



takes Providence to the Final Four.

- The Knicks win just 24 games the season before Pitino is brought in. He coaxes 38 wins out of the Knicks the first year and gets them into the playoffs. In his second season, they win 52 games, capture the Atlantic Division title, win a first-round

playoff series, and before being upset by Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls in Game 6 of the conference semifinals.

- Kentucky is on a two-year probation for violating NCAA rules, killing its recruiting efforts and its spirit, before Pitino arrives. The Wildcats win 14 games the first sea-

son and 22 the second, average 30.5 wins from 1992 to '97, win five Southeastern Conference titles, go to three Final Fours, and capture an NCAA title.

His fifth and probably final rebuilding project is by far Pitino's most difficult yet. The Celtics, who won just 15 games last