

Patriots fined \$72,500 for alleged harassment of Boston Herald writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The alleged sexual harassment of reporter Lisa Olson will cost three players a total of \$22,500 and the New England Patriots \$50,000.

Zeke Mowatt was fined \$12,500 Tuesday, while Michael Timpson and Robert Perryman were each fined \$5,000 for their roles in a locker room incident involving Olson, of the Boston Herald.

The Patriots were fined \$25,000 because they "never vigorously sought the facts about what had happened," NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue wrote in a letter to Patriots owner Victor Kiam.

In addition to the team fine, the Patriots were ordered to pay \$25,000 for counseling on how to deal with the media.

Tagliabue levied the fines after receiving a 60-page report on the incident by special counsel Phillip Heymann of the Harvard Law School. Tagliabue concluded that "a serious incident occurred on Sept. 17 while Ms. Lisa Olson of the Boston Herald was interviewing cornerback Maurice Hurst in the Patriots' locker room. The incident involved misconduct of certain Patriots' players that was degrading to Ms. Olson."

"Professor Heymann's report is thorough and balanced," Tagliabue said. "It treats the entire episode on a factual basis, not with speculation, rumor or rhetoric."

The report, in which 91 people were interviewed, some more than once, also said, "Lisa Olson on three occasions presented the investigators with a clear and consistent account of sexual harassment. ... The Patriots pointed out to us that various accounts written by Olson or attributed to her by other reporters were exaggerated and not entirely consistent."

"On the other hand, it was obvious to us that players were extremely reluctant to speak frankly about their own activities and those of some of their teammates. Their accounts of the incident of Sept. 17 were also often inconsistent with the accounts provided by others present in the locker room that day."

"Still, direct conflicts remain between the account of Lisa Olson and the accounts of the Patriots ... some of these conflicts have proved unresolvable."

"My satisfaction with the investigation and subsequent sanctions is surpassed only by my wish the disgraceful incident had never occurred in the first place," Olson said. "It was not my choice to have this matter decided in a public forum, and it is unfortunate that Patriot management forced this to happen by not dealing with the guilty persons swiftly and decisively."

Olson has been reassigned to the Boston Celtics' beat.

Paper reports coach given over \$15,000 from boosters

FORT WORTH (AP) — Former Odessa Permian football coach Gary Gaines received at least \$15,000 in cash from boosters after both the 1988 and 1989 seasons, apparently in violation of state rules, a booster club member said.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Wednesday that the largely secretive practice had gone on for at least a decade, with the size of the cash payments determined largely by how far Permian advanced in the state football playoffs, according to the booster, who was not identified.

The cash was in addition to Gaines' 1989 salary of \$51,300.

Gaines, who left Permian after the 1989 state championship and now is an assistant coach at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, was away from his office on a recruiting trip Tuesday and could not be reached for comment.

Permian, last year's top-rated schoolboy team in the nation, was banned from defending its title this year because coaches violated rules by holding off-season practices too early in the year.

Hallman hired by Louisiana St.

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Curley Hallman, who led Southern Mississippi to two bowl games in three years, was hired Tuesday as Louisiana State's head football coach.

"I'm happy. I'm excited. I hope to coach for a long, long time. I hope I can retire at this university," Hallman said during a news conference.

The LSU Athletics Council unanimously approved Hallman's hiring after a closed meeting with him, athletic director Joe Dean and LSU chancellor William "Bud" Davis.

Hallman, 43, will receive a five-year contract paying him \$85,000 a year, Dean said. The hiring still must be approved by the LSU Board of Supervisors, but members have said they will go along with Hallman.

He replaces fourth-year coach Mike Archer, who resigned effective at the end of the season after reports that he was about to be fired.

Aggie men's basketball hosts tough OU squad

By SCOTT WUDEL
Of The Battalion Staff

Tonight will be a game of firsts for the Texas A&M men's basketball program.

Kermit Davis Jr. will make his first official home debut as the Aggies' new head coach.

