

SPORTS

New NCAA policy not tough enough

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Nearly 200 college presidents, an impressive show of force, interrupted their other administrative duties to attend last week's special NCAA meeting in New Orleans.

This was more than unusual. It was revolutionary. NCAA meetings usually are dominated by athletic directors and faculty reps, but this time a bunch of their bosses showed up to express growing concern with what they describe as "an integrity crisis" in college sports.

What could they have in mind?
Just because recruiting abuses have deteriorated into a national disgrace?
Just because schools cavalierly pass off and on probation almost routinely?
Just because drug scandals and admission violations pock-mark the college landscape?
Just because winning has become an obsession, an end to be achieved without a whole lot of concern for the means?

Is that a crisis?
Most assuredly, the presidents said.
Only a clinic would wonder where the presidents have been until now. Finally, however, they have made a gallant attempt to reclaim their programs, passing stiff, new penalties that will make the rule-breakers pay dearly for their indiscretions.

The cornerstone of the legislation is the "death penalty" — a mandatory suspension of up to two years for schools committing two major violations over a five-year period. Major infractions are those that would give a school a competitive or recruiting advantage such as altering academic records of student-athletes to assure eligibility or offering bribes to attend a school.

All this isn't quite as tough as the presidents would have you believe, though. There are windows here which were not slammed as tightly as they might have been.

The New Orleans legislation requires a minimum penalty. Maximum is two years, but minimum could be something substantially less than that.

An institution's first violation remains punishable by probation, which has hardly proved a substantial deterrent until now.

A real get-tough policy would have called for two-year suspensions right then and there, on the spot, the first time around. One strike and you're out.

Why give law-breakers a second chance before pounding them? If you're going to get tough, then get tough.

In fact, the presidents did take such a get-tough stance, but only against a few schools, and it was on this point where the unanimity of the convention was tested. It was agreed to make this new legislation retroactive to Sept. 1, 1980, which means that 20 to 25 NCAA institutions guilty of major infractions since that date have already had one chance. The next violation would mean suspension.

Suspension means shutting down a program — no television, no revenue, no recruiting, no program.

Suspension is serious stuff, much more serious punishment than probation, which has eroded over the years into little more than a wrist-slapping that the rules-breakers seem more than willing to risk.

Only twice in the 79-year history of the NCAA has a member school had an athletic program suspended. The sentences were handed out to basketball programs — at Kentucky after the 1951 point-shaving scandal and at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1973 for a variety of violations following a period on probation.

Generals foresee no letdowns

Associated Press

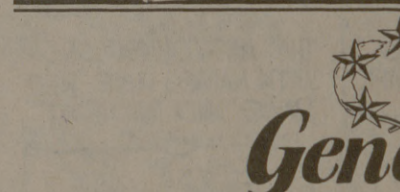
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The best single season by a professional running back did not conclude on a great note. But Herschel Walker is hoping the playoffs will end a little better, with the New Jersey Stallions winning the United States Football League title.

Walker had his string of rushing for at least 100 yards snapped at 11 straight games Sunday as the Birmingham Stallions limited him to 73 yards on 25 carries and captured the Eastern Conference title with a 14-6 victory over the Generals.

It was the second time this season that the Stallions held Walker under 100 yards and only the fourth time in 18 regular-season games.

"They are the No. 1 team in the league against the run," Walker said. "They came out and played a terrific game."

For the season, Walker finished with 2,411 yards on 438 carries, breaking the mark of 2,105 yard set



by Eric Dickerson of the Los Angeles Rams this past season in 16 games in the National Football League.

"It was a downer because we had a great opportunity," said Walker, the 1982 Heisman Trophy winner from the University of Georgia. "We had a chance to be the No. 1 team in the East."

Despite the loss, the Generals are still in the playoffs and will host an opening-round game on Monday against either Baltimore or Denver. An Oakland defeat of Houston Monday night would make Baltimore the Generals' foe, while they

will play Denver if Houston downs Oakland.

"We know we still have a chance," Walker said. "I don't think the loss will be that much of a letdown because we can still come back and win it."

The Generals figure to be hard-pressed to win the league title if Walker is held under 100 yards rushing.

And Stallions Coach Rollie Dotsch says the key to that is to get Walker running from sideline to sideline instead of letting him turn the ball up-field.

