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Sports

UT to hire assistant dealing with compliance of NCAA regulations

AUSTIN (AP) — The men's Athletics Council at the University of Texas voted Wednesday to hire a special assistant to make sure the school and UT athletes stay in compliance with National Collegiate Athletic Association regulations.

Hiring of the assistant is part of UT's effort to reduce its two-year NCAA football probation from two years to one. Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds said school president William Cunningham had promised the NCAA infractions committee a person would be hired to handle compliance and serve as financial adviser to UT athletes.

Dodds said he would start interviews soon and hopes to have the new employee working by Sept. 1. The salary would depend on the employee's experience, Dodds said.

"We're looking for someone who knows all the NCAA rules, who understands compliance and all the paperwork involved," Dodds said.

"This assistant will have the ability to walk over to the president's office and say, 'You've got a problem.'"

Dodds said the assistant would talk to high school athletes, parents and ex-students to make certain NCAA rules are being followed — in recruiting as well as after the athlete enrolls in the university.

Council chairman Tom Morgan said the council wants to head off violations before athletes "even come close to violations."

Dodds said the new assistant also would prepare the compliance review required by the NCAA every five years.

If UT fulfills 13 remedial steps ordered by Cunningham to the satisfaction of the NCAA, the NCAA will reduce the school's football probation to just one year.

UT football coach David McWilliams said he would welcome such an addition to the staff.

"If nothing else, it'll give me a person to go talk to," McWilliams said.

"Hopefully, it'll prevent it (abuses that led to the probation sentence) from happening again."

In other action Wednesday, the council voted 9 percent bonuses for baseball and track coaches as a reward for high finishes in NCAA competitive championships.

The baseball team finished third in the College World Series, and the Longhorn track team finished second in the NCAA.

4 freshmen ineligible this season

From Staff and Wire Reports
Four incoming freshman ball players at Texas A&M are ineligible to play this fall because they fell short of Proposition 13 entrance examination requirements, Coach Jackie Sherman announced Wednesday.

The players, all wide receivers, are Cornelius Patterson, Point, Miss.; Steve Loftis, Alto; Shane Garrett, La.; and Kary Vincent from Arthur.

All four have decided to attend A&M and could become eligible to play in 1988, Sherman added.

The freshmen will report to camp with practices scheduled to begin Tuesday.

Cowboys' Sherrard suffers a broken leg

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Mike Sherrard broke his leg during a scrimmage with the San Diego Chargers Wednesday and apparently is lost to the NFL team for the season.

Sherrard, a first-round draft pick in 1986 who caught 48 passes, fell during a passing drill. Team doctors said he had a compound fractured tibia of the right leg.

On the pass pattern, Sherrard stumbled while being pursued by Chargers cornerback Carl Brazley. The injury was sustained when his left leg crossed over his right leg.

The Cowboys had built their 1987 passing game around the fleet Sherrard and had released wide receiver Tony Hill before camp began.

Sherrard was rushed to a nearby hospital after the incident at about 6 p.m.

"It was a very freak, sad thing to happen. It apparently is a se-

rious fracture," said club President Tex Schramm.

"Mike said he did it. He said the defensive back kicked his ankle and then he got tangled in his own two legs," Schramm said.

Schramm said Sherrard, a former UCLA star probably would not have a chance to play this season.

"It's a tremendous loss. Mike was one of the cornerstones of our offense in the off-season period. We had everything built around him," Schramm said.

"We hated to see it happen. He was in his second year with a bright and brilliant future and for it to happen is a crime."

Dallas Coach Tom Landry had predicted before the season began that Sherrard would be in the Pro Bowl after this year.

"He is a Pro Bowl type of player and you could just see him keep getting better," Landry said before camp.

An obviously upset Schramm said, "Of all people, well, the season goes on I guess ..."

Carlson helps Oilers triumph in scrimmage

SEATTLE (AP) — Rookie quarterback Cody Carlson threw two long touchdown passes for the Houston Oilers Wednesday in a scrimmage against Seattle, outscoring the Seahawks three touchdowns to two.

Carlson, a third-round draft choice from Baylor, passed 40 yards to rookie wide receiver Curtis Duncan and 47 yards to second-year veteran Ernest Givins for scores.

Chuck Banks, a second-year fullback, gave Houston its third touchdown on a 5-yard run.

Rookie quarterback Sammy Garza passed for both of Seattle's touchdowns.

Duncan, a 10th-round draft choice from Northwestern, beat veteran cornerback Kerry Justin for the first touchdown of the 100-play scrimmage. Givins, who starred as a rookie at wide receiver for the Oilers last season with 61 receptions for 1,062 yards, took the ball away from rookie cornerback David Hollis at the goal line for the scrimmage's second TD.

