

Texas football on probation

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MISSION, Kan. — The National Collegiate Athletic Association has placed the University of Texas on one-year probation for recruiting and ticket violations associated with the football program.

Texas, which lost to Oklahoma 28-22 last Saturday, is ranked 16th in the country.

The penalty handed out late Tuesday did not include sanctions and the university's football team remains eligible for television appearances and post-season football bowl games.

The probation involved the recruitment of a football prospect during the 1981-82 academic year and the sale of complimentary football tickets by a former player during the 1978-79 academic year.

Texas officials said they were disappointed by the recruitment infraction, but said they would not appeal the committee decision.

"I do not believe however that the NCAA's findings of a violation is supported by the bulk of the evidence," University of Texas President Peter Flawn said. "I am of course pleased that no unethical conduct was found nor any sanctions imposed. We shall not appeal the committee's ruling."

Harry M. Cross, acting chair of the NCAA Committee on Infractions, said: "The NCAA conducted an investigation of the university's complimentary ticket policies, and the available information indicated that the 1978 transaction was an isolated incident that did not involve institutional personnel."

However, this recruiting violation involved two assistant football coaches "who arranged for a prospective student-athlete to receive a pair of new boots during the young man's official visit to the university's campus," Cross said.

"Although the coaches contend that the violation was unintentional, the committee determined that a one-year probationary period should be imposed in the case to ensure that diligence is exercised by the coaches in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes and to emphasize the institution's responsibility to avoid further involvement in violations of NCAA legislation."

"Mr. Warmth" bulldog on mound, puppy in life

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ST. LOUIS — Gorman Thomas has one of those razor-sharp minds. He's sort of a phrase-maker without portfolio for the Milwaukee Brewers and with that faculty of his for sizing up someone in a hurry, it didn't take him any time at all to come up with the perfect handle for Mike Caldwell.

"Mr. Warmth" was the label Thomas attached to him when he got to know him fairly well four years ago and now all the other Brewers call Caldwell that.

The name wasn't meant to be particularly complimentary, but Caldwell understands and likes it well enough he usually wears a T-shirt underneath his uniform blouse that says "Mr. Warmth."

Actually, there's another word in between those two, but it's one they don't put in newspapers.

Anyway, he had the shirt on and it helped to keep the chill off Tuesday night when the shopworn, 33-year-old lefthanded sinkerballer, picked the World Series opener to pitch his best game of the year. Caldwell got the St. Louis Cardinals to beat the ball into the artificial turf all night and stopped them on three hits in one of those old fashioned, 10-0 butt kickings.

That was what Whitey Herzog called what happened to his favored Cardinals.

"I'm glad it was only one game and not a doubleheader," the Cards' manager elaborated. Referring specifically to Caldwell, he said, "You gotta give credit where credits due. He pitched a hell of a fine game. I brought the infield in by the third inning because I knew we'd have trouble getting runs."

Trouble was hardly the word. Caldwell mixed up his sinker and slider magnificently to stay ahead of the hitters and keep the ball down all night in getting 14 of them on ground balls and never permitting a Cardinal runner past second.

The closest thing to any threat the Cardinals could muster was Darrell Porter's two-out double in the second inning and a couple of inconsequential singles Porter and Ken Oberkfell hit in the eighth.

Meanwhile, the Brewers were manhandling Cardinals starter Bob Forsch and three relievers for 17 hits, including a World Series record five by Paul Molitor, four more by Robin Yount

and a home-coming home run by former Cardinal Ted Simmons.

Out in center field Gorman Thomas felt good about "Mr. Warmth," especially after the Brewers had staked him two runs in the top of the first.

"He's one fine pitcher," Thomas said.

That wasn't why the Brewers slugging outfielder hung the nickname on him. But was it though?

Thomas shot his questioner a funny look, one that seemed to say, "Are you kidding?"

"I gave him the name because he's got the personality of a bleeping rock," he said. "On days he pitches, he's grumpy, cantankerous and a complete yo-yo, or whatever else you want to call him. On the days he pitches you're not supposed to talk to him."

"His whole game is location," explained Pat Dobson, one of the Brewers' two pitching coaches. "His biggest problem is trying too hard and overrunning the ball. And, when he overthrows, he's dead."

Cal McLish, the Brewers other pitching coach agreed with Dobson and explained Caldwell is a "groundball pitcher."

"He pitches to take the sting out of the other guy's bats," McLish said.

What about him being "Mr. Warmth?"

McLish laughed.

"He gives you that phony smile, but he's tender as a puppy," said McLish, letting the cat out of the bag. "Not on the mound though. Out there he's a real bulldog."

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