"Herschel is a great back," Dotsch said. "Our defensive line filled cracks in and funnelled him outside to stop him. If you let him clearly through the openings in the middle, he can hurt you."

The Stallions never did. Walker said their pursuit and the Generals' lack of execution contributed to that success.

Generals Coach Walt Michaels said the offense was not up to snuff against Birmingham. The loss was the second straight for the Generals and dropped them to 11-7 heading into the playoffs.

Walker did not see the letdown as a team morale problem, citing the playoffs.

"Since Walt Michaels has been here we haven't lost more than one in a row," Walker said. "We just have to put it out of our mind because still have an opportunity to win it all."

Cubs on 12-game losing skid

Chicago's Frey says attitude not at fault

Associated Press

CHICAGO — When an interviewer suggested to Manager Jim Frey that the Chicago Cubs' attitude may be as bad as their play during a losing streak that has reached 12 straight, the usually patient Frey loosed a stream of tobacco juice, barely missing the camera, and a few words not allowed on the air.

"Now son," said Frey, having established the ground rules for the interview, "let's start this thing over again."

Considering the slump that has seen the defending National League East champions slide from a 3½-game lead in the division to fourth place, 4½ games out of first-place, Frey can live with criticism of the Cubs' pitching, or hitting, or fielding

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during that span. But don't talk to him about their attitude.

Frey thinks well enough of his players to skip a workout Monday, the club's first off-day since it began the slide June 12, and join most of them at a charity golf tournament.

"When you lose 11 in a row," Frey explained before Sunday's 7-0 loss to the charging St. Louis Cardinals, "you can't act like it's Christmas."

The loss at St. Louis was the Cubs' sixth straight to the Cardinals during the drought and their fifth shut-out. The New York Mets have contributed four setbacks and the Montreal Expos two.

Three of the 12 losses came at

home, a Cardinal sweep. And even though the Cubs will be back in the friendly confines of Wrigley Field when they try to halt the skid Tuesday in the first of a three-game series against the Mets, they will be looking at the decidedly uncooperative Dwight Gooden on the mound.

Since June 12, the Cubs have averaged 2.4 runs per contest and have a team batting average of .224.

Those numbers look bad any time. Against Gooden, they could spell No. 13 — tying a club record for futility set two years ago.

"Our problems hitting on this trip, I don't think, had anything to do with every guy trying to hit a home run," said Frey. "It has been a

matter of them not fully concentrating at the plate."

The Cubs are still 11 losses away from the major league mark of straight set by Manager Gene Mauch's 1961 Philadelphia Phillies.

"When Detroit lost 19 in a row a few years ago, I had a writer call and ask if I'd call (Tiger Manager) Ralph Houk," recalled Mauch, who spent Sunday in town managing the American League West division leading California Angels to an 11-0 romp over the Chicago White Sox.

"I'll tell you, I'm the last person Ralph Houk would have wanted to hear from," Mauch said. "If I know how to stop losing streaks, I would have stopped them a long time ago."

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INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

At University Drive

At Texas and S.W. Parkway

At Manor East Mall

At 2930 E. Highway 21

FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC AT THE POOL

The annual Fourth of July Picnic at the Pool will be held again this year. This event, offered by the Intramural-Recreational Sports Department, Grove Committee and Health and Physical Education Department, will be held at Wofford Cain Pool from noon to 5:30 PM. Admission is free to all pool pass holders and \$1.00 for adults and children who do not have a pool pass.

Hamburgers and ice cream will be available for 50¢ each along with 25¢ 7-Up. Live 50's and 60's music will be provided by Sneaky Pete and the Neon Madmen from 1-3 PM. In addition, innertube water basketball, a backgammon tournament, a suntan contest, sunburn contest too! and various demonstrations are planned.

Bring your family and friends for some big fun at the Fourth of July Picnic at the Pool.

CLEARED LOCKERS

Individuals who did not renew their lockers for the summer and may have left belongings in Room 159 Read Building until July 5. After this date all unclaimed belongings will be turned over to the MSC Lost and Found. For more information, call 845-7826.