The Seahawks scored their first

touchdown after the second

touchdown pass on a 23-yard

from Garza to rookie wide

Louis Clark. Another Seattle

fullback Tony Burse, had a

run, the longest scrimmage

day, on the Seahawks' first

down drive.

Garza, a fifth-round draft

from Texas-El Paso, threw a

touchdown pass to second-

receiver Danny Greene late

the Banks' scoring run.

A crowd of 12,488 that

and \$4 per ticket turned

watch the teams scrimmage

Kingdome for the second

year. A crowd of about

watched the scrimmage in

dome last year.

Warren Moon, Houston's

quarterback, played in the

game, but Dave Krieg, Seattle

quarterback, did not.

The Oilers flew to Seattle

scrimmage Wednesday

immediately flew back to

ing headquarters in San

Texas, after the competition

Cowboys' Rohrer comes to terms; Noonan only remaining holdout

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — With the return of free spirit linebacker Jeff Rohrer, there is only one missing Dallas Cowboy — first-round draft pick Danny Noonan of Nebraska.

Holdout Rohrer came to an agreement 10 minutes before midnight Tuesday and got a two-year contract. He'll make \$220,000 the first year and \$240,000 the second year.

Rohrer, who missed five days of training camp, was fined \$5,000. He handled his own negotiations with Joe Bailey, a vice president with the Cowboys.

Rohrer, the second-leading

tackler on the NFL team in 1986, said "I'm very happy and I just wish it hadn't come down to all the name-calling."

The six-year veteran left camp last Thursday when he found out his \$192,000 salary for his option year was less than the money made by Dallas' other starting linebackers, Eugene Lockhart and Mike Hegman.

He still won't make as much as they do.

"We both have a deal we can live with," Rohrer said. "I wanted to be here and I wanted to play. I'm ready to hit somebody. We took the bull by the horns, cut out all the stuff, and

did the deal."

After Rohrer reported on Thursday, he was notified he was subject to the "Riggins rule."

It's a rule for players who report to camp and leave. A player who stays away from camp five days after he first reports is subject to being placed on a reserve roster where he can't go to any other team in the NFL.

"It was sort of a do-or-die situation tonight for me and the Cowboys," Rohrer said late Wednesday.

"I wanted to play for the Cowboys. They could have waived me. I'm glad it worked out. We were mired down in a lot of nonsense."

Oilers' Pennison confident that he can walk away with starting center position

SAN ANGELO (AP) — The Houston Oilers have replaced a walkout last week with Pennison into the starting center position but that's nothing new for Jay Pennison.

Pennison, who became the Oiler starter when Jim Romano walked out of camp last week, has been battling football rejection throughout his career.

He was a walkout at Nicholls State before he became a 12th-round pick of the USFL Jacksonville Bulls.

Pennison was cut by the Bulls and then cut by the Washington Redskins before he re-signed with the Bulls for one season before the league folded.

His aggressive approach to the

game plus Romano's angry walkout last week has put Pennison into the starting center job.

"In a way it's a relief, but I don't want to say there's no pressure," Pennison said after Romano's departure. "I still have to go out there and prove that I can handle the job. It's a different feeling, knowing that I'm the first team guy. It gives me more confidence."

Romano had been a starter for the Oilers since the 10th game of the 1984 season, but his injury gave Pennison a chance, Oiler Coach Jerry Glanville said.

"Unfortunately for Romano, he had the injury and we found out that someone else could play," Glanville

said.

Pennison appeared ready to take Romano's job even if he hadn't left camp, demanding to be traded.

"I don't think Romano was happy with the way he was playing and I think he saw that Pennison was making the blocks," Glanville said.

Pennison says he's already feeling right at home in the middle of the line.

"I get along real well with the two guards on each side of me, the communication is real good," Pennison said. "Last year we had a lot of guys swinging in and out."

"This year everything is positive. If we can get a good group of five and stick together, we'll be all right."

Twins' Niekro gets 10-day suspension

NEW YORK (AP) — Eric Niekro of the Minnesota Twins suspended for 10 days by Major League President Bobby

Wednesday for defacing a

in a game Monday night

California Angels.

Niekro, who was ejected

sandpaper and an emery

found in his back pants

the fourth inning of the

11-3 victory, is the first

suspended for such a

Gaylord Perry in 1982.

Niekro had said the

and emery board's presen-

nothing new and he used

manicure his fingernails.

"I'll be honest with you,

carry two things out there

an emery board and a small

sandpaper," Niekro said

umpires searched him

mound at Anaheim Stadium.

"I've done that ever since

throwing the knuckleball

knuckleball pitcher, I

have to file my nails be-

nings, so I carry an emery

with me to the mound."

Brown would not com-

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