

Texas football saga continues

2 former coaches admit lending money to 'Horn players

AUSTIN (AP) — Two former coaches with the University of Texas football team said they lent small amounts of money to players, actions they knew violated NCAA rules.

Former recruiting coordinator Ken Dabbs told the *Austin American-Statesman* he gave a small loan to a player to pay off traffic tickets three years ago. He also said he referred players to loan officers at two Austin banks several times.

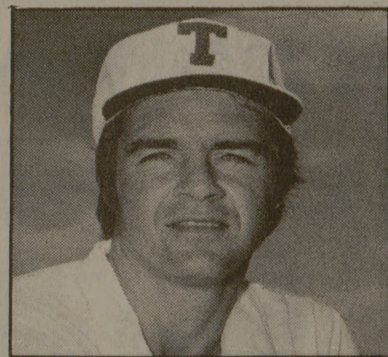
David McWilliams, former Longhorn defensive coordinator, said he lent money to players even though he knew it broke an NCAA rule.

"I did in some instances loan some other guys money if it was an emergency, but we're not talking about a lot of times or a lot of money," McWilliams said.

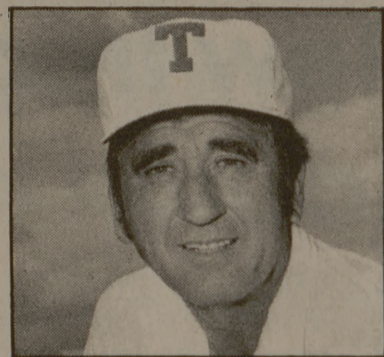
McWilliams, now head football coach at Texas Tech, said the only specific case he could remember was a gift of \$80 to a football player who had flunked out and needed to pay off traffic tickets before he could get his transcript. He said that was the largest amount he recalled lending.

He said he did not know if Longhorn head coach Fred Akers knew about the loan.

Meanwhile, the *Dallas Morning News* reported in a copyright story in its Sunday editions that Longhorn football coaches routinely doled out



David McWilliams



Ken Dabbs

small amounts of money to players who said they needed it.

Dabbs, Texas' recruiting coordinator until November 1984 and now a special assistance to athletic director DeLoss Dodds, told the *American-Statesman* he lent less than \$100 to All-American linebacker Jeff Leiding to pay for two traffic tickets about three years ago.

Both Dabbs and Leiding said the loan was repaid within a week.

Dabbs said he paid the traffic tickets for Leiding even though he knew it was against NCAA rules because Leiding was being held at the city jail after midnight.

"I couldn't leave him there overnight," Dabbs said. "Did I know it

was against the rules? Yes."

The *News* reported that 16 former football players said they knew they could go to the coaches when they had money problems, and nine former players claimed they received cash, bank loans, bail money or promises of a loan from Texas coaches.

The allegations stemmed from the *News*' two-month probe into Texas' athletic program in which 28 former players were interviewed. Fifteen of those players specifically mentioned Dabbs, a 13-year veteran of the program, the newspaper reported.

"We used to go by the coaches' office all the time because we were

running short" said Don Holloway, a Longhorn tailback from 1981 to 1983. "We'd go to Dabbs. Some times he'd give you the money, or sometimes he'd say, 'Come back later,' and he'd be gone."

Holloway and former Longhorn Robert Smothers said they each received about \$300 to \$400 from Dabbs.

Akers said he did not believe that any Texas coaches, including Dabbs, would give players money.

"I just don't believe that," said Akers. "When a kid comes in to talk to any one of us, Coach Dabbs, or anyone else, about needing some money for whatever reason, I know that we refer them to our financial aid department (or) our student loan committee to see if they qualify there, or some lending institution around town. If they qualify with those lending institutions, that's their business."

National Collegiate Athletic Association rules forbid student athletes from receiving any benefits beyond the tuition, room, board and books provided by their athletic scholarships.

The newspaper reported earlier that 24 of the 28 players interviewed routinely sold their complimentary tickets to boosters at inflated prices, some saying they earned \$4,000 per season through the sales.

'National guards' to settle NCAA final

DALLAS (AP) — In college basketball's year of the guard, the national championship will be determined by a battle of talented backcourts.

Duke's All-American Johnny Dawkins and Tommy Amaker go head-to-head with Louisville's Milt Wagner and Jeff Hall Monday at 8:10 p.m. in the championship game of the NCAA Tournament.

Louisville, 31-7 and ranked seventh, has a size advantage, but the Blue Devils "hope to take advantage since they don't have a true ball handler."

Top-ranked Duke, with an NCAA-record 37 victories in 39 games, has won 21 in a row, but a lack of height along the front line



keeps some from calling it an outstanding team. Louisville Coach Denny Crum scoffs at that notion.

"I hear people say that Duke is not

that strong of a team," said Crum, whose team has won 16 in a row. "They have won 21 in a row, are ranked No. 1 and they do everything you want a basketball team to do."

Dawkins, a 6-foot-2 senior, and Amaker, a 6-foot junior, make up what might be the best backcourt in the nation.

"I'm the quarterback," Amaker said. "Johnny is the type of player who roams around the court. I'm there to let him be free."

They will be facing the full-court pressure defense which led Louisville past the strongest non-conference schedule in the nation and to the Metro Conference regular-season and tournament titles.

Duke's defense, which has forced

19 turnovers a game, is keyed by its

ball-hawking guards. Dawkins, the leading scorer in Duke history and owner of a 20-point average this season, has had a hot hand in the tournament, averaging 25.8 points while hitting 62 percent from the field.

Wagner, 6-5, a fifth-year senior, is one of five Cardinals averaging double figures with a 14.9 average. Hall, a 6-4 senior, averages 10.4 points.

On the front line, Duke has 6-8 senior Mark Alarie, 17.1; 6-5 senior David Henderson, 14.2; and 6-8 senior Jay Bilas, 6.9. The backup is Danny Ferry, a 6-10 freshman whose clutch performance helped Duke down No. 2 Kansas 71-67 in Saturday's semifinal game.

Aggies

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nings. But the story of the game was Parker, who came within one batter of throwing a no-hitter last week against Texas.

"Parker threw a heck of a ballgame," A&M Coach Mark Johnson

said. "He's pitched two ballgames and only given up one hit, but I was really tickled to death that our hitters came back after being no-hit and got themselves right back into the ballgame."

"We didn't let (the no-hitter) kill us. A lesser character ballclub might

collapse when a no-hitter is thrown." The Aggies outthit the Razorbacks 13-10 to capture the rubber game of the match, 5-2.

"Key people are showing up all of the sudden — you've got a chance when you've got everybody in your starting lineup contributing some-

where along the line," Johnson said.

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