

Sports

Coach violates recruiting rules

TCU slapped with probation

United Press International
 MISSION, Kan. — Texas Christian University has been placed on probation for one year by the National Collegiate Athletic Association as a result of violations in the conduct of the men's intercollegiate basketball program.

The action, announced Wednesday, will not affect the university's eligibility for post-season competition or television appearances in basketball, the NCAA's Committee on Infractions said.

However, as a result of his involvement in the case, the university will prohibit one assistant basketball coach from engaging in any off-campus recruiting activities during the probation period and will not provide the individual a salary increase during the 1982-83 academic year.

Charles Alan Wright, chairman of the NCAA committee, said: "The violations in this case involved the improper recruitment

of only one prospective student-athlete by one assistant basketball coach."

According to the NCAA, while recruiting a prospective student-athlete during the summer of 1979, the coach arranged for someone other than the student to perform class assignments required for two junior college classes in which the student was enrolled.

The coach, who was not named, arranged for the student, also not named, to be enrolled in two junior colleges at no cost to the student.

The coach also arranged for the student to be provided round-trip commercial airline transportation at no cost to the student between his junior college and his home, and, on the trip home, the coach provided the student with car transportation from an airport to the student's home.

"However, the committee was quite concerned with the nature of

the infractions, which appeared to represent a deliberate attempt to circumvent NCAA legislation, and the committee believed that disciplinary action against the institution and the involved coach was warranted," Wright said.

Wright said the conduct of Texas Christian University officials throughout the investigation was exemplary and said the university never before received a public penalty from the NCAA or the Southwest Conference.

"The committee believes," Wright said, "that the university continues to be committed to

operating its athletic program in complete compliance with the letter and spirit of NCAA legislation."

The Committee on Infractions found violations of NCAA legislation related to ethical conduct, recruiting and certification of compliance with NCAA legislation.

Jim Killingsworth enters his second year this year as TCU basketball coach. Last year the Frogs sported a 7-19 record overall and 2-14 in the Southwest Conference. TCU opens the 1981-82 season Nov. 28 against Westmont University.

Rockets' tactics don't fool anyone in Nuggets' win

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 DENVER — Denver head coach Doug Moe is proud of the way the Nuggets bounced back from a loss to San Antonio, and says the team played well in its 112-100 win over Houston, despite the Rockets' effort to slow down the game.

"We really asserted ourselves out there," Moe said Wednesday night. "We did a super job of the boards. We moved well throughout the game, and that's sometimes hard to do in a slowdown. It shows great discipline."

Kiki Vandeweghe hit 25 points and Alex English added 23 to pace the Nuggets, who improved their season record to 2-1. Vandeweghe hit 11 of 16 shots from the floor and also grabbed 12 rebounds.

Houston forced the high-scoring Nuggets to

play at a deliberate pace, but could not overcome accurate Denver shooting. The Nuggets, who used only seven players, also got 20 points from Dan Issel, 17 from Dave Robisch and 16 from Kenny Higgs.

"That was a good confidence-builder for us," Moe said. "We played well without Dave (Thompson, sidelined with a back injury) and had a good team without him. We came back from a very bad game against San Antonio, and that's tough to do."

Allen Leavell came off the bench to score a career-high 29 points to lead the Rockets, who fell to 2-2. Moses Malone scored 18 points for Houston and Elvin Hayes had 13 points and 17 rebounds.

Spurs' Brewer finds range for 39 points in 128-102 triumph

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 SAN ANTONIO — Coach Stan Albeck realized that without scoring ace George Gervin, the San Antonio Spurs' offense would need help. Albeck looked to Ron Brewer, and was right on target.

Brewer responded to Gervin's absence by connecting on 15 of 25 field goals and tossing in a career-high 39 points Wednesday night to spark the Spurs to a 128-102 NBA win over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

"With Ice (Gervin) out, we knew Brewer would have to score more," said Albeck, who learned two hours before the game that injuries would keep Gervin and starter Mark Olberding on the bench.

"But everybody on the team went out and took the game to Cleveland," Albeck said.