The Oklahoma Sooners will make their first-ever appearance on the floor of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The Sooners are also the first nationally-ranked non-Southwest Conference team to appear in College Station since the Coliseum opened in 1954.

And if things work out right for the Aggies, it will be the first A&M victory over OU in five tries.

A&M (1-1) faces 18th-ranked Oklahoma (2-1) tonight at 7:30 p.m. The game is televised regionally by Home Sports Entertainment.

The last time the Aggies met the Sooners on the court was in 1988, when OU blew out A&M, 128-80. The Aggies haven't come closer than 13 points since it began the four game series in 1960. And a lot of skeptics aren't expecting things to change this year.

Those who have formed an opinion of tonight's game are expecting the Sooners to hit the floor running and roll over the young Aggies. But Davis says even if the Aggies come out on the short end of a lopsided scoreboard, they still will benefit from playing the nationally-ranked opponent.

"Every game we go into we try to give our guys a chance to win the game," Davis said. "I don't care who we play, we try to prepare the same way."

"We look to try to get ourselves better, and really not put a lot of emphasis on the outcome or the score."

Davis says the game will simulate playing in front of a big crowd against strong physical athletes, like what the Aggies will have to face later in the season against SWC opponents.

Billy Tubbs, who is in his eleventh year as coach at Oklahoma, has compiled a 259-84 record. During that time, the Sooners have won four Big Eight Conference titles, advanced to the NCAA Tournament nine times, and posted nine straight 20-win seasons.

OU finished the 1990 regular season ranked at the top of the national polls, but fell to North Carolina in the NCAA Tournament.

This year the Sooners' only loss came to third-ranked Arkansas. Tubbs will face his second SWC opponent shorthanded on players.

OU began the season without two of its top returning players in Damon Patterson and Smokey McCovery. Injuries hit the team just two games into the season, Tubbs lost Bryan Sallier, a center who averaged 14 points, and guard Terry Evans, who averaged 7.5 points and nine assists in two games.

Davis' team is trying to bring a lot of new faces together as it begins the season. Brooks Thompson and Lynn Suber are the only returning starters from last year's 14-17 team. Thompson is averaging 10.5 points in A&M's first two games, and Suber, a probable starter, has posted a 16.5 scoring average.

The Aggies' biggest surprise so far may be junior college transfer Isaac Brown, who scored 27 points against Sam Houston State last weekend.

Davis said the team is motivated to play its powerhouse opponent.

"Anytime you play at home, and you bring in a Top 20 team into your place, it makes the guys adrenaline flow a little harder, and there is a little more nervousness," he said.

No matter what the outcome is, the coach says fans will appreciate attending the game.

"The main thing you have to look at tonight is the atmosphere, and how much fun it is to come to the games," he said.

"I know this place used to be filled up with 7000 people making noise."

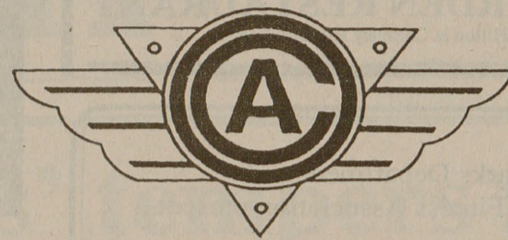
Davis guarantees that fans will see guys playing hard with a lot of enthusiasm and discipline.

And he says he's not concerned with points, or Oklahoma's ability to run up the score.

"We're just worried about our own team," he says. "Whether (Tubbs) wants to play his first five guys for 40 minutes, that doesn't bother me. He's got to do what's best for his team."

Learning from a team of Oklahoma's standing may be what's best for the Aggies.

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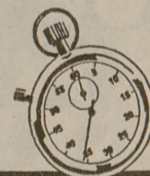
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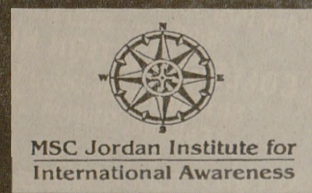
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