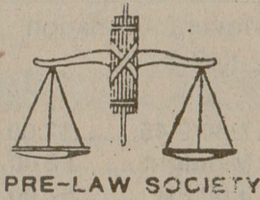


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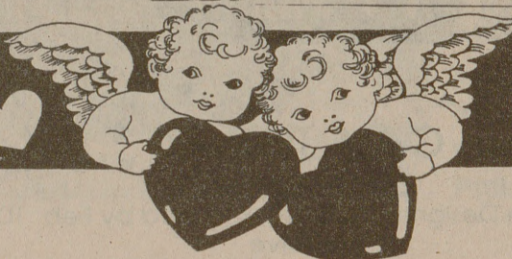
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Former Heisman Trophy winner fined \$10,000 for illegal recruiting

AUSTIN (AP) — A Nebraska-based sports marketing firm has admitted wrongdoing and agreed to pay a record \$10,000 fine for illegally contacting 1989 Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware, Secretary of State George Bayoud said Tuesday.

In December, Bayoud said he would fine TEAM America and its agent, former Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers of Nebraska, \$10,000 each for contacting Ware.

But on Tuesday, he said Rodgers had been acting as an agent for TEAM America, a Lincoln, Neb.-based firm, and because of that he wasn't fining Rodgers separately.

"I hope this case and its outcome send a strong message to agents in their dealings with Texas athletes," Bayoud said.

"If you mess with Texas athletes, you are going to pay the price. Any type of illegal recruiting activities will not be tolerated, period," he said.

Bayoud said the fine is the largest ever imposed by the state since passage of the athlete agent law in 1987. He also said the fine is the largest

ever assessed in the United States for such a violation.

State law requires that athlete agents be registered with the secretary of state. It prohibits agents from making contact with a player who has college eligibility remaining.

Ware, quarterback at Houston, has one year of eligibility remaining.

Bayoud alleged that Rodgers and TEAM America had failed to register as athlete agents in Texas, illegally contacted Ware, and offered gifts, cash and other inducements to Joyce Ware, Andre's mother, to lure Ware into signing a professional services contract.

Although he wasn't fined, Bayoud criticized Rodgers' actions.

"I want to make clear it crystal clear that Johnny Rodgers has not been cleared of wrongdoing by this agreement," Bayoud said.

"What Johnny Rodgers did was clearly and unquestionably against Texas law. The seriousness of these violations warranted the maximum penalty against the corporation," he said.

Bayoud said the secretary of state's investigation found that

Rodgers contacted Mrs. Ware several times to try and convince her son to sign a financial services contract with TEAM America.

He said Rodgers provided transportation and lodging for Mrs. Ware after her arrival in New York on Dec. 2 for the Heisman Trophy presentation where she accepted the award for her son, who was playing in a game against Rice.

Rodgers and TEAM America president Howard Mistle met with her and told her how her son's football skills could be marketed for \$20 million, Bayoud said.

The investigation showed that Mistle and Rodgers took Mrs. Ware shopping and bought her several items of clothing, including a fur coat, dress, shoes and a purse containing \$300, Bayoud said.

Mrs. Ware told her son about her contact with Rodgers, and he informed University of Houston officials who contacted the secretary of state's office. Mrs. Ware turned over the items that had been bought for her.

ABC considers legal action to keep TV rights

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC Sports Tuesday it was considering legal action against Notre Dame, NBC and the College Football Association in its battle to keep Fighting Irish home games.

Stephen J. Solomon, senior president of ABC Sports, angrily accused NBC and Notre Dame of interfering with its \$210 million, five-year deal with the CFA that begins in 1991.

He also said that the network would not pay the full amount of money due in the contract unless Notre Dame home games were included. Both NBC and Notre Dame defended their actions, with NBC stating Tuesday: "We acted fairly in this situation."

Meanwhile, ABC executives Tuesday in New York with Claude Neinas, the CFA's executive director. Dave Ogreaun, the CFA's assistant executive director for television, said in a telephone interview from Boulder, Colo.: "While we are familiar with the steps they might take against Notre Dame and NBC Sports, I don't think there's been any indication that ABC will pursue anything like that (legal action) against us."

