

Can anybody replace KU legend Devin Neal? Next man up may be Daniel Hishaw Jr.

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LAWRENCE

Daniel Hishaw Jr. has stayed in touch with his Kansas football teammate of four years — all-time Jayhawks rushing and touchdown leader Devin Neal — a sixth-round pick of the NFL’s New Orleans Saints in the April 26 NFL Draft.

“I’ve seen him, text him. They just had their first day of full pads a day or two ago. We talked right before his fall camp and everything. Yeah I love Devin,” said Hishaw, who — after a bit of a wait — is expected to be KU’s featured running back during the 2025 season, his sixth season at KU.

Hishaw, a native of Moore, Oklahoma, joined another sixth-year player — former Iowa running back/portal transfer Leshon Williams — as well as redshirt sophomore back Johnny Thompson Jr. for media interviews Thursday in a meeting room in Anderson Family Football Complex.

Hishaw is rated as a second-team preseason 2025 All-Big 12 selection by Athlon Magazine. He was asked if he feels it’s time for the country to see what he can do with his good buddy Neal now in

the pros.

“I mean honestly I feel like it’s KU’s year for us all to be seen,” Hishaw said. “I’m not worried about my name being around the country, I want KU’s name to be around the country.”

The veteran college football player does realize his name commands respect in the Jayhawks’ locker room, especially with Neal having moved on.

“I would say (I am) just making sure every day I’m very intentional on being a leader, just making sure there’s not a day that I could take off of not being a leader,” Hishaw said. “Some days in past years, I probably could have taken a day off or two, which I shouldn’t have, but it was a lot easier to. Now I definitely have to (lead).”

Hishaw noted that this year’s stable of KU running backs again includes several talented players.

“At the end of the day we’re just all going out there,” he said, “So if me, Dev, or any other running back went out there last year, we’re all training, doing the same goals. It’s the same thing this year, getting the team better, doing what we need to do for the team.”

Former Hawkeye Williams, who gained a team-leading 821 yards on 170 carries (4.8 per carry) for

Iowa in 2023 — before an injury limited him to three games last year — marvels at the physique of Hishaw, who gained 376 yards on 65 carries (5.8 average) with three TDs in eight games in 2024.

“Hishaw is unique. You see it. He just walked in (interview room). That dude is big,” said Williams, a Chicago native who stands 5-foot-10 and 215 pounds. Hishaw is 5-10, 220.

“I don’t think I’ve had a running back as big as him I ever played with,” Williams said. “He’s really explosive. He can move, too, for that size.. So that’s special right there.”

Hishaw’s best year at KU was the team’s injury-plagued season in 2023, when he rushed for 626 yards on 121 carries with eight TDs.

He appeared humbled by his new teammate’s compliment.

“I think it’s really cool for him (Williams) to say that to me and say that about me. It feels good,” Hishaw said. “And it just shows that ... the work that I’m putting in is paying off. So I really appreciate that.”

KU running backs coach Jonathan Wallace, who also met with reporters after KU’s morning training camp practice Thursday, said Hishaw is lead-



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Daniel Hishaw Jr. may be KU’s featured running back this year, now that Devin Neal is in the NFL.

ing “by his actions and his words.”

“I think that he’s improved really a ton of his game,” Wallas said. “He is really, really super fired up in a lot of ways of just how he’s carrying the ball, how he’s making guys miss, how he’s catching the ball, a lot of things that we’ve seen really through his career. And now he’s sort of put it all together in mastering (it).

“So it’s a lot of fun to just see him out there and having fun and doing really, in my opinion, what he’s always done. And that’s (make) big plays. I’m just really, really excited to see how he’s put those things together. And how he’s continuing to do that throughout camp.”

At Big 12 football media day, Kansas coach Lance Leipold noted Hishaw “is a player who’s waited patiently. Honestly, much like (quarterback) Jalon (Daniels), he has had a kind of bumpy road with

injuries. Two years ago, before he was injured in the Iowa State game, he probably was playing as good of football as anyone we had offensively. He’s got a great combination of speed and power. He’s a physical back. He has good hands. He’s good in pass protection.”

Hishaw said he’s anxious for the 2025 campaign to start. He believes the Jayhawks, who have a new offensive coordinator in Jim Zebrowski, will put a lot of points on the new scoreboard at renovated Booth Memorial Stadium.

“Just seeing all of us together on the sideline and having that type of energy to the stands ... all that will bleed into the fans and everything,” Hishaw said, “because we’re going to make good plays on the field and just it’s going to bring energy to everybody.

“Those stands ... it’s going to be crazy. I hope everybody knows where

their seat is this year and nobody’s fighting over seats at the first game or anything like that. So, yeah, it’s going to be fun.”

