



Mizzou men's basketball general manager Tim Fuller speaks during a news conference Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Mizzou Arena. Fuller expanded on his plans for the role and what early conversations have been like during his transition.

Mizzou basketball GM Fuller outlines plan for the new position in Columbia

BY CHASE GEMES
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In Tim Fuller's last stop in Missouri, he served as associate head coach under Frank Haith and Kim Anderson from 2011-15. This time, he's the program's first-ever general manager.

Fuller welcomed local media members into Mizzou Arena for a news conference Saturday to expand on his plans for the role and what early conversations have looked like in his transition. It's an ever-changing and expanding job across college athletics, but one that could be productive for both sides.

For Fuller, the opportunity feels like being back in his "own skin."

"I tell recruits all the time, when I'm in a position to talk to them, that you don't make decisions off the names on the buildings. You make decisions based off the heartbeats inside those walls in that building," Fuller said. "The people at Missouri ... have embraced me throughout me not even being here."

The connection between Fuller and Mizzou men's basketball coach Dennis

Gates goes back a long way. The two built a "quasi-relationship" while Gates was an assistant coach under distinguished coach Leonard Hamilton at Florida State, before Fuller watched Gates take the helm at Cleveland State.

Within the first week that Gates accepted his position at Mizzou, Fuller called to congratulate him and offer anything he needed — just like he did with previous Tigers coaches.

"We just kept the relationship going from that very first call here, and we would talk periodically once a month, just about Missouri," Fuller said. "At one point, I took over the program in Overtime Elite. We had several recruits there that had interest in Missouri ... so coach and I would talk periodically about them."

Fuller's experience spans all levels of basketball, taking roles on and off the court in the collegiate, high school and administrative levels. The business side includes stints at Nike and Overtime Elite, helping build player brands and growth through social media.

On top of that, the introduction of revenue

sharing July 1 due to the near-\$2.8 billion House settlement will be another area Fuller helps develop at Missouri. His responsibilities could change as policy does, but the work has already begun.

"I think that initially, Coach (Gates) has me on certain tasks to understand the landscape, first and foremost, of where we're heading as college basketball," Fuller said. "There's transitions from collectives and the opportunities that our players have to be in a position of understanding their own name, image and likeness and owning their brand. "So, really wearing different hats is what we discussed."

When Fuller got the job, he laid out an initial 100-day plan to Gates.

That consisted of four things: develop relationships with the current players on the rosters, build relationships with agents, recruit high school talent and recruit internationally.

Fuller has already scheduled several members of Mizzou's staff to attend FIBA events over the summer, while he and Gates will travel to Las Vegas for the NBA Summer League. There, the

groundwork of the plan can start to be built.

"I'm setting up meetings now so that I can get certain agents on his calendar as well, just so we can start to understand what their expectations are moving forward in this new day of college basketball," Fuller said. "(We can) also share our expectations in terms of quality and types of athletes and people that we want to be part of the program."

The NBA talent Fuller has worked with in the past is expansive; he was a key part of bringing Amen and Ausar Thompson to the Overtime Elite when it was first being established. The Thompson twins ended up as lottery picks in the 2023 NBA Draft, with the former getting drafted to the Houston Rockets at No. 4, and the latter being selected to the Detroit Pistons with the fifth pick.

Fuller has the ability to connect Missouri talent to the NBA rather quickly. He's seen it done with the Tigers in the past with Jordan Clarkson, and hopes to provide players the best opportunities possible.

"I'll be sending analytics and reports to a lot of the scouts that I know, as well as some of the representatives of shoe companies that I know alongside player agents," Fuller said. "I'll be making sure that they are known significantly for their accomplishments throughout the season with key NBA personnel and people of that magnitude."

After so many new stops and paths Fuller has taken across his 25-year career, he was ready to "take the bull by the horns" and hold the responsibility a GM carries. An assistant coaching job wouldn't have sufficed.

Navigating the transfer portal and fallout of the House settlement is a tall order, but it's the only position he said he could imagine holding at this point. After all, one of his top mentors from Nike, Nico Harrison, went on to become the president of basketball operations and the GM of the Dallas Mavericks — though he's been rather scrutinized in light of trading away Luka Dončić to the Los Angeles Lakers on Feb. 2.

"General manager is what I wanted to be, and the seat I want to sit in," Fuller said.