"Now that Notre Dame unilaterally pulled out of the package we're trying to work it out so that there are 63 schools involved instead of 64," Ogreaun said.

Notre Dame and NBC agreed Monday to a five-year contract for the Fighting Irish's home games, beginning in 1991. The CFA and ABC agreed on Jan. 17 to a five-year, \$210 million contract.

"I believe that we have a contract with the CFA that includes all schools, including Notre Dame," Solomon said. "Notre Dame is part of the deal we entered into with the CFA. We have informed them by letter that we have an agreement with the CFA that includes them."

Asked if ABC or its parent, Capital Cities Inc., would take legal action to preserve the deal, Solomon said: "That's certainly one of the options we're entertaining."

Notre Dame officials don't believe there are grounds for a lawsuit.

"We made it clear we had no commitment to the CFA," said Rev. William Beauchamp, Notre Dame executive vice president, who is a lawyer. "Each school has to sign."

Beauchamp added that he was representing Notre Dame as a member of the CFA committee that negotiated the ABC package. "I sit as a member of the CFA," he said. "Each individual school in the CFA must make the decision if they want to participate in their package. Our discussions with NBC began once the package clear what was in the CFA package."

Fans and media banned from game, Gilmer defeats Atlanta, 98-89 in OT

ATLANTA, Texas (AP) — Gilmer High School claimed a 98-89 overtime victory Tuesday over Atlanta High School in what the local newspaper immediately called "the best game nobody saw."

And the Atlanta coach was quick to say that a decision to ban all outsiders from the gym because of a brawl the first time the two teams met had seriously hurt his team.

"Fans not being there played a big role," said Atlanta coach Eddie Johnson. "It was like being on a neutral court. Our kids are emotional. They play better with the crowd behind them."

Fans were not the only ones locked out of the gym. By a joint decision of the two schools involved in the crucial District 15-3A showdown, the media also were banned.

Reporters and photographers from area newspapers and television stations had to wait outside the locked doors to learn what happened.

When the game was over, the Atlanta Rabbits quickly drifted out and away, many of them with tear-reddened eyes.

One parent who was able to watch the game, Bill Teague, the school's official basketball video cameraman, said the lockout had hurt his son's team.

"Our kids get charged when they hear that support," said Teague, the father of senior Mike Teague. "It doesn't seem fair."

Several Atlanta students complained bitterly after the game about being denied a chance to see their Rabbits play the Gilmer Buckeyes.

"They had their home fans," said sophomore Gino Davis, a football team member. "We suffered

more from the fight than Gilmer did, and they started it. They lost one player. We lost the fans."

It was post-game fistcuffs 10 days ago at the first meeting between the two schools that prompted Tuesday's lockout in this town of 6,500 about 150 miles northeast of Dallas.

School officials said they wanted only players, coaches and game officials at the gym because they feared a repeat incident would result in both teams being banned from the state playoffs.

The University Scholastic League, which governs public school athletics in Texas, can bar teams from competition for unsportsmanlike conduct.

"We were trying to protect the integrity of the programs in both the schools," said J.D. Cox, the Atlanta school superintendent, prior to the game.

"What our biggest fear is is that you will have fans ... whose one ambition in life is to get something started."

Atlanta Citizens Journal sports editor Sonny Long had vigorously protested the ban, but still didn't get inside. He said he believes it is a newspaper's right to cover an event at a publicly funded institution.

"It's a bad precedent to set, especially when there are no fans present. Somebody needs to be the eyes and ears of the public," said Long.

A letter of protest to the UIL from Long didn't sway the agency, which sided with school districts.

Bailey Marshall, UIL director, said he agreed with Cox that Long shouldn't be allowed into the game.

Two or three other games have been closed to outsiders in Texas over the past 10 years, either for crowd control or disciplinary reasons, Marshall said.

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against Baylor, he joined an elite group of centers around the SWC for a record nine blocked shots in a single game.

