

# SMU officials may appear before NCAA ruling board

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist University officials are expected to be summoned before the NCAA Feb. 13-16 in San Diego for a hearing to decide the fate of the school's football program, according to the school's faculty representative.

Lonnie Kliever said Monday night he expects school officials will be told they will appear before the NCAA Committee on Infractions meeting in San Diego.

"Our expectations have been all along that we would be in San Diego," he said. "I'm certainly optimistic that we will be appearing before the infractions committee and that's what we've wanted all along. It's been a long, difficult and arduous business, but it has been well worthwhile."

NCAA enforcement director David Berst said he couldn't confirm SMU will get a hearing in San Diego,

but he said university officials would be notified of the decision Tuesday. SMU officials declined comment to the Associated Press on Tuesday.

SMU officials have postponed hiring a football coach and athletic director while waiting for the committee to rule on allegations against the school.

Berst said last week he did not know if investigators could complete the case in time for presentation in San Diego.

If the case were not completed in time for the San Diego hearing, it would have to be heard at committee hearings scheduled for April 11-12 in Kansas City, Mo., or April 22-24 in Hilton Head, S.C.

The investigation into SMU's football program began after former linebacker David Stanley said he received \$25,000 to sign a national letter of intent with SMU and was paid

\$750 a month while playing for the school.

Stanley also said he was paid after SMU was placed on probation in August 1985 for recruiting violations.

The football program could be suspended for up to two years if the school is found guilty of additional violations.

NCAA officials also are investigating a report that senior tight end Albert Reese was supplied a rent-free apartment by an SMU booster banned from associating with the football program.

Berst said SMU officials cooperated with the NCAA to try to get the investigation completed in time.

"This was our joint investigation that we committed our full cooperation with the NCAA," Kliever said. "It has been entirely an amiable and cooperative venture. There has been a lot of communication between the university and the NCAA."

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# Denver nips Houston in Summit 107-105

HOUSTON (AP) — Denver's Lafayette Lever scored his 10th triple double this season and Mike Evans scored the go-ahead points with 17 seconds to play to lead the Nuggets to a 107-105 NBA victory over Houston Tuesday night.

The Rockets played most of the game without forward Ralph Sampson who suffered a knee injury in the first quarter.

Team doctors said Sampson may have suffered torn cartilage in his left knee.

Lever scored 26 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and had 11 assists as the Nuggets rallied from

a 10-point deficit late in the third quarter.

Akeem Olajuwon led the Rockets with 25 points and 14 rebounds and Jim Petersen scored 19 in relief of Sampson.

Robert Reid's basket with 33 seconds to play tied the game at 103-103 for the final time but Evan's two free throws with 17 seconds to go put the Nuggets ahead to stay.

Olajuwon, burdened with three fouls, played only 10 minutes of the first half but led the Rockets third quarter charge with 13 third-quarter points and an 84-76 lead going into the fourth period.

# San Antonio slides past Golden State

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Artis Gilmore scored 24 points and pulled down 18 rebounds to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 111-103 win over the Golden State Warriors Tuesday night in NBA action.

The victory is the sixth in a row for San Antonio and lifts its record to 17-29. The loss snaps Golden State's three-game winning streak and drops them to 25-23.

Gilmore was nearly matched on both ends of the court by Spur forward David Greenwood as the seven-year veteran from UCLA scored 18 points, 10 in the fourth period, and pulled down a career-high 23 rebounds.

In the fourth period, Golden State pulled within four, 83-79, but the Spurs' Alvin Robertson sank a layup and a free throw to give the Spurs an 86-79 lead.

The Spurs, led by Greenwood's fourth period charge, controlled the game from there as Golden State could get no closer than six points.

Terry Teagle led Golden State with 21, and Eric "Sleepy" Floyd and Purvis Short had 19 each.

John Sundvold added 17 for San Antonio, and Walter Berry and Alvin Robinson 16 each as the Spurs put six players in double figures.

The Spurs raced to a 32-19 lead after one period before the Warriors, led by Floyd with eight points in the second period, chipped away at the lead, cutting it to 55-50 at the half.

Robertson, the Spurs' defensive standout, will start at guard for the West in the All-Star game Feb. 8.

# Sampson out of action for at least six weeks

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Rockets forward Ralph Sampson suffered a knee injury in Tuesday night's 107-105 loss to the Denver Nuggets and will be out six weeks, meaning he will miss the NBA all-star game.

"Ralph will be out for from six weeks to the end of the season," Rockets Coach Bill Fitch said. "Hopefully, it won't take him out the whole season."

Sampson had earned a starting spot on the NBA Western Division All-Star team that will play the East All-Stars Sunday in Seattle.

Sampson was out earlier this season with an ankle injury.

He fell to the floor with six minutes to go in the first quarter

Tuesday and had to be helped from the court.

He returned for the start of the second quarter with a brace on his ailing left knee but he played only briefly and then left the game for good.

"The only thing we have to do is go out and play a perfect game Thursday," Fitch said. "We have to get this monkey off our backs. We have to win our first game without Ralph Sampson."

The Rockets already had lost two key players this season. Guards Lewis Lloyd and Mitchell Wiggins were dismissed from the team Jan. 13 for using cocaine.

Sampson missed 11 of Houston's first 13 games this season with two sprained ankles.

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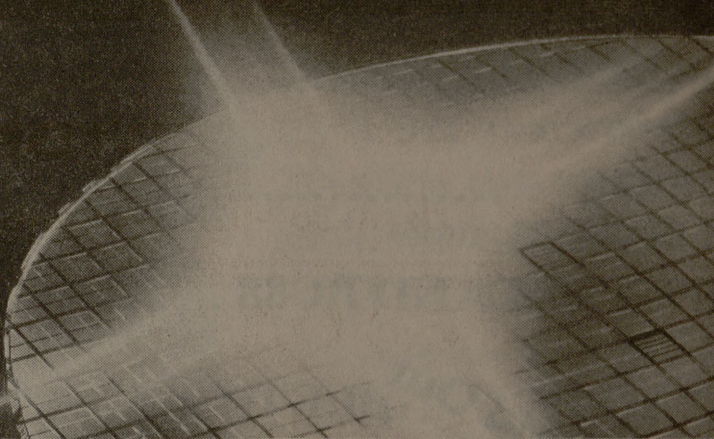
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