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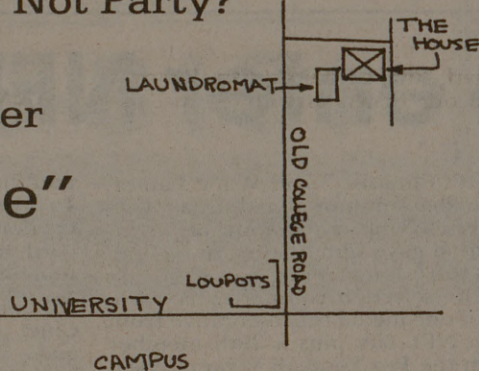
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New NCAA eligibility rule alters football recruiting

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Judging by the statistics, it would be difficult to find three more promising football recruits than Ron Spence, Michael Miller and Sean Fisher.

Each earned a generous supply of postseason awards and appeared on the all-state ballot. None missed a down because of the no-pass, no-play rule.

Yet all three are limited in their choice of a college because of Proposition 48, the National Collegiate Athletic Association's new eligibility standard. And they're not alone.

College coaches say the new eligibility standard — which mandates a 2.0 grade average in core curriculum courses and a predetermined minimum on college board tests — is altering recruiting practices and leaving many borderline students behind.

The rule goes into effect in August, but coaches already are checking to see if recruits meet the 2.0 core-course requirement and have scored at least 700 on a Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT) or 15 on an American College Test (ACT).

"When I meet with a high school coach, I don't ask, 'How big is he?'" Arkansas State coach Larry Lacewell said. "The first thing I ask is, 'What did he score on his ACT?'"

Spence, a 6-foot-3, 200-pound linebacker at Eules Trinity, averaged 12.5 tackles per game and was named to the Class 5A all-state team and was voted defensive player of the year in the Fort Worth area.

So far, Spence has visited one Southwest Conference school — Texas Tech. Most of Spence's letters have come from smaller colleges, Trinity coach John Reddell said, because Spence does not have a 2.0 grade-point average in core-curriculum courses.

Miller, quarterback at Fort Worth Trimble Tech, earned offensive player of the year honors in the Fort Worth area, but is in a similar predicament. His overall grade average is 2.0, but less than that in core courses. Despite last season's 2,139 yards total offense and 29 touchdowns, Miller's primary suitors have been North Texas State, Texas A&I and area junior colleges.

Fisher, a quarterback at Mineral

Wells, was named offensive player of the year on an all-area team after throwing for 1,664 yards and 20 touchdowns last season. He averaged 1,500 yards per season in three years as his team's starter.

However, Fisher plans to play junior college football next year because his SAT score was below NCAA standards.

Last year, any of the three — and dozens like them — probably would have signed with a Southwest Conference school, college recruiters say. This year, they are considered risky signees for a Division I-A or I-

spent last season with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the NFL.

Just as important, Teaff pointed out, Randle earned a spot on the dean's list for his academic performance last spring.

Lacewell suggested he might have been a non-recruit under Proposition 48 because of low math grade during high school. In spite of his poor math background, Lacewell said, he played football and earned a bachelor's degree from Arkansas A&M in 3½ years.

Louisiana's Grambling State University was one of the predominant black institutions to vote against Proposition 48. Grambling coach Eddie Robinson said he's seen studies that indicate 70 percent of black athletes would not meet Proposition 48 eligibility requirements because of SAT or ACT scores.

"I'm for higher standards, but I don't think one test score should determine eligibility," Robinson said. "I've had a lot of players come through that didn't project (under Proposition 48 guidelines) but went on to make the honor roll or went on to earn a second degree at some of the most prestigious universities in the country."

"Proposition 48 is going to hurt a lot of people, but we'll adjust. We're already adjusting in the kids we're looking at for next year."

Some coaches, such as Iowa's Hayden Fry, said they have yet to alter recruiting practices. But high school coaches say they have noticed a shift in emphasis.

"If a kid doesn't have the grade in core subjects, most schools won't touch him, no matter what kind of player he is," said Tim Edwards, the coach at Hurst Bell. "Before they come in to check a transcript, they ask us to circle his grades in core subjects. If it's not (2.0 or better) they usually just leave."

Lacewell agreed.

"I went to East Texas last week to look at some prospects, and I could hardly find anyone who was eligible," Lacewell said. "Overnight, we went from just needing a 2.0 to needing the core courses and the test scores. That's like staring into a double-barrel shotgun. I'm a little amazed they hit us with it all at once."



AA school and may wind up playing at a junior college or National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) school.

"Some youngsters are going to get shut out that would have made it a couple years ago, maybe even last year," Baylor Coach Grant Teaff said. "If there's an exceptional athlete available, you might see some schools take a chance, even if he has to miss a year to bring up his grades."

"But overall, I think we'll see more players weeded out because of grades."

Had Proposition 48 been in place four years ago, Teaff said he never could have recruited Ervin Randle, a 1984 all-SWC defensive end who

Rockets rip Cavs

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Allen Leavell scored nine of his 13 points in the pivotal fourth quarter to spark the Houston Rockets to a 116-109 victory Tuesday night over the Cleveland Cavaliers in the National Basketball Association.

The lead changed hands eight times in the opening 4½ minutes of the fourth quarter, until consecutive baskets by Ralph Sampson and Leavell put Houston ahead for good 96-93 with 7:05 left.

The Rockets, behind the scoring of Leavell, increased their lead to 108-99 with three minutes left and coasted to the victory.

Houston, 31-14 and the Midwest Division leader, was led by Akeem Olajuwon with 21 points and 12 rebounds and John Lucas, who added 19 points.

Cleveland was led by Roy Hinson, who had a season-high 39 points.

Lucas pitched in 10 points in the first five minutes of play as Houston built a 16-10 lead. The Cavs then battled back behind Hinson's 12 first quarter points to tie the score 27-27 going into the second period.

In the third quarter, the Cavs whittled away at the Rocket lead un-

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SEATTLE (late)

Ag golfers finish 11th in Mexico

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — The Texas A&M women's golf team finished tied for 11th-place with Texas Tuesday in the Oklahoma State/Guadalajara Invitational Tournament.

The tourney was the women's first action of the spring semester.

Tulsa won the 15-team tournament with a team-total 884, six strokes better than second-place Florida.

Of the Southwest Conference teams in the tourney, SMU finished fourth with a 901, TCU tied South Carolina for ninth at 927, while A&M and Texas each shot 930.

Senior Angela Atkins led the Aggies with a 226 total, firing a 73 in the final round, while junior Fiona Connor followed closely at 227.

For the other A&M golfers, Hollie Frizzell shot a 237, Andriana Penuela scored a 242 and Ann Thompson carded a 244.

The team total is based on the top four individual scores for each round of play in the three-day tournament.

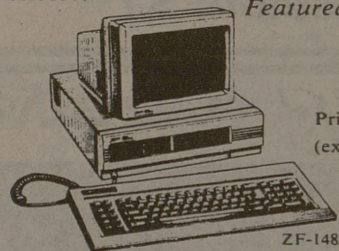
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