

Bradley faces probation for two years

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — Bradley University was penalized Monday by the NCAA for recruiting violations and unethical conduct by head coach Dick Versace, who promptly signed a one-year contract that school officials announced would be his last.

The NCAA sanctions bar Bradley from competing in postseason play and off-campus recruiting for next season only, although the school officially was placed on probation for two years. No television sanctions were imposed.

The committee's report, released early Monday from NCAA headquarters in Mission, Kan., chastised the often-controversial Versace for changing his story under questioning by NCAA investigators.

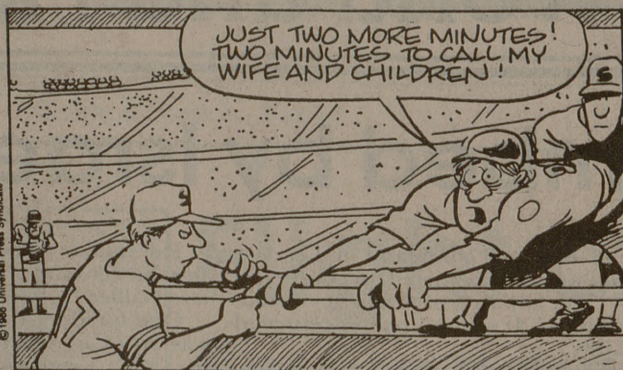
The NCAA Committee on Infractions said violations in the case involved improper recruiting inducements like the use of a car, paid transportation for family members, entertainment and extra benefits to a student-athlete and his family.

It also said Versace, who has guided the Bradley program for eight years, "failed to deport himself in accordance with the generally recognized high standards of honesty normally associated with ... intercollegiate athletics."

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Contract talks remain 'on hold' between Cowboys, draft choices

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Mark Walen's on hold, and the other two holdouts were still holding out on the Dallas Cowboys Monday as negotiations continued — sort of.

Mike Sherrard and his agent haven't talked to the Cowboys in a week. Darryl Clack and his agent were scheduled to meet with team representatives this week — maybe. And Walen's fate depends on what they do.

"It's the same status it's been, although if you can continue to talk, that's fine," said Joe Bailey, the NFL club's vice president of administration who is in charge of negotiating contracts.

The problem is there have been

no talks between Bailey and Leigh Steinberg, who represents Sherrard. Steinberg is looking for a 4-year contract for his client worth \$1.76 million.

The Cowboys reportedly offered Sherrard roughly \$500,000 below that figure, then dropped their offer to \$1.2 million last Monday. That was the last time both sides talked.

"When they dropped their offer, at that point they said unless we wanted to accept, we were not to bother to call back," Steinberg said. "I have not called since then. It's not a matter of pride. I would call 27 times a day if it made a difference, but they made it clear it won't make a difference."

Steinberg continues to negotiate with the Arizona Outlaws of the United States Football League, and he said the club was presenting options to its four-year, \$1.9 million offer.

Clack's agent, Bruce Allen, talked with the Cowboys several times Sunday and said he was scheduled to meet with Bailey in Los Angeles Monday.

"We've set up a meeting to try to find out if this is their final offer," Allen said of the Cowboys' reported four-year \$800,000 offer.

Allen reportedly is asking for a four-year deal worth \$1.1 million. Allen said the Cowboys want to give his client a five-year contract.

The 1986 All-Star Game

Astrodome thwarts AL rookie sluggers

HOUSTON (AP) — Jose Canseco, Wally Joyner and Jesse Barfield have been hitting balls out of American League stadiums all season. However, they haven't played at the Astrodome.

"I heard this was a tough ballpark to hit a ball out of. I found out it's true," Canseco said after taking batting practice Monday, one day before the All-Star Game.

Canseco leads the major leagues with 23 home runs, and his home field, the Oakland Coliseum, is not considered a hitter's paradise.

But, as the A's rookie outfielder quickly found out, no stadium is less of a homer haven than the Astrodome, generally

regarded as the worst ballpark for hitters, especially sluggers.

Participating in a home-run derby Monday, Canseco hit only one ball over the fence in six swings. The one he did hit, however, went down the left-field line into the second deck, about 70 feet off the ground.

Prior to the 1985 season, the Astros moved in the fences. They were moved in 10 feet down the lines — to 330 feet — and about eight feet around the perimeter, with center field now 400 feet away.

The closer fences helped the Astros top the 100-homer mark last season for the first time in eight years.

This season, the Astros have hit 25 home runs at home and 44

on the road. Their opponents have connected 28 times at the Astrodome and 35 in other parks.

Joyner, California's rookie first baseman who will start for the AL, hit four balls over the fence in nine swings during Monday's home-run derby. His total led the American League, which lost to the NL 8-7. New York Mets outfielder Darryl Strawberry hit four to lead the National League.

Joyner said the Astrodome is not the place where he would like to make his living.

"I hear it's real tough to get one out of here," Joyner, who has 20 homers, said. "I think those extra 10 feet they moved the fences in helped me."

Barfield, with 21 homers for

Toronto, saw several of his long drives fall short on the warning track.

"The ball carries, sort of," he said, shaking his head.

Some say there is a simple solution to solving the home-run drought — turn off the air conditioning.

Players say the air density inside the Astrodome is high, except when the air-conditioning is off. When it is hot inside, the balls carry well.

