

*“The fact is, I’ve had some players who rival me for workaholic status.*

*Take Kellie Jolly, our current point guard. All you have to do is say something once to Kellie, and she does it. Last year she tore her anterior cruciate ligament before our first practice. It should have been a season-ending injury. A normal recuperation takes about four months. But Kellie worked at her rehab like a maniac. I had to tell her to slow down. She was back with the team after just two months, in time for the last few games of the regular season.*

*Well, then Kellie tore the ligaments in her ankle in the first-round of the NCAA tournament. The trainers told her she would most likely be out for at least a week or two. But Kellie refused to accept the prognosis. She slept in the training room. For forty-eight hours. Our staff would come in, and she’d be napping on the couch or having her ankle worked on.*

*She was back in two days.*

*After the season ended, Kellie would require surgery on that ankle. She spent all summer rehabbing. She couldn’t really work on her total game too much. So, instead, she just shot the ball. Endlessly, every day, she worked on her perimeter shooting. When she arrived back on campus in the fall of ’97 she had a whole new facet to her game: She was a sharpshooter from three-point range.”*