet at Wheaton College. Despite winning the majority of the events, both teams fell by slight margins to the hosting Lyons.

13 three-point field goals made by the men's basketball team in last Saturday's 65-35 victory over visiting New York University. The 13 three-pointers were the team's season high.

UAA STANDINGS

Men's Basketball

Not including Monday's games

UAA Conference	W L		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Washington	3	0	13	1
Carnegie	2	1	11	2
Rochester	2	1	11	3
JUDGES	2	1	8	5
Case	2	1	5	9
Chicago	1	2	1	13
New York	0	3	10	3
Emory	0	3	5	9

Women's Basketball

Not including Monday's games

UAA Conference	W L		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Rochester	3	0	14	0
Washington	3	0	11	3
New York	2	1	12	1
Chicago	2	1	11	3
JUDGES	1	2	11	2
Case	1	2	8	6
Emory	0	3	9	5
Carnegie	0	3	4	9

TEAM LEADERS

MBball (points per game)

Forward Steve DeLuca (GRAD) leads the Judges with an average of 15.6 points per game.

Player	PPG
Steve DeLuca	15.6
Kevin Olson	10.8
Terrell Hollins	10.3
Andre Roberson	9.8
Kenny Small	9.4

MBball (rebounds per game)

Forward Terrell Hollins '10 leads the Judges with an average of 7.7 rebounds per game.

Player	RPG
Terrell Hollins	7.7
Steve DeLuca	6.8
Christian Yemga	3.6
Kevin Olson	2.9
Kenny Small	2.8

Wbball (points per game)

Guard Jessica Chapin '10 leads the team with an average of 14.9 points per game.

Player	PPG
Jessica Chapin	14.9
Lauren Orlando	14.0
Cassidy Dadaos	8.0
Lauren Rashford	7.6
Diana Cincotta	6.6

Wbball (rebounds per game)

Guard Lauren Rashford '10 leads the Judges, averaging 5.4 rebounds per game.

Player	RPG
Lauren Rashford	5.4
Cassidy Dadaos	5.1
Lauren Orlando	4.8
Jessica Chapin	4.8
Amber Strodthoff	4.0

UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

Men's Basketball at No. 9 Amherst College

The men's basketball team will play at rival Amherst College tonight at 7p.m.

The Brandeis-Amherst game has become an eye-opener in recent years.

Last season, Brandeis upset a then undefeated and top-ranked Amherst team at home, and improved its record to 8-1. The Lord Jeffs later defeated Brandeis in the NCAA Quarterfinals last March, ending the Judges' season. This season Brandeis is 8-5 after

defeating New York University 65-35 Jan. 17. Amherst sits at 10-1 and is undefeated on its home court.

The Lord Jeffs' only loss came at Wesleyan University Jan. 6, when Cardinal junior Jeremy Kaminer hit a 30-foot three-pointer as time expired to clinch a career-high 24-points and a 72-69 victory.

AP BRIEFS

Rams find new head coach in Massachusetts native Spagnuolo

ST. LOUIS—The St. Louis Rams and Massachusetts native Steve Spagnuolo agreed Saturday on a four-year contract to make the New York Giants' defensive coordinator their coach.

"We considered some very qualified and outstanding candidates for this position, but we kept coming back to Steve Spagnuolo," general manager Billy Devaney said in a statement.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch was the first to report the hiring and said Spagnuolo would be paid just under \$12 million.

Spagnuolo replaces Jim Haslett and takes over a team that finished 2-14. Haslett went 2-10 as interim coach after his promotion from defensive coordinator when Scott Linehan was fired following an 0-4 start.

"Billy did a spectacular job of presenting some fabulous candidates," owner Chip Rosenbloom said in a statement. "We're very excited that Steve will be our head coach and are looking forward to an exciting season."

Spagnuolo was the architect of the Giants' sack-happy defense that thwarted New England's run to a perfect season in last year's Super Bowl upset. Devaney was impressed with Spagnuolo's no-nonsense demeanor during an interview in Los Angeles on Thursday.

"There's just a toughness about him," Devaney said. "He represented what we were looking for when this process began."

Spagnuolo was one of five finalists for the job, along with Haslett, Dallas offensive coordinator Jason Garrett and defensive coordinators Rex Ryan of Baltimore and Leslie Frazier of Minnesota.

The 49-year-old Spagnuolo took over as defensive coordinator in New York in 2007. A year before, New York ranked 25th in total defense. Under Spagnuolo in 2007, the Giants ranked seventh, led the league with 53 sacks and made the playoffs.

"I'm very happy for Steve," coach Tom Coughlin said. "We've been very, very aggressive on defense and we've been able to have two very successful years back to back."

Last season, they upset favored Dallas and Green Bay to reach the Super Bowl against New England with the Patriots seeking to become the first 19-0 team. But Spagnuolo's defense harassed Tom Brady all day, sacking him a season-high five times and holding down New England's potent offense in a 17-14 upset win.

New York ranked fifth in the league in total defense this season, giving up 294 yards per game. That's a far cry better than the Rams, who ranked 28th, giving up 465 yards per game.

The day after the Giants were knocked out of the playoffs, New York defensive end Justin Tuck described Spagnuolo as "one of those coaches where he can kind of yell at the star player and get away with it because everybody loves him that much."

Spagnuolo interviewed for several other head coaching vacancies each of the past two seasons. He was a strong contender last season for the top job in Washington before deciding to stay with the Giants.

He faces a big challenge in the Rams, who won their first two games after Haslett took over, then lost their final 10.

On the plus side, St. Louis will have the second pick in the draft for the second straight season. The Rams have a top-tier running back in Steven Jackson and some promising young players, including defensive end Chris Long, the No. 2 overall pick in 2008, and second-round draft pick Donnie Avery, a speedy receiver.

Spagnuolo, a Massachusetts native, was a wide receiver at Springfield (Mass.) College. He got his first taste of the NFL as a player personnel intern with Washington in 1983.

After several other stops at the college and pro levels, Spagnuolo was hired as the Frankfurt Galaxy's defensive coordinator in 1998. He was hired the following year by Philadelphia and worked his way up from defensive assistant to coordinator.

NBA's Mourning bringing busload of kids to inauguration in D.C.

MIAMI—Alonzo Mourning stopped in a Washington pharmacy to pick up a few items, when something unusual caught the basketball star's eye.

For sale: Barack Obama shot glasses.

Back in March 2007, when records show Mourning made his first donation to the Obama campaign, the retired Miami Heat center simply couldn't imagine such a thing. Then he saw Obama lure a gargantuan crowd for a campaign stop in Berlin, followed by massive turnouts at the Democratic National Convention, and Mourning really began believing that victory could happen.

"Truly amazing," Mourning said. "I mean, truly amazing the following he had."

And today, Mourning will be part of that following.

He'll be among the two million or more in Washington to see Obama become the nation's 44th president, the first black man to hold the office, a milestone event that generations of minorities in this country probably believed would never come.

"You think of the historical significance behind an African-American leading the free world," Mourning said Saturday from Washington. "I mean, just think of that. It's truly reason to celebrate."

Mourning and his family arrived in the nation's capital last Friday. On Sunday, 50 students and chaperones will leave Miami on a bus that Mourning—who has spent years working with disadvantaged children in South Florida and has raised millions through his Alonzo Mourning Charities—paid for so they could see the inauguration as well.

"Man, you want all kids to see this," Mourning said. "You really do. You want them all to see this. ... You really want all young people to see the significance of this and help them understand the significance of our new leadership. More importantly, I want my own children to see it. That's why we're here. And I'm really looking forward to [today]."