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Baylor coach denies player pay-off

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Baylor University men's basketball coach Darrel Johnson said an internal investigation of his program has been completed with no discovery of wrongdoing.

"As far as I'm concerned, (the investigation) is over," Johnson told The Houston Post. "We're not doing anything (illegal) and we have never, ever willfully committed any NCAA violations — minor, major, you name it."

"We have self-reported what we consider one secondary violation. Clyde Hart called it a secondary violation," he said.

A former Baylor basketball player told the newspaper that Johnson arranged to provide a

car and full-time pay for former forward Eric Dortch while both played at Baylor.

University President Robert Jones ordered an investigation last month after a source within the school made the allegations. The investigation was headed by compliance coordinator Clyde Hart.

Hart declined to discuss the status of the investigation.

However, people close to the investigation say the probe into charges that Dortch was paid last summer for work he did not perform is continuing.

Dortch told The Post that he asked Johnson to get him a summer job. He said the coach lined up work for him at Dr Pepper in Houston, although he could not remember which of the two Houston offices he worked in.

"I know I worked in route sales, but I don't know where it was," he said.

He also said he could not recall what his duties were, how many hours he typically worked each week, or how much he earned.



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Corbelli

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Kisling said Corbelli's expertise and coolness in the heat of a game have helped A&M turn the corner and she has bolstered the team's confidence against all opponents.

"(Corbelli) just approaches everything a lot differently," Kisling said.

"During the matches she's really calm and will tell us what to do. We've had to change a lot of our technique, and she knows when we're not trying our hardest," she said.

"Of course, she'll get mad at us when we need a wake-up call."

Corbelli woke up the team by taking the players and forging a quick-strike offense around them, relying on the quickness of her middle blockers — Kisling and senior Kim Mitchell, the versatility of sophomore setter Suzy Wente and the power of senior outside hitter Sheila Morgan.

Morgan, whose hitting percentage has risen dramatically from .188 last season to .322 this year, said that Corbelli emphasizes details, such as switching Morgan to the left outside hitting position, having her work on footwork and taking different shots during a game to keep opponents off-balance.

But Morgan said that Corbelli wanted her mostly to attack the basics:

"She said just go up there and hit the ball hard and high — as hard as you can and as high as you can."

Corbelli credited the team's seniors — Kisling, Mitchell, Morgan and utility player Genny Wood — with taking charge after the coaching shake-up which ushered in Corbelli and said goodbye to Al Givens, the Lady

Aggies' coach for seven years.

"There was going to be a change, the (players) knew it at the end of last season, and that had a big part in it," Corbelli said.

Corbelli said she tries to reach her players through her own experience on the court, earned when she played on the United States women's national team which captured the silver medal in the 1984 Olympics.

"I try to be a players' coach because I was a player so long," Corbelli said. "I know what they're going through, how they're feeling, and what a hard practice is like."

"(The Olympics) is where all my training was and where I learned so much of what I teach. It looks a little different just because of size and speed, but the concepts are the same."

In contrast to the on-court adjustments Corbelli has had to make with the new team, the Garland, Texas native is enjoying the slower pace since returning to the state with her husband John, who is also an assistant volleyball coach, and their daughter Rachel.

"It's a lot slower and quieter; it's nice, especially trying to raise a family, buy a house and have a real community feeling," Corbelli said. "I kind of miss the hustle-bustle, and I enjoyed the city; I enjoyed having San Francisco there to go up and do whatever you want."

For the future, Corbelli has no doubt that her team deserves a bid to the upcoming NCAA tournament.

"With only four losses I think the NCAA committee will look and say we're deserving especially now that the pool is up to 48 teams, and because we've been ranked in their south region between sixth and seventh all season."

"Our record shows that we deserve one, we've had a very tough schedule."

Aikman continues disputes

The Associated Press

IRVING — Quarterback Troy Aikman has won a round in his contract negotiations with Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. Aikman, who has two years left on his contract, has lashed out at Jones' suggestion that the negotiations begin in late December, saying "it would cause a distraction at a bad time."

