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Sign told UF players: No gambling

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — In bold, red letters, a sign posted inside the door to the training center reads: "DO NOT GAMBLE."

Florida quarterbacks Kyle Morris and Shane Matthews should have known better, interim coach Gary Darnell said. They should have known the consequences of betting on college and pro games. They should have known they'd be kicked off the team for violating the NCAA rule.

Darnell, who took over the Gators' scandal-ridden program when Galen Hall resigned 10 days ago, told a news conference Tuesday that Florida officials became aware of a possible gambling problem through an anonymous letter sent to athletic director Bill Arnsparger.

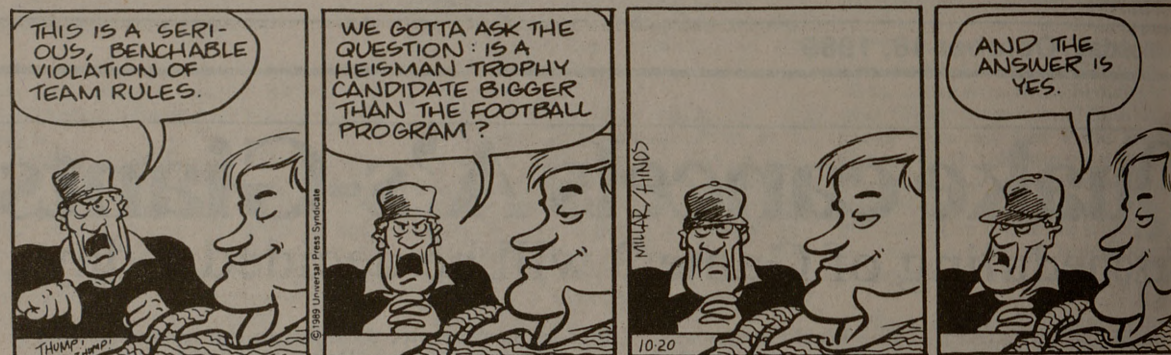
Darnell learned of the allegations Sunday and said Morris, who threw for 1,098 yards and nine touchdowns before being suspended for the rest of the season, should have realized what he was doing.

A sign posted just inside the door to the training center warns athletes of the penalties they could face for either providing information to gambling interests or betting on intercollegiate athletics.

"It's the biggest sign we have in this building," said Darnell, adding that the coaching staff also has law enforcement officers come in each year to talk to the team about gambling and other illegal activities.

"I don't feel like the NCAA views anything any more severe than that type of violation for an individual because it violates the whole nature of amateurism and what we all stand for."

TANK McNAMARA



A&M's Thomas, UT's Gardere named SWC players of the week

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Texas A&M outside linebacker William Thomas was a quarterback in high school and a safety his first two years as an Aggie. Last spring, coaches decided to move the junior to linebacker.

Thomas has responded well. He leads the Aggies in tackles with 58, and his performance last Saturday against Houston earned him the Associated Press Southwest Conference defensive player of the week award.

Not bad for a converted safety. "I didn't really think that I'd be making that much of an impact at linebacker," Thomas said. "You don't really see too many 205-pound linebackers. I was worried about my size at first, but it turned out to work out pretty well."

Thomas, who had three and one-half sacks and 12 tackles in the Aggies' 17-13 upset of Houston had two sacks the week before against Texas Tech.

Texas freshman quarterback Peter Gardere was selected as the offensive player of the week after his performance in Texas' 28-24 upset over Oklahoma.

Texas Coach David McWilliams watched the freshman's performance during the game. He saw Gardere and just shook his head. He couldn't believe what he was seeing from the Texas redshirt freshman quarterback.

Gardere had just thrown a game-winning, 25-yard touchdown pass to Johnny Walker with 93 seconds left for the Longhorns' victory.

"You've got to give the guy credit for a freshman," McWilliams said later in the lockerroom. "He's going to be a great player one of these days."

McWilliams said Gardere produces when it counts. "Peter is a good athlete, I don't know if he's a great athlete," McWilliams said. "He's got good moves and good quickness. The biggest thing is that he reacts well under pressure. He hasn't made a lot of mistakes."

