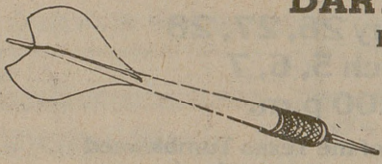


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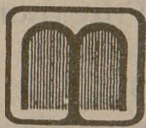
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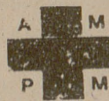
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Tech to lose 3 scholarships for 13 recruiting violations

MISSION, Kansas (AP) — The NCAA on Tuesday cited Texas Tech's football program for 13 recruiting violations and placed the Red Raiders on probation for one year.

The NCAA stripped the school of three scholarships beginning in the 1988 season.

It was the second probation against a Southwest Conference school in a week. Southern Methodist University's 1987 season was cancelled last Wednesday because of repeated violations.

Texas Tech will be the third of nine SWC schools on probation. Texas Christian University also is on probation for recruiting violations.

Tech's probation begins after the expiration of a 15-day appeal period or as soon as the school announces it does not intend to appeal.

Only 22 student athletes will be allowed scholarships in 1988, the NCAA said.

The NCAA also cited one violation of ethical conduct legislation and one violation of compliance rules.

Texas Tech appeared before the NCAA Committee on Infractions on Sunday, February 15, in Coronado, Calif., to face allegations of recruiting violations between 1982-84.

In all, there were 36 allegations involving ex-coach Jerry Moore, four assistants and six recruits. They ranged from buying a recruit a meal at a Dairy Queen to cash inducements.

None of the coaches involved is still at the school. Moore was fired in 1985 after compiling a 16-37-2 record in five seasons. Assistants Jim Bates, Tom Wilson, Richard Ritchie and Rodney Allison left before 1985.

Among other charges, Chris Pryor of Converse Judson High School allegedly was offered a pair

of ostrich-skin boots and a trip to Las Vegas, and he and high school teammate Norman Lambert allegedly were given cash after signing letters of intent with Texas Tech.

Pryor said last October he also was provided rental cars and hotel lodging.

Neither Pryor nor Lambert ever enrolled at Texas Tech.

An NCAA report also alleged that money was given to Ronald Morris, who ended up playing for SMU, and Morris' mother. It alleged Morris received \$250 in cash on one occasion, as much as \$40 on Tech visits to Morris' home, and a red sweatshirt with the university's logo.

"I never asked for anything," Morris said. "It was always given to me."

Another SMU player, Bobby Waters, allegedly was provided meals and transportation during his visit to Texas Tech.

Cougar AD: allegations won't hurt U

HOUSTON (AP) — Accusations that former University of Houston head football coach Bill Yeoman made cash payments to athletes won't slow the school's recruitment, Athletic Director Rudy Davalos Tuesday said.

"This stuff is kind of old news, trying to look toward the future, this thing behind us," said Davalos, named athletic director Jan. 9. The NCAA had already started a investigation of the school's athletic program.

"I think TCU had one of the worst recruiting years, and Texas has had great recruiting years that are under the same cloud we are," Davalos said.

Davalos said the NCAA's investigation at Houston is still in the primary stage and that no new information came to his attention through information released today.

The documents were released after the state attorney general's office said the information could be of public interest.

Yeoman, who has declined comment on the memo, told investigators he gave small amounts of money to players on an irregular basis for humanitarian reasons.

Jack Pardee, who replaced Yeoman as head coach, said he's had no allegations that would bring Cougars any serious punishment.

"I can't see any major sanctions being given to us for what I know about," Pardee said. "Human things are different than what some kid \$20,000 to sign."

Yeoman, who coached the Cougars for 25 years, said he paid money to players for gasoline and had helped parents of players with rent and utilities payments.

Pardee said he could sympathize with Yeoman's position.

"I know the letter of the law in the church I go to, we are there to provide for people who are in need like that," Pardee said.

"It just throws the coach in an awkward position. I think he ought to be looked at, and if he's in a distress, if people are in a distress, it should make some provisions," Pardee said.

Pardee said he often sees need in the athletes.

"I'm gonna play by the rules. I'll tell you, I go home feeling sometimes too," Pardee said.

Clements says he knew of cash being paid to Mustang players

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements said today he and other members of the Southern Methodist Board of Governors were aware of payment commitments made with SMU football players and that the board discussed whether to honor those payments.

"... There was a decision made that we would phase out and eliminate in due course all of these arrangements that had been made in the recruiting of certain athletes at SMU," Clements said at his regular news conference today.

The Dallas Times Herald reported today that sources close to the athletic department said a meeting of Clements, the former board chairman, and some SMU board members took place after SMU's football program was placed on three years probation in August 1985.

The decision to honor the payment commitments was made at that meeting, the sources told the newspaper.

The sources said the decision to honor agreements was made not by the full board, but by the

"power structure" of the university, the leadership of the board.

Questioned about the matter at his news conference, Clements did not make it clear how long payments were to continue before being phased out.

Clements, who resigned as chairman of the board before being sworn in as governor in January, said the decision was made in August 1985 with the understanding SMU football would "return to a program of absolute integrity. That we gave that pledge to the NCAA and we also had commitments from the athletic director (Bob Hitch) and Coach (Bobby) Collins that they would abide by that decision. And that we would return to an absolutely clean program at SMU, so yes, we did."

Pressed about the commitments, Clements said, "I'm not sure there's any such thing as a written contract. I never saw such a contract. And I have never paid a player 5 cents nor have I ever recruited a player in athletics. I've never done that."

"We... made a considered judgment decision over several

months that the commitments had been made and in the interest of the institution, the boys, their families and to comply with the NCAA, that that program would be phased out and that we would comply with faculty representative Lonnie Kliever."

Interim President William Stalcup also said there was "no evidence Gov. Clements was involved."

Last week, the NCAA slapped SMU with the harshest penalty of any football program, banning football for 1987 and limiting the school to only seven games in 1988.

The NCAA found a slush fund of \$61,000 was used to pay 13 football players.

SMU already was on probation at the time, making the school the first to be eligible for the so-called "death penalty," in which a school's athletic program can be suspended for up to two years.

Hitch and Collins resigned in December as did President L. Donald Shields, who cited health reasons aggravated by the NCAA investigation as the cause.

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