

# Sports

## Chancellor says NCAA found UCLA needy of watchful eye

United Press International LOS ANGELES — According to UCLA Chancellor Charles Young, the NCAA has kept the powerful Bruin basketball program under "constant surveillance" for more than a decade looking for rules violations.

Young, speaking at a news conference in the wake of the NCAA's announcement that the UCLA

team had been placed on two years probation and banned from next spring's NCAA tournament, said he didn't feel UCLA was unfairly penalized by the NCAA. But Young made it clear he felt the organization was keeping a closer than usual eye on the UCLA program — the most successful in the history of college basketball.

"Any program as successful as ours insures close, constant scrutiny by the NCAA," Young said Wednesday. "This is not a witch hunt, though. The rules are there and they must be enforced. But I believe we've been under constant surveillance by the NCAA due to our success."

Young was joined at the news

conference on the UCLA campus by Athletic Director Robert Fischer and head basketball coach Larry Farmer.

Farmer, in his first year as head coach of the Bruins, said he didn't expect his team to fold because of the NCAA sanctions against it.

"I had a long talk with the team and I explained that this is one of life's hurdles for them," said Farmer, whose team is currently ranked 20th. "After 10 minutes they came out and had a very spirited practice."

"We're not going to give up. We have 27 games left to play and we are still UCLA."

The Bruin basketball program was penalized for NCAA violations ranging from reduced apartment rates for players to giving a recruit a T-shirt.

The sanctions were announced by the NCAA late Tuesday. In addition to being banned from this season's NCAA tourney, the squad was also prohibited from playing in the National Invitation Tournament.

Also, the team's second-place finish in the 1980 NCAA tournament was voided because some violations affected the eligibility of two players at the time of the tournament. The school will be required to return the trophy and the awards given to the ineligible players, who were not named.

Part of the investigation dealt with the acquisition of automobiles for four freshman players during the 1979-80 school year.

The NCAA also found violations of rules governing extra benefits to student-athletes including financial aid, recruiting inducement, entertainment and local automobile transportation.

## Gervin leads Spurs to win over Seattle

United Press International SAN ANTONIO — Tuesday night in Houston, the big factor for the Seattle SuperSonics was Gus Williams. Wednesday night in San Antonio, he was a big factor again.

Williams' 29-point hot streak paced the Sonics through a 107-96 pummeling of the Rockets, but he didn't hit a single shot from the field against the Spurs, who won

107-96. With Denver's loss to Philadelphia, San Antonio now has a six-game lead in the NBA's Midwest Division.

Williams drew sympathy from friend and foe alike. Exhaustion, they said, was the key.

"Gus Williams didn't hit a field goal and that's not going to happen very often," said San Antonio coach Stan Albeck. "That was one of the significant factors in tonight's game. They've been on the road and I believe they got a little tired."

Williams' coach, Lenny Wilkins, said the guard was "totally out of synch" Wednesday night.

"Playing last night really hurt us," Wilkins said. "Fatigue was definitely a key."

For the Spurs, George Gervin scored 25 points and Johnny Moore — who Albeck called "the guy who got us going" — made several crucial steals in the fourth period.

"Our plan was to run with them because they were tired," Albeck said. "And run we did."

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## Yankee owner's manager shuffle over — for now

United Press International HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Nobody ever is going to call George Steinbrenner a Boy Scout. He's a devout believer in their motto, though. Be Prepared.

He's also a big believer in the corporate image. Whenever one of his men is filling a capacity, he makes sure he has another right there getting on-the-job training so he's ready to step in if the first one falters. That's the way he operates his two corporations: the American Shipbuilding Company and the New York Yankees.

"Hey, did you hear, the Yankees have just called another press conference," dead-panned Dodger manager Tommy LaSorda a few minutes after Wednesday's announcement at the baseball meetings that Gene Michael would scout in 1982 and then be brought back to manage the club again from 1983 through 1985. "They're gonna announce Bob Lemon has been named manager for 1986 and 1987."

Nothing is impossible, as Steinbrenner already has proven, by hiring, firing and rehiring Billy Martin, Lemon and Michael as his managers and by once hiring still another manager, Dick Williams, whom he signed for three years but who never managed for him a single day.

Steinbrenner didn't show up at the press conference called to "solidify" the Yankees' managerial situation. Bill Bergesch, the vice president in charge of the club's baseball operations, made the announcement and one of the first questions asked him was how safe was Lemon's job for the duration of next season.

Bergesch answered this way: "Let me clarify that just a little bit. I want to say right now Mr. Steinbrenner's idea is Bob Lemon asked for one more year. He has a lot of reasons why he wants to manage one more year, and he's going to have that year. Bob Lemon is going to be the manager next season. After that, the team will be turned over to Gene Michael. But Gene isn't even going to

be with the club — he's going to be on detached more or less during the season. It's Bob Lemon's team in 1982."

Right there, George Steinbrenner was in a hook. If he does decide to fire Lemon as manager again and replace him with Michael sometime in the 1982 season and is reminded that Lemon supposed to manage all year, he can honestly never say any such thing. Technically, he is Bergesch said it.

Along with everything else, Steinbrenner has some others in the wings who could step in to manage besides Michael. Men like Yogi Berra, Altbelli, Jeff Torborg and Clyde King, all of whom have had past managerial experience. Nothing being prepared.

Bob Lemon really isn't worried about it. He has been named Yankee manager twice in three times, if you're counting Tuesday's announcement that he was being retained next year, and can they do to him now — shoot him?

Michael, dismissed as Yankee manager last year when he told Steinbrenner to stop bugging him to fire him if that was what he had in mind, didn't want to get back "on the field," although he was looking for Lemon's job. When he spoke with Steinbrenner three weeks ago, he told him he wanted to "get back in," even managing with some other club and he asked the Yankee owner if he was free to since his contract with the Yankees ran the 1982. Michael wanted to know what Steinbrenner had in mind for him. Steinbrenner said he would hold him back. According to Michael, the man his managing the Yankees again didn't actually get until Steinbrenner called him up again Tuesday morning.

"I knew I was back in the 'family' again when he woke me up," Michael laughed. "He wanted to know what I was doing sleeping so late."

## OSU coach says his team ready for A&M

United Press International SHREVEPORT, La. — Oklahoma State coach Jimmy Johnson says a bowl bid has been a long time coming and his team isn't going to waste it.

"We feel like we were deserving of a bowl two years ago," said Johnson, who took over as Cowboy coach three years ago after the NCAA found OSU guilty of recruiting violations.

"Because of the infractions already against us, we had to sit at home. We knew in time, though, that we'd get a chance to go."

Oklahoma State, 7-4, takes on Texas A&M, 6-5, Saturday in the sixth annual Independence Bowl.

This year's game marks the time the game looked outside the Southland Conference for its teams.

OSU arrived to start Tuesday, with the Aggies due Wednesday.

Johnson said his team made the most of its first bowl since the NCAA ruling, prepared for the game and enjoyed the trip away from home.

"Our approach is to work hard during the day and ourselves at night," he said. "We came down here to win. That's the first thing. But we're going to enjoy ourselves the first few days, and we don't have any fears."

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