

Perry suspended by NHL

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NEW YORK — The Los Angeles Kings, although unhappy with the ruling, plan no appeal of the NHL's decision to suspend Coach Don Perry 15 days for ordering Paul Mulvey to leave the bench and participate in a fight.

The Kings also were fined \$5,000.

"It would appear to be a severe penalty," said owner Jerry Buss. "Nevertheless, we choose

to close this incident by waiving our right of appeal."

The ruling marked one of the most decisive stands the NHL has taken on its persistent problem with on-ice violence.

"We penalize with a degree of understanding certain actions that result from the intensity and frustration of the game," said NHL President John Ziegler in a statement.

"We cannot and will not, however, tolerate premeditated

attempts to ignore or act against the policy of the league."

Under Ziegler's order, Perry cannot attend a team practice or exercise any other duty or function for the Kings or their minor league affiliate during the suspension, which begins immediately since the Kings have waived their right of appeal.

General Manager George Maguire refused comment on whether Perry would be paid during his suspension. Perry was unavailable for comment. Assistant Coach Brad Selwood will coach during Perry's suspension.

New Haven and replaced Parker MacDonald as coach. On Jan. 24, in a game at Vancouver, Perry told Mulvey to leave the bench and join a fight. He refused.

NHL rules call for an automatic three-game suspension and general misconduct penalty, which carries a fine, for any player leaving the bench to join a fight on the ice. Perry blasted Mulvey following last Sunday's game, saying he didn't want a player who wouldn't obey his orders on his team.

Mulvey said later that he had been told not to wear the Kings' uniform again or even practice with the team. He conceded his 3½-year NHL career might have ended.

"He was asking me to get a couple more games in suspensions," said Mulvey. "I'm not going to be a designated assassin who just comes off the bench and fights."

Maguire insisted, regardless of the issue of the team fight, the Kings had never considered Mulvey more than a fringe player.

"The incident involving the fight had nothing to do with our decision to put Mulvey on waivers," he said.

Mulvey, a 23-year-old left wing, came to the Kings Dec. 30 from Pittsburgh with the Kings hit with injuries. Two weeks later, Perry was promoted from

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Swim teams finish dual meet season victorious

by John Bramblett
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The Texas A&M men's and women's swim teams ended their dual meet seasons Wednesday afternoon in P.L. Downs Natatorium with victories over Rice University.

The men defeated Rice 74-45, while the women won 73-50. With the win, the men's season record stands at 4-4 and the women's mark is 6-4.

Winning the first seven events, the Aggie men built up an early 55-6 lead. The early lead enabled the Aggies to swim many of the latter events as exhibition instead of for points, Coach Mel Nash said.

The highlight of the men's victories, Nash said, was the tie in the 50-yard butterfly. Texas A&M swimmers Chris Trick and

Craig Buchmann both swam the event in 24.71 seconds.

Other individual winners were Jim Hanigan in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard backstroke, Mark Vimitz in the 50-yard and 100-yard breaststroke and Bob Hightower in the 500-yard freestyle.

The Aggies' Chris Londrigan won the 100-yard freestyle, Patrick Henry won the 50-yard backstroke and Jack Fink won the 100-yard butterfly and 200-yard freestyle events. Other winners were Pat Ballard in the 50-yard freestyle and Kevin Londrigan in the 100-yard individual medley. Texas A&M also won both 200-yard medley relays.

For the women, the top race was the 100-yard breaststroke,

Nash said. Texas A&M's Breischer won the event in 1:12.001, while Susan Capshaw placed second with a time of 1:12.001. Placing third was the Aggie bobbie Ross, with a time of 1:12.001.

Tracy Johnston won the 100-yard freestyle and the 200-yard butterfly, Capshaw won the 100-yard individual medley, Leen Doull won the 500-yard freestyle. The women's both 200-yard freestyle relays.

Feb. 12-Feb. 14, the team will swim in the invitational. The women's Austin Feb. 25-Feb. 27. Texas Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women championships. The Southwest Conference championships will be March 4-March 6 in Austin.

Ladies on target, but fall to Bears

by Gaye Denley
Battalion Staff

The Aggie Ladies shot their best game of the season, but lost for the second time in a row Wednesday night in Waco as the Baylor Bears slipped past Texas A&M 71-69.

The Ladies, coming off a 51 percent shooting performance in Monday's 77-65 loss to Houston, shot 56 percent while their season record fell to 7-16. Baylor shot only 46 percent from the field and 64 percent from the free throw line to Texas A&M's 85 percent from the free throw line.

But the Bears out-rebounded

the Ladies 37-25 and held on to the lead they took into the locker room at halftime, 42-39.

Baylor's Jackie Valentine was the game's high scorer with 18 points, while teammates Debbie Polk and Terri Moore added 15 and 14 points.

Kelley Sullivan, Texas A&M's leading scorer for both the game and the season, had 16 points, while the Ladies' other point guard, freshman Romy Gandy, finished with 13.

Lynette Joiner added 12 points, while Jenni Edgar and Ann Trinka had 10 points apiece.

Coach Cheri Rapp said the Aggies are starting to gain confidence they lost last season.

"We're improving in Arkansas, time, and our freshman starting to come along and Houston consistently," she said with 4-5 confidence.

"But the one thing we really lost their confidence in the first four or five games. The Aggie team we have this year, they're never going to go ahead."

Monday, the Ladies' Austin to play the University of Texas A&M Conference tournament last weekend.

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