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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON, PLACED ON NCAA PROBATION

MISSION, KANSAS--The University of Wisconsin, Madison, has been placed on probation for a one-year period, effective December 18, 1981, by the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Committee on Infractions as a result of violations occurring in the conduct of the university's intercollegiate football program.

The penalty does not include sanctions and will not affect the university's eligibility for postseason competition or television appearances in the sport of football.

The university, after completing its own investigation in the case, disassociated one representative of its athletic interests from any further recruiting activities on behalf of the university as a result of his involvement in violations of NCAA legislation in the case.

"The violations in this case related primarily to the recruitment of one prospective student-athlete by one athletic booster during the 1979-80 academic year," said Charles Alan Wright, chair, NCAA Committee on Infractions. "Although the significant recruiting violations in the case were isolated to the recruitment of only one prospect, the committee also was concerned that members of the university's coaching staff failed to exercise sufficient control over the institution's booster to avoid the violations.

"In addition," Wright continued, "members of the coaching staff were involved in the violations related to recruiting contacts, automobile transportation and entertainment. Accordingly, the committee believed that a one-year probationary period would be warranted in the case to monitor the future commitment of the coaching staff and the university's athletic representatives to compliance with NCAA legislation."

The Committee on Infractions found violations related to recruiting inducements, entertainment, transportation, recruiting contacts, use of funds and coaching limitations.

Following is a complete text of the penalty and a summary of the violations found in this case.

Penalty To Be Imposed Upon Institution

1. The University of Wisconsin shall be publicly reprimanded and censured, and placed on probation for a period of one year, effective December 18, 1981, it being understood that prior to the expiration of the period of probation, the NCAA shall review the athletic policies and practices of the university.

Summary of Violations of NCAA Legislation

1. NCAA Bylaws l-l-(b)-(l) and l-8-(j) [recruiting inducements and transportation] -- During June 1980, a representative of the university's athletic interests arranged for a prospective student-athlete to receive one-way commercial airline transportation at no cost to the young man from his home to Madison, Wisconsin, at the time he began summer employment; further, upon the prospect's arrival in Madison, the representative transported him by automobile to the university's campus.

2. NCAA Bylaws l-8-(j) and l-8-(l) [entertainment] -- (a) In February 1980, a representative of the university's athletic interests arranged for a prospective student-athlete, his mother and other family members to receive lodging and meals during a two-day period at a fishing lodge and arranged for the young man to utilize the services of a professional fishing guide; further, the young man's mother reimbursed the representative for less than full cost of these benefits and services; (b) In December 1979, an assistant football coach arranged for a representative of the ~ s athletic interests to provide three prospective student-athletes round-trip automobile transportation between their homes and a local restaurant where two representatives entertained the young men for a meal; (c) During February 1980, an assistant foot-ball coach and a representative of the university[1]s athletic interests provided a prospective student-athlete automobile transportation between his home and a. fishing lodge located in another part of the state; (d) During February 1980, an assistant football coach provided a prospective student-athlete automobile transportation from his high school to a local airport while transporting the head football coach to the airport and then transported the young man home, and (e) During February 1980, two representatives of the university' 5 athletic interests were involved in providing a prospective student-athlete automobile transportation in the young man's hometown area.

3, NCAA Bylaws l-8-(i) and l-8-(j) [transportation] -- (a) In February 1980, a representative of the university's athletic interests and an administrative assistant were involved in providing members of a prospective student-athlete's family

round-trip automobile transportation between their home and a fishing lodge located in another part of the state.

4. NCAA Bylaw l-2-(a)-(1) [recruiting contacts] -- During the 1979-80 academic year, a prospective student-athlete and his family were contacted in person, off campus for recruiting purposes on more than three occasions by the head football coach, an assistant football coach, an administrative assistant and three representatives of the university's athletic interests.

5. NCAA Bylaw l-8-(h) [transportation] -- On numerous occasions during the summer of 1980, an assistant football coach and a representative of the university's athletic interests provided a prospective student-athlete automobile transportation between his apartment near the university's campus and the site of his summer job.

6. NCAA Bylaws l-5-(f), l-8-(i) and l-~-(j) [use of funds, transportation and entertainment] -- During i4arch 1980, a representative of the university's athletic interests arranged for a prospective student-athlete, his mother and his sister to be entertained for a meal at a banquet sponsored by a chapter of the university's alumni association in the area of the young man's hometown; further, another representative of the university's athletic interests transported the young man between his home and the banquet and an assistant football coach transported the young man's mother and sister between their home and the banquet.

7. NCAA Bylaw l-8~(m) [entertainment] -- On several occasions during the 1979-80 academic year, the head football coach and an assistant football coach entertained high school coaches for food and beverages.

8. NCAA Bylaws 7-l-(c) and 7-l-(e) [coaching limitations] -- During the 1979-80 and 1980-81 academic years, the university exceeded the. limitation of eight assistant football coaches; further, in February 1980, one of these individuals participated in off-campus recruiting activities.

9. NCAA Bylaw l-8-(j)-(4)~[entertainment] -- In 1979, and again in December 1980, a student-athlete was permitted to use the personal automobiles of athletic department staff members to provide local transportation for two prospective student-athletes during their official visits to the university's campus.

10. NCAA Bylaw l-l-(b)-(l) [recruiting inducements] -- (a) During the past several years, numerous prospective student-athletes were provided souvenir photographs related to their official paid visits to the university's campus, and (b) In February 1980, an assistant football coach arranged for flowers to be delivered to the mothers of two prospective student-athletes.

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