Hishaw said the refurbished stadium — which features all new seats on the west side, with the east to be refurbished at a later date — “means a lot, like we have to build that first brick. That’s what it really feels like when you look at that stadium. Nobody else has played in there. So we need to lay that first brick. Shoutout Tony Sands (former KU running back), and just keep continuing for the next teams to just set a legacy for them.”

Hishaw said he knew he wanted to be a Jayhawk ever since his junior year of high school in Oklahoma. Now, he’s hoping for a smooth sixth-year senior season — both in terms of health and the team’s overall record of wins and losses.

He’d also love for a repeat of his electrifying 73-yard receiving touchdown against Duke in 2022, a play during which he shed several tacklers.

“There’s ups and downs and everything in life, but I haven’t been disappointed at all at my time here at KU,” he said. “It’s been so great and just so many learning experiences and just helping me become a better man. So I’m glad I’ve been here all these years.”

Years that included four as a teammate with a KU legend, in Neal — and now are set to conclude with Hishaw taking center stage.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARION COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE INTEREST OF:
Name: **Zendaya Myesha Rose Giroux Case No. 2024-JC-000017**
Year of Birth **2024 A X Female**
NOTICE OF HEARING
Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2237

TO: Deondrey Ocha Phillips, the putative father and all other persons who are or may be concerned

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court alleging that the child named above is a Child in Need of Care and a Motion for Finding of Unfitness and Termination of Parental Rights has been filed in this court alleging that the father is unfit by reason of conduct or condition which renders the parents unable to care properly for the child and the conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future. The Court may find that the parents are unfit by reason of conduct or condition which renders the parents unable to care properly for a child, the conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, the parental rights of the parent should be terminated, and a permanent custodian should be appointed for the child.

A hearing is scheduled for the 15th day of September, 2025 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. At the hearing the Court may issue orders relating to the care, custody and control of the child. The hearing will determine if the parents should be deprived of their parental rights and the right to custody of the child. The parent(s), and any other person having legal custody are required to appear before this Court on the date and time shown, or to file your written response to the petition with the Clerk of the District Court prior to that time. Failure to respond or to appear before the Court at the time shown will not prevent the Court from entering judgment as requested in the petition, finding that the child is a Child in Need of Care, removing the child from the custody of parent, parents or any other present legal custodian until further order of the Court, or finding the parents unfit, and entering an order permanently terminating the parents' parental rights.

An attorney has been appointed as guardian ad litem for the child: (Give name and contact information.) Zachary R. Strella, 322 N Main St., Suite 201, McPherson, KS 67460, Tel: 620-241-8800. Gary I. Price, Jr. for Deondrey Ocha Phillips, 121 W Marlin St., McPherson, KS 67460, Tel: 620-241-0024. You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally, either with or without an attorney. The Court will appoint an attorney for any parent who desires an attorney but is financially unable to hire one. The Court may order one or both parents to pay child support.

Date and time of hearing: September 15, 2025 at 9:30 o'clock a.m.
Place of hearing: Marion County District Court, Marion, Kansas
/s/ Michelle L. Brown
Michelle L. Brown, #16682

Marion County Attorney
IPL0257416
Aug 3, 10 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF
MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS
BY THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS

Public notice is hereby given that the City Council (the "City Council") of the City of Wichita, Kansas (the "City"), will conduct a public hearing in connection with the proposed issuance, in one or more series, by the City of its Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$33,000,000 (collectively, the "Bonds"). Such hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, or at such later date as shall be established by the City Council during the meeting, at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, at City Hall, 455 N. Main, Wichita, Kansas 67202.

The Bonds are proposed to be issued by the City for the purpose of providing funds to finance the cost of acquiring, constructing and equipping a low-income housing facility to be located at approximately 520 to 598 S. Wichita Street, Wichita, Kansas (the "Project").

The Bonds, which will provide a portion of the basis for ad valorem property tax exemption of the financed assets of the Project, are proposed to be issued under authority of K.S.A. 12-1740 et seq., as amended. Notice is further given, in accordance with K.S.A. 12-1744e, that the City intends to issue such Bonds and lease the Project to Union Development Holdings, LLC (the "Company").

A copy of this Notice, together with a copy of the Company's request to the City to issue the Bonds and a report analyzing the costs and benefits of such ad valorem property tax exemption, are on file in the office of the City Clerk and are available for public inspection during normal business hours. A copy of the proposed Letter of Intent indicating the intent of the City Council to issue the Bonds is on file in the office of the City Clerk and available for public inspection during normal business hours.

In the event the Bonds are not ultimately issued for any reason, the City shall not be deemed to have assumed or incurred any liability or obligation to the Company or any other party by virtue of any proceedings or actions taken in connection therewith.

All persons having an interest in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the time and place specified.

The City Council will not adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Bonds and thereby approving the accompanying ad valorem property tax exemption until the passage of seven (7) days from the date this Notice is published in the official newspaper of the City and until the public hearing is concluded.

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