Brewer provided the bulk of San Antonio's early offense, hitting 35 points in the first three periods, and credited the performance to gaining more playing time this season.

"When I got here last year, I hadn't been playing much in Portland and I knew my game would improve with more playing time," he said. "I never lost my confidence. I just didn't get enough

playing time. All I have to do is get involved and I can play like this."

Brewer's shot from the corner at the close of the third period gave San Antonio a 100-83 lead, biggest of the game at that point.

Cleveland, trailing 65-58 at intermission, was down just 87-79 with 3:45 left in the third quarter, but the Spurs unreeling a 13-4 spurt that included three straight unanswered field goals in the closing minute.

The Cavs, paced by 21 points from Kenny Carr, hit only 10 of 15 attempts from the field in the third period. Veteran guard James Silas, traded to Cleveland by San Antonio in the off-season, contributed 18 points and received a standing ovation.

"The standing ovation brought memories of the ABA All-Star game in 1979," said Silas. "I know the people in San Antonio still care about me and I still care about them."

"San Antonio won because good clubs don't get down when their starters go out. Cleveland is too relaxed on defense and we need to put it together soon."

San Antonio, the defending Midwest Division champion, is now 3-1. Cleveland is 1-2.

Landry lauds Eagles, says Cowboys have slight edge

United Press International
 DALLAS — Just because the Dallas Cowboys and Philadelphia Eagles do not meet again until Dec. 13 doesn't mean the comparisons will stop. Their rivalry, it seems, transcends the games themselves.

Dallas' 17-14 win over Philadelphia on the road Sunday eased the pendulum back toward the Cowboys, but coach Tom Landry said Tuesday the edge was only very, very slight.

"We're better (than the Eagles) today only because we beat them Sunday," Landry said.

But in the drive toward the playoffs, Landry said the Eagles remain as a logical entry into the post-season derby.

"Over the long haul they still have an excellent defense," Landry said of Philadelphia. "They are solid defensively. We're still trying to improve there. But you know Philadelphia is not going to be very far from the top as long as their defense plays the way it does."

"They are not going to give up many points and as long as you don't give up many points you not going to lose many games."

What might have been the difference between the Philadelphia team he saw Sunday and the one that whipped the Cowboys in the NFC title game last season?

"They are pretty much the same team," Landry said. "Momentum to them is so important. They are such an emotional type of team. They are starting to feel being on top and trying to repeat again which is a little different than trying to get there. It is a little different feeling psychologically. We are not defending anything. They are defending the championship. They have to prove they belong up there. All we are trying to do is get back there."

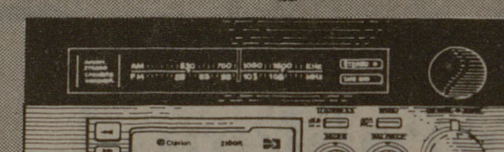
Landry said, however, that the teams that do reach the top these days are less removed from the rest of the league as teams that reached the top a few years ago.

"Maybe some of the teams five years ago were a little more dominant over the whole field than they are now," he said. "Teams aren't dominant now like they were."

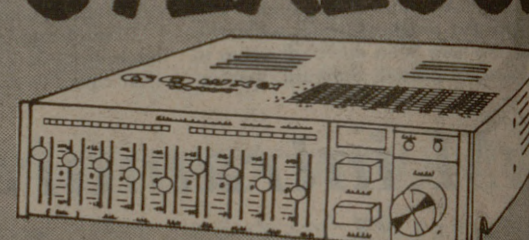
"That's why a team like San Francisco has won six straight games with young people. The whole league is balancing itself to some extent. Any team now can beat you. Whenever we slow down we get beat. That's true for most teams."

"And, yes, there are less bad teams. Of course, you can get started bad and ruin your season and it makes you look worse than you are. But the talent on every team now is very capable."

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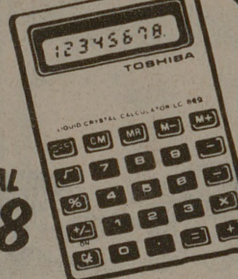
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