Jones backtracked on Tuesday, saying, "We may do something earlier. I have a better feeling now where the television contract will end up. It's not unlikely we will start contract talks in the near future."

Aikman's agent is Leigh Steinberg, who is asking that Aikman, the Super Bowl MVP, become the highest paid quarterback in the league. Jones wants to get the contract done before the NFL's salary cap kicks in next year.

Lady Aggies

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cause it is Texas, and it is at home," Wood said. "We know we're going to have a pretty good crowd out here, and we are very confident going in."

In 1991, A&M shocked Texas in College Station before a crowd of 1,120 by ending the Lady Longhorns' seven-year, 69-match winning streak against conference opponents. A&M took the match in five games, and the team played flawlessly, senior middle blocker Amy Kisling said, against then seventh-ranked Texas.

"We didn't make any mistakes, nobody was tentative and everybody totally went for it," Kisling said. "I think that is the problem we sometimes have against them is that we're really tentative and make mistakes."

"We didn't make any mistakes (then), and if we did we weren't afraid to go for it."

Although the team controls its own fate in the battle for first place, Corbelli said she felt there is no extra pressure on her or any of the players.

"We've done what we've needed to do against the teams that we've needed to beat all season long," Corbelli said.

"Texas is a great team, and I would love to beat them, but the

more I tell the team that, the more unneeded pressure I put on them."

Obviously, a change of strategy was needed after the first Texas game. Senior outside hitter Sheila Morgan said she thinks all-around aggressive play will be the key to tonight's game.

"First, we have to get around their big blocks which we did not do last time," Morgan said. "Mainly, we're just going to go out there and play hard-nosed defense. That's what's going to win the game for us."

However, illness may play a factor for the Lady Aggies' chances for victory.

Senior starting middle blocker Kim Mitchell was sick over the weekend and her status remains questionable for tonight's game. Wood, however, who sustained an ankle injury against Northeast Louisiana on October 16, has healed fully and should be in top form for the match.

Corbelli said she will be pleased with the team if they give a total effort, regardless of the match's final outcome.

"Texas is 20-2 and playing them would be a tough challenge for any team in the nation," Corbelli said. "I just want us to play with a lot of guts and do the things we need to do trying to win."

"If we play great, that's all that matters to me."

Winder

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Weakness: The Supersonics also lack consistent shooting at every position and are more prone to fight amongst themselves than other teams.

Outlook: If the newly acquired Detlef Schrempf is able to fit in well with his new teammates Seattle will take over in the Pacific Division.

4. Phoenix Suns

Strengths: A deep bench along with the play of Charles Barkley and Dan Majerle.

Weakness: The Suns still lack any contributions from the center position providing field days for the other NBA big men.

Outlook: The Suns need Barkley to stay healthy all year and get some interior defense for another successful year.

5. Charlotte Hornets

Strengths: Larry Johnson and Alonzo Mourning combine to make one of the best inside tandems in the league.

Weakness: The Hornets bench lacks depth and height.

Outlook: Charlotte is still one player and one year away from challenging the more physical

Knicks.

6. Orlando Magic Strengths: A superstar at center (Shaquille O'Neal) and a future one at point guard (Anfernee Hardaway).

Weakness: The Magic will have to split time at power forward between Jeff Turner and Larry Krystkowiak.

Outlook: Orlando's season depends on their turnover ratio and the development of Hardaway.

7. Chicago Bulls

Strengths: The Bulls still have the nucleus of a team that won three NBA titles.

Weakness: No proven scorer off the bench.

Outlook: Scottie Pippen will have to do his best Jordan imitation with everybody else stepping it up a notch for the Bulls to have another successful season.

8. Portland Trailblazers

Strengths: The Trailblazers still have a strong nucleus of players and the outside shooting help of Harvey Grant.

Weakness: The departure of Kevin Duckworth has left Portland with a big hole in the middle.

Outlook: For any chance of a championship season the Trailblazers need Clyde Drexler to return to form.

Correction

In the November 2 issue of The Battalion, the Sports Briefs listed November 11 as the date for the Texas A&M-Louisville football game. The correct date is November 13. The Battalion apologizes for the mistake.

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