Only Arkansas' Oliver Miller and former Houston Cougar Akeem Olajuwon have matched Harris' single game performance. He is ranked No. 9 nationally in blocked shots this season.

Offensively, A&M must look to senior guard Tony Milton to lead a talented group of guards. He sunk

three-of-five three point attempts in the Baylor game and scored 19 points against the Bears.

Guards Lynn Suber and Brooks Thompson also has been deadly from the three-point range.

To beat TCU though, Thornton said the Aggies must not rely too heavily on their guards' outside shooting.

"We're going to have some play out of everybody — one or two people can't carry us," Thornton said. "We've got to have our inside people as well as our perimeter people on top of their games, because TCU is one of the better teams in the league right now."

Snyder

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in the ESPN/Collegiate Baseball poll and second in Baseball America at the end of last season. This year they're starting off in the 24th and 15th slots in those polls, due to the loss of all their starters.

What a ripoff!

When a team shows as much progress and output as the Aggies did, it only stands to reason that they should be ranked higher going into the 1990 season. Granted, A&M is more or less starting this season with a brand new team, but who's to say the loss of those eleven players will mean the end of the world for Aggie baseball?

After all, A&M does have some up-and-coming young players.

Case in point: freshman pitcher Jon Peters, who set a national high school record by winning 53 straight

games for Brenham. Peters earned the Nolan Ryan Award in 1989 and ended his high school career with a 54-1 overall mark, recording 22 shutouts, five no-hitters and 612 strikeouts in 370 innings.

Another key freshman is shortstop Sean Drinkwater, who earned the Most Improved Award during the Aggie fall workouts. He's likely to have a fair share of playing time in 1990, and Coach Mark Johnson is expecting him to improve even more.

So, despite the loss of some good players, the Aggies have some good talent to work with. They're going to have to reach deep down inside to pull off another FAN-tastic season to prove themselves as a continuing force to be reckoned with.

After all, the change in seasons doesn't mean a change in victories.

Richardson apologizes to conference officials

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas Coach Nolan Richardson said Tuesday that he didn't intend to embarrass Southwest Conference officials when he walked out of the arena at Austin on Sunday during the final seconds of the Razorbacks' game with Texas.

"They did a good job under the circumstances," Richardson said in a one-paragraph statement. "It was not my intent to embarrass the University of Arkansas or myself. I did not walk out to protest any calls."

On Monday, UA Athletic Director Frank Broyles issued a five-paragraph statement in support of Richardson and pointed out that the coach did not break any rules when he made an early exit.

Texas led 84-83 when an intentional foul was called on Arkansas' Lee Mayberry with 14 seconds remaining. Richardson walked out of the arena and Lance Blanks made two free throws. Travis Mays missed a free throw and Mayberry hit a 3-pointer with four seconds left to tie the game. Richardson returned for the overtime and Arkansas won, 103-96.

Ed Steitz, the National Collegiate Athletic Association's chief rules interpreter, said that Richardson should have been given a technical foul. He said a coach or team atten-

dant may only leave the coach's box to point out a scorer's mistake, a fight breaks out or for an extreme emergency, such as a heart attack.

"The rule is clear; I wrote it," Steitz said. "If you are that sick, say, 'Hey, ref, I'm doubling out with pain; I have to leave.' If he's that sick, I think the medical profession should get the treatment. It was back for the overtime."

Steitz said Paul Galvan, the Southwest Conference's supervisor of men's basketball officials, asked for a clarification on the rule. Steitz said Richardson's departure was embarrassing for the coach, officials of the Southwest Conference and officiating as a profession.

On Tuesday, Galvan told the Bluff Commercial that the issue was closed.

"Either the institution or the conference would have to issue a request, but none has been discussed as far as I know," Galvan said Tuesday. "It's a closed incident as far as I'm concerned."

Galvan, who attended the game Sunday, said that after the buzzer, there was nothing the officials could do about the game.

Southwest Conference Commissioner Fred Jacoby said Tuesday he planned to discuss the game with Galvan.

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