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scored seven points and grabbed six boards in Tuesday's loss at Illinois

What is not up for debate, however, is how necessary the shake-up was to a lineup that had quickly become stagnant on offense, falling to 10th in the 11-team league. In sitting Jones, along with still-struggling forward Jeff Brooks, DeChellis sent his players a clear message that as long as the Lions are losing, starting spots are up for grabs.

"I don't think guys were performing to their capabilities," DeChellis said. "I think guys need to play a little better. It's a privilege to start — it's not anybody's right to start. You've got to earn it, and you've got to keep it."

Jones earned it and then lost it with inconsistent rebounding and his woeful offensive games against Wisconsin and Michigan.

So DeChellis did what any sensible coach would do with a slumping player on a slumping team: Make sure Jones and the rest of the players knew the team's current state isn't going to be accepted without consequences.

Sure, it should be obvious losing isn't an option. But without consequences, sometimes falling into a repetitive lull is inevitable. On Tuesday, DeChellis broke

"Hopefully the message has been received — there could be a lot of other lineup changes. Who knows?" DeChellis said. "We need guys to play better individually so that our team plays a little bit better."

The other DeChellis lineup change came at the expense of Brooks. In Tuesday's contest, freshman swingman Bill Edwards played 21 minutes — seven more than Brooks — and scored seven points, all coming at crucial junctures of the game.

Edwards may not have more talent, experience or athleticism

than Brooks. The same is probably true of Ott and Jones. In all likelihood, DeChellis is probably rooting for Brooks and Jones to return to the starting lineup.

But, as DeChellis constantly reminds his team, he isn't the one who decides the starters. The players do.

DeChellis didn't have much of a choice in moving Jones and Brooks to the bench. His primary goal in doing so was to send the two enough of a message to spark a deserved return to the lineup.

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Ideally for DeChellis, the spark
will carry over to the whole team.

It may have started on Tuesday, when the Lions were a Demetri McCamey off-balanced 3-pointer away from snapping their losing streak.

Saturday, Penn State will take the floor on the road once more with a very good chance to earn its first conference win in Iowa against the Hawkeyes.

its first conference win in Iowa against the Hawkeyes. But a victory against a 6-11 Iowa team won't be telling of

whether DeChellis' move worked. A justified return of Jones and Brooks to the starting lineup would do so.

But, again, it isn't DeChellis' choice.

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some way, shape or form, you could be overwhelmed by all the attention. Enjoy,

but still stay true to your ideals. Someone

you meet this year, especially if you are

ingle, might not be all he or she projects.

Get to know people well before deciding

you know who they are. You will get many different offers; remain the cynical Goat, and you won't make a mistake.

Don't give an automatic no, but be ready

attached, the two of you benefit from weekends and periods together away

from your daily lives. Somehow the

flames of romance rebuild. AQUARIUS

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average: 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

*** New beginnings become possible if you try another approach or do something differently. You discover a

gentleness in a higher-up or boss that you

hadn't seen before. Touch base with a loved one. Tonight: A must appearance. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Examine what is going on

with someone you care a lot about. If you want to see life from a different point of

view, investigate possibilities with an eye

to change. You see a situation far differently from many. Tonight: Avoid com-

★★★★★ When you sweep away the layers and layers of issues, clearly some-

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

helps you make money.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

some back checking. If you are

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one really does care. You might ask your-

Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Defer to others. You can say
"no" at any given point. Claiming your
power doesn't mean being in control of a
situation. It is being able to control your
reactions and choosing your responses
instead. Tonight: Sort through invita-

self if it is worth all the ups and downs to live in this bond. Only you can decide.

tions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ A new project could be dropped on your plate out of the blue. Listen to suggestions. A co-worker or friend could reinvigorate your thoughts and help you

come up with a unique approach. Tonight: Run errands, then decide. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Your sunny behavior disarms many, but no one as much as a child or loved one. This person wishes you were like this more often. Use the moment and mood to let others know how you really feel. Tonight: It is TGIF!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Your ability to move forward
and head in a distinctly new direction
might emerge, but only after you handle
a personal or domestic matter. You cannot move much further without solid personal foundations. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Stay on top of a personal matter,
and clear out an overdue conversation.
You were worried whether it would go
OK. You could be delighted and surprised by the end results. Sometimes the
anticipation in no way equals the realization. Tonight: Be open to suggestions.
Hang out, in any case.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Be sensitive to expenses and
aware of what needs to be done within
the parameters of a certain issue.
Knowing how much you give could be
more important than you realize.
Tonight: Hang out.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Give 100 percent, knowing full well you can and will make a difference.
Don't sell yourself short. If you want to let another person know how very much you care, now is the time. Tonight: Treat a friend to munchies.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Though you might have a diffi-

**** Though you might have a difficult time starting the day, you'll which through the afternoon. Suddenly you feel as if you can handle nearly anything. Open up to talks and stay on top of various situations, at work and personally. Tonight: Finally, the world is your oyster. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** You might want to examine what is happening behind the scenes. You might be right about what you believe is occurring. Trust a friend who is always there for you. A discussion could be most enlightening. Tonight: Disappear. Do your own thing.

Singer, dancer Charo (1951), actress Margaret O'Brien (1937), civil-rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929) * * *

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