"This is a pitcher's park, it always has been," Houston pitcher Mike Scott, a member of the National League All-Star staff, says. "You can throw a lot more strikes here. You don't have to be as fine."

First-year All Stars excited for Game debut

HOUSTON (AP) — Mike Witt, author of baseball's last perfect game, looked across the American League All-Star dressing room Monday at the media mob surrounding his California teammate, rookie sensation Wally Joyner.

"He's probably thinks it's easy," Witt said. "Everything he's touched has turned to gold this season. He's so sky high, he probably thinks being picked for the All-Star team comes with it."

Witt, one of 24 first-year All-Stars who will play in Tuesday night's game in the Astrodome, can tell him otherwise. "It means more to a guy who's been around," Witt said. "I've been watching these games for six years, wishing I could have been picked. When I was, it was a relief that I had done enough to make an All-Star team."

Joyner, the AL's starting first baseman, and Oakland slugger Jose Canseco were the only rookies chosen, but 22 other players are making their All-Star debuts. And most of them are excited by the prospect.

San Francisco pitcher Mike Krukow, 34, has been a major leaguer since 1977. "I make no bones about it," he said. "This is the greatest thrill of my baseball career. I'm proud and I'm thrilled. I was the first guy in the clubhouse and I'll be the last one to leave. And if you look in the corner of the National League dugout, I'll be the guy with the camera."

Dave Smith of the host Houston Astros called his selection "very, very special. Having it at home makes it extra nice."

Smith benefitted from NL Manager Whitey Herzog's deci-

sion to carry 10 pitchers. He has been passed over before in deserving seasons when other, more glamorous starting pitchers were chosen.

Toronto's Jesse Barfield, another first-time starter, said he was relieved when he heard he had been selected.

"They didn't have to take me," he said. "I knew I had a good enough year to warrant being here. The voting wasn't there, but that's the way it is."

Barfield finished ninth among American League outfielders. Teammate Lloyd Moseby, also picked for the squad, was 14th.

"Guys playing in the States have an advantage in the balloting and get more votes," Barfield said. "Getting to the playoffs last year helped to get us some exposure. A couple of years ago, peo-

ple didn't know what a Blue Jay was. Now they know."

Moseby said he was not surprised by the roster turnover that includes 14 first-year Stars on the 28-man American League roster and 10 on the National League team.

"There's a lot of good, young blood coming up," he said. "They had to be voted on. But you know, you have to wait your turn. Eddie Murray should have been MVP years ago, but it seemed somebody always came along with a little bigger name."

No first-year All-Star expressed his dedication to this occasion better than pitcher Shane Rawley of Philadelphia, who was to have married Mary Hurst in Clearwater, Fla. Monday. After he made the All-Star team, the wedding was rescheduled for Wednesday.

Heart ailments kill athletes each year

CINCINNATI (AP) — Cocaine was the much-publicized cause of cardiac arrests which killed basketball All-American Len Bias and Cleveland Browns safety Don Rogers.

But less publicized and more puzzling are the deaths of at least 10 to 15 athletes a year caused by heart disease, congenital heart defects or a combination of the two.

In September of last year, a 19-year-old Texas Tech guard collapsed and died of a cardiac arrest during a pickup basketball game. Cleveland State University forward Paul Stewart, another 19-year-old, died April 30 after suffering a cardiac arrest during a pickup game.

In January, Flo Hyman, 31, a volleyball star, died in Japan after an artery in her heart burst during a game.

In each case, the athlete was in superb condition. In each case, the athlete tested clean of drugs.

Hyman died of Marfan syndrome, a genetic condition which weakens the connective tissue in the heart and affects a disproportionate number of tall people. Doctors might be alerted to the condition by its symptoms: arms with a span that exceeds a person's height; nearsightedness; and long or malformed fingers, toes and breast bone.

"Cocaine is enough to cause a problem by itself. Heart disease is enough to cause a problem. The two combined . . . may be lethal."
— Cardiologist Dr. Steven Van Camp, Athletic Medicine Specialist

There were no warning signs for the diseases that killed Stewart or Texas Tech's Edward Robinson.

"Here's a kid who was jogging and sprinting and jumping," Cuyahoga County deputy coroner Lester Adelson said of Stewart. "He died of a heart disease more common in people over 45. He was in excellent shape otherwise."

"We checked his blood, urine and bile. There were no drugs or chemicals of any kind whatsoever. We don't see many of these cases, but one is too many."

Cleveland State basketball team physician John Lombardo said he examined Stewart before last season. There was no record of heart disease in Stewart's family.

Dr. Steven Van Camp, a cardiologist who specializes in athletic medicine, monitors unusual cardiac-re-

lated deaths of athletes from his clinic in San Diego, Calif. Stewart died of calcific atherosclerosis.

"You would not expect hardening of the arteries in a 19-year-old," Van Camp said. "There was no evidence of steroid use, which can sometimes cause arteries to harden."

The cause of death for Robinson was a puzzling phenomena known as hypertrophic idiopathic cardiomyopathy — longhand for a heart attack caused by heart inflammation of undetermined origin.

"This seemingly healthy athlete suffered sudden unexplained cardiac arrest," said L.J. Blalack, justice of the peace in Lubbock, Texas. "He was clear of drugs. There was no alcohol present."

"He just collapsed while playing basketball in a university gymnasium."

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