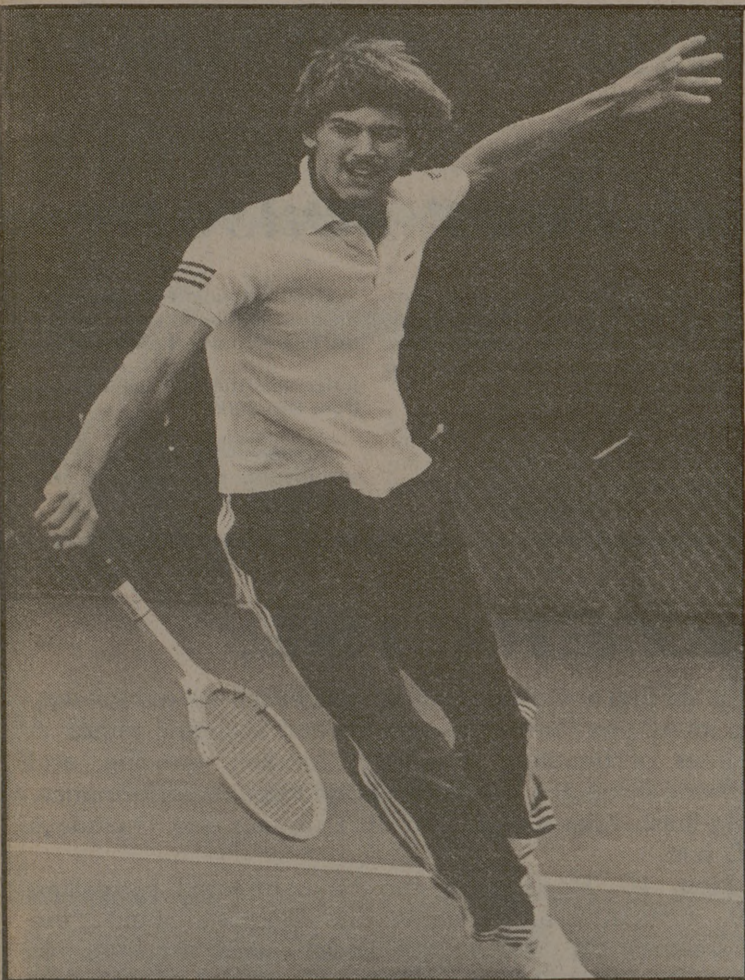


Sports



Tennis champ

Bryan Joelson, junior Aggie tennis player from Portland, Ore., is in California this week to participate in the United States Tennis Association's sectional tournament. Joelson won the Northwest Regional tournament last summer and is representing that section in the San Diego tournament. The Northwest Region includes Washington, Oregon and parts of California.

Staff photo by Colin Valentine

NCAA shatters Miami's hopes of post-season play

MIAMI — The NCAA has shattered the University of Miami's hopes of gaining a bowl bid and ending the season ranked nationally by placing the Hurricanes on two years probation.

Miami was ranked 11th Tuesday before the penalties were announced. It is the last time the Hurricanes will appear in the weekly rankings until Nov. 2, 1983, the day the probation expires.

By agreement with the American Football Coaches Assn., teams on NCAA probation are ineligible for the top 20 and national championship consideration by the UPI Board of Coaches.

Coach Howard Schnellenberger told his players of the NCAA ruling Monday night, two days after the Hurricanes had posted what has been called the biggest football victory in the school's 55-year history, a 17-14 upset of top-ranked Penn State.

The immediate reaction of Schnellenberger, who took over Miami's football fortunes in 1979 with a pledge to win the national championship, was: "I'm so damned glad it's over. We've been on probation (under investigation) two and a half years and its finally over."

Although they still face 14th-ranked Florida State, Virginia Tech, North Carolina State and Notre Dame, the Hurricanes, now 5-2 for the season, felt they had a good chance for an invitation to one of the lucrative, second-ranked major bowls.

The NCAA Committee on Infractions ruled Miami's football program had committed 66 infractions of recruiting regulations in a five-year period between 1976 and 1980. In addition to probation, the NCAA banned the Hurricanes from appearing in any post-season game this year and reduced the number of players the school will be allowed to sign to football scholarships next year from 30 to 20.

Miami's new president, Dr. Edward T. Foote, said he would not appeal the findings. That decision automatically affected the eligibility of 16 players, one of whom has graduated.