LOCKERS FOR RENT

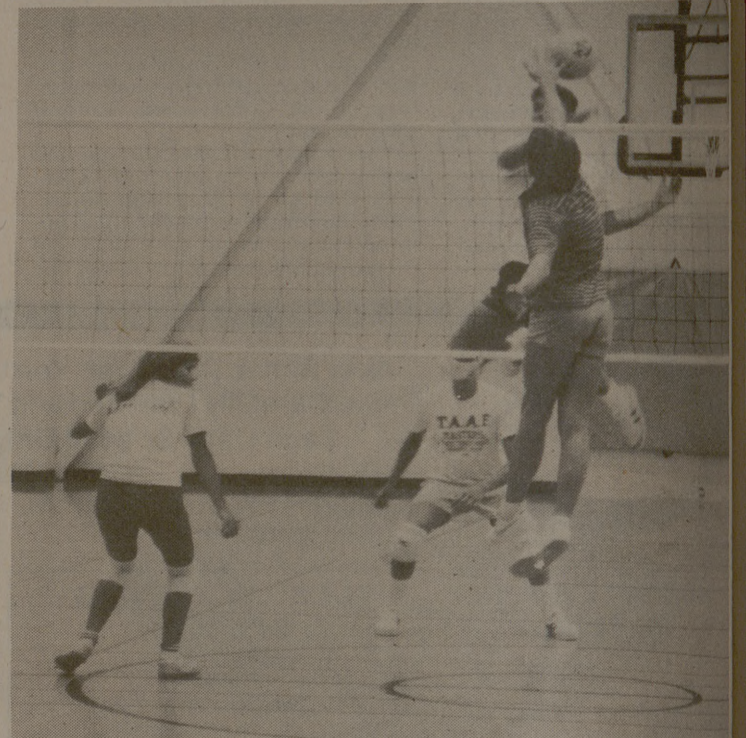
Lockers are now available for rent in DeWare and Read Bldg. (East Kyle). Lockers rent for \$10.00 for the entire summer while clothing service is available for \$10.00 for each summer session. All lockers may be rented in room 159 Read Building.

TEAM SPORTS UPDATE

The Intramural-Recreational Sports Department is running three team sports this first summer session. The Slowpitch Softball tournament, which attracted 100 teams, is winding down. The playoffs began Sunday, June 23 with the final games slated for Thursday, June 27 at the Penberthy Complex.

The Basketball Triples and Volleyball Triples tournaments are taking place on alternate days in the Read Building (East Kyle). Playoffs for Basketball began last Wednesday while Volleyball playoffs began last Thursday. Finals for these sports are Wednesday, June 26 for Basketball Triples and Thursday, June 27 for Volleyball Triples.

These three sports will also be offered the second summer session. Look for entry dates in mid-July.



Volleyball Triples Are Into The Playoffs. Final Games are Thursday, June 27, Read Bldg.

SUMMER HOURS FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

READ BLDG. (EAST KYLE)	
Monday-Friday	6:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon-1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
DEWARE FIELDHOUSE	
Monday-Friday	12:00 Noon-7:00 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
WEIGHTROOM	
Monday-Friday	11:00 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	12:00 Noon-7:00 p.m.
TENNIS COURTS	
Monday-Friday	5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	1:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

*Reservations may be made by calling 845-2624

FITNESS CLASSES

The Intramural-Recreational Sports Department is offering fitness classes for the summer. The classes, designed for men and women, are offered for beginners and intermediates. Beginners classes are offered Monday, Wednesday, Friday, noon-1 PM and Tuesday, Thursday, 5:30-6:30 PM. The intermediate class is offered Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 5:30-6:30 PM.

Classes will run through the second summer session and are offered at a cost of \$25.00 for three-day-a-week classes and \$20.00 for two-day-a-week classes. Beginning July 15 these prices will be reduced to \$13.00 and \$10.00 respectively. All class participants must have a student ID, validated faculty ID or recreational ID. Registration for the classes is in Room 159 Read Building.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- IM-Rec Sports Office: 845-7826
- Racquetball Reservations: 845-2624
- Rainout Information: 845-2625

RECREATIONAL AND POOL PASSES

Passes for the recreational facilities and the pool are available in the Intramural Office, 159 Read Building (East Kyle). Recreational passes are \$5.00 for faculty and staff and \$10.00 for spouses and dependents. Locker and clothing service is available at an additional cost.

Pool passes are also available in the Intramural Office. These passes may be bought in addition to the recreational pass. A pool pass costs an individual faculty or staff member \$30.00 for the summer, a faculty/staff family \$45.00 for the summer and a student family \$30.00 for the summer. Rates are also available for individual summer sessions.

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