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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON, REPRIMANDED BY NCAA

MISSION, KANSAS—The University of Wisconsin, Madison, has been publicly reprimanded and censured by the NCAA Committee on Infractions as a result of two violations that occurred in the recruitment of a prospective student-athlete in the sport of men's basketball.

The NCAA's penalty did not include sanctions and the action will not affect the basketball team's eligibility for postseason competition or television appearances.

The university also took action in the matter by advising the prospect that he would not be awarded a grant-in-aid at the university for the 1982-83 academic year. The young man plans to attend another collegiate institution.

In February 1982, several newspaper articles were published concerning the university's recruitment of the prospect and his arrangements to reside in the Madison, Wisconsin, area during the spring of 1982. These articles questioned the propriety of a bank loan that was obtained by the young man and the involvement of the university's then head basketball coach and another individual in possible NCAA recruiting violations,

"The NCAA's investigation did not support the published allegations," said Charles Alan Wright, chair, NCAA Committee on Infractions. "In fact, university officials contacted the NCAA enforcement staff to request guidance for the prospect in question prior to the publication of newspaper articles concerning the young man. Thereafter, the university and the NCAA jointly monitored the matter.

“A review of the young man’s recruitment did indicate, however, that in January 1982, two violations of NCAA recruiting regulations occurred when the young man obtained assistance upon his unannounced arrival in Madison. Even so,” Wright noted, in concluding his remarks, “the Committee on Infractions did not believe that a severe penalty in the case would be warranted due to the apparent unintentional nature of the violations and the university’s candor and cooperation throughout the period this case was processed.”

The following is a statement of the penalty imposed in the case and the recruiting violations that were found,

Penalty To Be Imposed Upon Institution

1. The University of Wisconsin, Madison, shall be publicly reprimanded and censured, and admonished to avoid a recurrence of similar violations in the future.

Summary of Violations of NCAA Legislation

1. NCAA Bylaw 1-1-(b)-(1) [recruiting inducements] — During the period January 18-20, 1982, the university’s former head basketball coach permitted a prospective student—athlete to reside in a university dormitory with two student—athletes at no cost to the young man.
2. NCAA Bylaw 1-8-0) [improper transportation] — On January 18, 1982, a representative of the university’s athletic interests provided a prospective student—athlete one—way automobile transportation at no cost to the young man from an airport in Madison, Wisconsin, to a university dormitory.