Two players have been declared ineligible pending appeals and 13 others have been prohibited from post-season play for the remainder of their college careers. Identities of the ineligible players were not disclosed but university officials said none of the current freshmen players are involved.

Both Foote and NCAA infractions committee chairman Charles Alan Wright said most of the rule violations appeared to be unintentional.

The violations included using rental cars or loaning coaches' cars for transportation, making more recruiting contacts than the limit of three, handing out Miami T-shirts and visors to potential recruits, exceeding the \$20 limit on entertaining recruits, and trying out athletes.

Foote said initially, there were 107 accusations brought. He said the university decided not to contest "about 50 of them."

"It would be a mistake to conclude that the university or any of its people have been unethical," Foote said. "Additional measures have been taken to make sure they (the violations) won't happen again."

"A number of the violations were the result of an enthusiastic alumni," he added. "We have made sure that the alumni enthusiasm does not go further than it should."

The NCAA also demanded a reprimand of an assistant football coach involved in many of the violations, which the University of Miami said had already been issued and accepted.

The reprimanded coach's identity was not revealed, but Billy Proulx was the chief recruiter during most of the period in which the violations were found. Proulx last year was switched from his post as chief recruiter to an administrative assistant for the head coach.

Schnellenberger said that the lowered limits on recruits wouldn't have a severely crippling affect. He said during his first two years he signed only 21 and 17 recruits and it wasn't until this year he signed the full complement of 30.

Players selected for awards

ST. LOUIS — The Sporting News has named Tony Armas of the Oakland A's its American League player of the year and Andre Dawson of the Montreal Expos its National League player of the year.

Armas and Dawson, both outfielders, were selected in a poll of major league players, which was published Tuesday.

Armas, who batted .261 with 22 homers and 76 runs batted in in 109 games, defeated teammate Rickey Henderson 67-to-55 for the American League honor.

Dawson, who hit .302 with 24 homers and 64 RBI in 103 games, edged Philadelphia third baseman Mike Schmidt by nine votes in the balloting by National League players.

Selected as pitchers of the year were Detroit's Jack Morris in the American League and Fernando Valenzuela of champion Los Angeles in the National League.

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Pastorini could start for Rams

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Ray Malavasi planned to announce today whether Pat Haden or Dan Pastorini will be the Los Angeles Rams' starting quarterback against New Orleans Sunday, and the Rams coach said he intended "to stick with the guy we go with."

Malavasi benched Haden in the second quarter last Sunday because he wasn't happy with the manner in which his incumbent quarterback was directing the team's offense against the Detroit Lions.

Jeff Rutledge replaced Haden and rallied the Rams before dislocating his right thumb. Pastorini, making his first appearance as a Ram, finished up as the Lions beat the Lions, 20-13.

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Water polo team places second in championship tournament

The Texas A&M Water polo club captured second place in the US Water Polo Championships in Providence, R.I.

The A&M team started out on a bad note, losing its first game to eventual winners New York Athletic Club 9-7. The game was tied several times but the New York club put the game away with two late goals.

The Aggies took their second game 21-12 over Queens with Mike Newsom scoring a national tournament record of 12 goals.

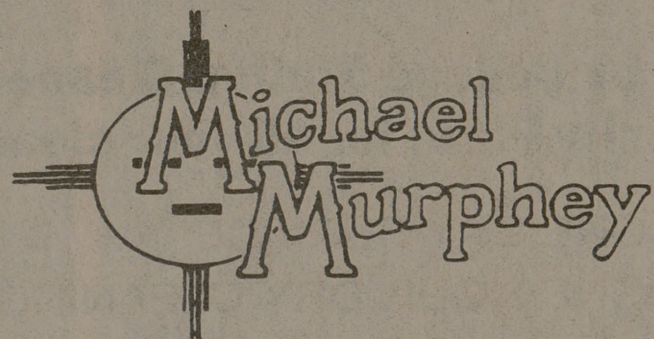
In the second round of competition the team beat host and sixth place finisher Brown University 11-9 and came back for a 18-10 win over Indiana.

In the third and final round the Aggies were pitted against Westwood, a California club and last year's third place finisher in the tournament.

Though two Aggies fouled out the Aggies were able to hold off a late rally and take an 11-10 win.

Following three hours of rest the Aggies again took to the pool, this time against the Olympic Club from San Francisco.

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