Gardere directed a flawless 66-yard drive for the winning touchdown. He completed four straight passes before he hit Walker over the middle for the game-winner.

Offensive tackle Ed Cunningham recently told *The Austin American Statesman*: "He's one of the coolest guys I know, and by that I mean he's so calm. He's very much in control."

Gardere has show a senior-like ability to read defenses.

"On the touchdown to Johnny, I read a blitz so I go it to Walker over the middle on single coverage," Gardere said. "I just had a good feeling going into that last drive."

Former trainer says hooch hurt Cooney

NEW YORK (AP) — Drink and late hours kept Gerry Cooney from being heavyweight champion, said the man who trained him from the start of his sporadic career.

Victor Valle, saying Cooney broke his heart when he fired him in a "miserable three-minute phone call," said Tuesday the one-time contender would spar or work out with the smell of alcohol on his breath and glassy-eyed.

"I never told him directly I knew what he was doing, because I didn't want to hurt his feelings or upset him when he was getting ready for a fight," Valle said. "But I lectured him about how all fighters should stay away from booze and drugs. That's the way I sent him the message."

"He was getting ready for the Larry Holmes fight — the biggest fight of his life, the chance to win the heavyweight title — and he stays out until 3 in the morning," Valle said.

"He didn't know it, but I had my son, Victor Jr., checking up on him,

to find out when he was coming back.

"I scolded him, like a father would to son, because I thought of him as my son."

Cooney, who has admitted he had a drinking problem, was training at the time at a resort hotel in Kiamesha Lake, N.Y., for the fight on June 11, 1982 in which Holmes stopped him in the 13th round.

"He would gag during the sparring. He would throw up. We told the people it was something he ate. But it really was something he drank," Valle said.

Now, at age 33 and after a 2½-year layoff, Cooney plans still another comeback by fighting former champion George Foreman on Jan. 15. Cooney says he's straightened himself out.

"I think he can beat Foreman," Valle said. "Gerry can do anything he sets his mind to. He is a good athlete, he has the material, he has a punch."

Cowboys

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might move to a number one depending on the performance of the five-year veteran, who was a fifth round pick out of Washington in 1984. The Cowboys wouldn't confirm what they received.

Pelluer had been on the trading block all year and at one time nixed a deal that would have sent him to the Atlanta Falcons.

After the abortive Atlanta trade, Pelluer changed agents from Joe Courage to Leigh Steinberg.

The Cowboys signed Pelluer then traded him to Kansas City to beat the 3 p.m. NFL trading deadline.

Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson said the 1990 draft pick is "solid" and the 1991 selection depends on Pelluer's performance.

"Kansas City is where Steve wanted to play and it's a good thing for Steve and the picks will help us in the next couple of years," Johnson said. "The total package we got for Steve could be better than the one offered by Atlanta which included a player. It worked out well for us and it worked out well for Steve. He has

new life with a team he wants to play for."

Pelluer, whose new contract was not disclosed, will practice with Kansas City this week but isn't expected to play against the Cowboys when they try to snap their winless streak this Sunday at Arrowhead Stadium. Instead, former Cowboys' quarterback Steve DeBerg will start for the Chiefs.

The Cowboys went after Palmer because Nelson said he didn't want to play in Dallas. Nelson, who makes \$500,000 this year, was then shipped off to the Chargers who are short of running backs.

Palmer was a number one draft pick for Kansas City in 1987 but was traded to the Lions in the off-season.

"We need another running back and want to give Paul a look," Johnson said.

There was a trade the Cowboys decided not to make.

San Francisco cornerback Tim McKyer visited Valley Ranch and Johnson said "We don't feel anything will materialize."

McKyer has been suspended by the 49ers.

Johnson said the Cowboys now have 16 draft picks in hand for the 1990 NFL draft.

"We believe all these picks are going to help us in the next several years," said Johnson, who is 0-6 in his NFL rookie season.

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