Will this be the last time Kelly Olynyk leaves the court as a Zag? He has to decide whether to declare early for the NBA draft.

“Down the stretch it was more about, we just didn’t get out on those shooters. I don’t know why. We were over-helping a little bit and we got a little casual on (Clayton) Early a couple of times. The ones by (Ron) Baker hurt us.”

Mark Few, Gonzaga head coach

They said it...

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Mike Hart, Gonzaga assistant coach

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“Four years,” said Hart, who had 12 points and seven boards in Gonzaga’s 76-70 NCAA tournament loss to Wichita State on Saturday night in the Round of 32.

Great coaching staff, great group of guys. If I could do it over, I probably would do things a little different, he said. Olynyk had just 32.3 percent on such attempts this season...

As both freshmen, Harris andOlynyk could have declared for the NBA draft, given their anomalous qualities: the freshman guard who poured in 26 points, faces a decision in the near future on whether he will return to Gonzaga next season or make himself eligible for the NBA draft.

Gonzaga senior guard Elias Harris, one of three Gonzaga seniors, would do it all over again. "It just hurts," said Harris, who had 12 points, 10 rebounds and five assists in the 76-70 loss to Wichita State.

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Hart believed the Shockers could win, and so did most others — a 32-3 record, a rise to No. 1 in the polls and a 70-65 lead with 1:26 to play. He was held to five points on 2-of-7 shooting in Thursday’s win over Southern. He made just 2 of 8 shots against the Shockers.

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