

# Cruel

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“One of the things that makes (the tournament) so great is that it can be great, but it can also be cruel,” KU coach Bill Self said. “We obviously put ourselves in a position to play from behind the whole game, and then really competed and played great down the stretch and just didn’t finish what we had started down the stretch. But certainly disappointed, sad for our guys, because they tried so hard, but just a tough afternoon.”

Zuby Ejiofor and Bryce Hopkins of St. John’s scored 18 points each. Peterson tallied 21 on 5-for-15 shooting in likely his final collegiate game, while Melvin Council Jr. scored 15 and Flory Bidunga added 12.

KU finishes its season at 24-11 with the crushing loss,

failing to advance to the second weekend for the fourth straight year.

Hopkins of St. John’s and Peterson of KU each knocked down two early 3s, but the Johnnies, who entered Sunday averaging seven 3s per game, got a third in the first three minutes from Ozyiah Sellers and after a live-ball turnover by Council took an 11-6 lead into the first media timeout.

Bidunga committed two fouls — one vying for a rebound and one on a reach-in — in seven seconds and Ian Jackson added another 3 after two offensive rebounds. KU then had to call a timeout because of an inability to inbound the ball, something that plagued the Jayhawks early as they faced pressure from St. John’s.

“I think we were just a little bit careless,” Peterson said. “We scouted it. We knew what was coming. So it was on us to respond and we didn’t at times.”

A 1-for-2 trip to the free-throw line from Paul Mbiya ended the Johnnies’ run of 11 straight points. The Jayhawks got their first field goal from a non-Peterson player at the 10:19 mark on a fast-break dunk by Elmarko Jackson, after he had missed a near-identical dunk moments earlier. St. John’s missed eight straight shots and head coach Rick Pitino had to call a timeout after Council rattled in a floater to cut the margin to 16-12.

Jackson tied the game with a pull-up jumper at 7:12, but Hopkins got a friendly roll on his third 3-pointer. A series of disjointed and turnover-prone offensive possessions prevented KU from doing much until Council broke the relentless St. John’s press for a layup and Peterson blocked a 3-pointer by Lefteris Liotopoulos and forced the issue on another fast break to earn two free throws.

So KU had cut the lead

to one point before back-to-back 3s by Ruben Prey and Jason Sanon restored the Red Storm’s cushion. St. John’s took a 34-26 lead into halftime despite shooting just 28.9%, aided by 12 points off nine KU turnovers.

The Johnnies matched their largest lead of nine points early in the second half on Hopkins’ career-high fourth 3-pointer, and after the Jayhawks’ response got back there again on another 3 by Ian Jackson, then stretched it to double digits with Hopkins again. KU went to the under-16 timeout trailing 47-37 and having lost possession on a turnover by Council.

Neither team accomplished much at the offensive end as the second half neared its midway point. As Self looked for answers, Kohl Rosario entered for his first minutes of the game and immediately got dinged with a turnover as KU bungled

an inbounds pass. Self then had to call timeout after a floater by Dillon Mitchell put St. John’s ahead 54-40 with less than nine minutes remaining.

As the comeback kicked into gear, Rosario made a corner 3 to reduce the margin to 56-45. It was the first in the NCAA Tournament for a KU player other than Peterson.

Peterson missed the front end of a one-and-one, but Council knocked down a 3 of his own. Peterson added two free throws as the KU fans at Viejas Arena came to their feet, then wedged his way past Ejiofor for a three-point play that made it 58-53 with 5:19 to go.

Ejiofor’s back-to-back buckets halted the Jayhawks’ run, but KU got two in a row of its own and then forced a backcourt violation.

“We were just being more aggressive on defense,” Council said. “We didn’t do that the first half. That was

the game plan, to be aggressive and keep fighting and hit first.”

Rosario flew in to put back a missed 3 by Peterson and made it a one-possession game, then Bidunga blocked Ejiofor at one end and soared in for his own putback at the other to make it 62-61 inside of two minutes to go.

Hopkins knocked down a late-clock 3-pointer, but White tipped in his own miss to make it 65-63.

KU called timeout with 24.4 seconds left and got the ball to Peterson, who drew a foul and made the tying free throws. The Jayhawks whittled the clock down to 3.9 seconds with a series of fouls, but Darling was able to score through the defense of Jackson to get the win for St. John’s.

“It’s part of the game, you know,” Council said. “It happened.”

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Dilly, KS #23151 Swanson Bernard, LLC 4600 Madison Ave, Ste. 600 Kansas City, MO 64112 (816) 410-4600- telephone (816) 561-4498 - facsimile jdilly@swansonbernard.com Attorneys For Petitioner</p> <p>(First published in the Lawrence Daily Journal-World on the 24th of March, 2026)</p> <p><b>IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS</b></p> <p>In the Matter of the Estate of GREGORY HAEHL Deceased</p> <p>Case No. DG 2026 PR 000043 Division 4 Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59</p>	<p><b>Lawrence</b></p> <p><b>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b></p> <p>The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:</p> <p>You are hereby notified that on 3rd of March 2026, a Petition for Appointment of Administrator and Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Nicholas Haehl, as administrator for Gregory Haehl, deceased. 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