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Kansas State Wildcats forward Taj Manning (15) and guard Cam Carter (5) block out Oklahoma State Cowboys guard Connor Dow (13) at Bramlage Coliseum.

K-State basketball player will go overseas for international games this summer

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MANHATTAN

One of Kansas State's few returning basketball players has been selected to travel overseas and play a series of international games this summer.

Taj Manning, a junior forward who has appeared in 22 games for the Wildcats, will join the Athletes in Action basketball tour and team up with a group of seven other college basketball players from across the country for a handful of contests against the Czech Republic.

Manning will be away with the team from June 28 to July 11.

The Athletes in Action team will complete in exhibition games against the Czech Republic's U20 and U23 national teams while also participating in

outreach activities, including a one-day youth basketball camp and coaching clinic.

This trip will be coached by Casey Shaw of Grand Canyon University.

Manning has done little during his time with the Wildcats, as he averaged less than one point and one rebound per game last season. But he did score a career-high six points during a game against Arkansas-Pine Bluff last year.

It's possible his role at K-State could expand next season he joins David Castillo, Mobi Ikegwuruka and possibly Tyreek Smith as returning players in Manhattan. Perhaps playing a series of games in a foreign country this summer will help him along the way.

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Jeff Shook
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Pelicans acquire Pacers' 1st-round pick for 2026 pick

Field Level Media

The Indiana Pacers swapped draft picks with the New Orleans Pelicans on Tuesday while gaining financial flexibility going into the offseason.

The Pacers, currently trailing Oklahoma City 3-2 in the best-of-seven NBA Finals, sent the No. 23 pick in next week's draft to the Pelicans as well as the rights to former G League shooting guard Mojave King, per ESPN.

In exchange, the Pelicans gave the Pacers the 2026 first-round pick that Indiana originally had before sending it to Toronto last season as part of the trade bringing All-Star

forward Pascal Siakam to Indiana. The Raptors shipped the draft pick to New Orleans in February in their acquisition of forward Brandon Ingram.

New Orleans now has picks No. 7 and No. 23 in this year's draft on June 25-26.

Indiana now has its own first-round selections from 2026 through 2032. The Pacers also save almost \$3.2 million in salary cap space, ESPN reported, and will be about \$20 million below the luxury tax.

That space is valuable as the Pacers have most of their core players under contract for next season with starting center Myles Turner eligible to become an unrestricted free agent.

A photograph of Mojave King, a guard for the NBA G League Ignite team, in action during a game. He is wearing a white jersey with the number 15 and is dribbling the ball.

NBA G League Ignite guard Mojave King, seen here at right in December 2022, could be headed to the New Orleans Pelicans after the Indiana Pacers traded his rights and the 23rd pick in next week's NBA Draft for New Orleans' first-round pick in 2026.

The 6-foot-5 King, who turned 23 on June 11, is a native of New Zealand and played professionally in this season in his home country as well as Puerto Rico.

The Los Angeles Lakers selected King in the second round of the 2023 NBA Draft and dealt him the next day to the Pacers

as part of a four-team trade.

King played a combined 45 games (eight starts) in the G League in the 2022-23 (Ignite) and 2023-24 (Indiana Mad Ants) seasons and averaged 6.7 points, 3.4 rebounds and 1.0 assist.

13 more players withdraw from NBA draft pool

Field Level Media

Thirteen additional early-entry candidates have withdrawn their

names from consideration in the upcoming NBA Draft, the league announced Tuesday. The draft is scheduled for June 25-26 in Brooklyn, N.Y.

The Dallas Mavericks have the No. 1 overall pick and are widely projected to choose Duke forward Cooper Flagg.

The 13 players, along with their current team (country of team) and height:

Mohammad Amini, Nancy (France), 6-7
Alec Anigbata, Ulm (Germany), 6-9

Neoklis Avdalas, Peristeri (Greece), 6-7
Bassala Bagayoko, Bilbao (Spain), 6-10
Asim Djulovic, OKK Beograd (Serbia), 6-9
Mouhamed Faye, Reggio Emilia (Italy), 6-9
Lazar Gacic, OKK Beograd (Serbia), 6-11
Ben Henshall, Perth (Australia), 6-5
Malique Lewis, SE Melbourne (Australia), 6-8
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