

Former Roy Williams Assistant Dies

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Neil Dougherty, who played for Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski at Army and was a long-time assistant coach for current North Carolina coach Roy Williams at Kansas, has passed away.

Dougherty was 50-years-old. The University of Kansas made the announcement on Friday. According to the statement, Dougherty died last Tuesday, July 5. Dougherty died while he was running.

Dougherty played for Krzyzewski from 1979-81 before he transferred to Cameron University in Lawton, OK. He began his coaching career as an assistant at Cameron in 1984-85, and later was an assistant coach at Drake, Vanderbilt, Kansas and South Carolina.

He worked for Eddie Fogler at Vanderbilt, where the Commodores won a NIT title in 1990. He later joined Fogler at South Carolina before he left to coach with Roy Williams at Kansas (1995-2002).

Dougherty landed his first head-coaching job at TCU in 2002. He led the Horned Frogs for six seasons. His 2004-05 team won 21 games and reached the quarterfinal round of the NIT. Most recently, he was the director of athlete and coach programs for the NCAA's iHoops program, a joint venture with the NBA and the NCAA to promote youth basketball initiatives.