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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON, PLACED ON NCAA PROBATION

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Mission, Kansas--The University of Wisconsin, Madison, has been placed on probation for a one-year period by the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Committee on Infractions primarily as a result of a recruiting violation occurring in the conduct of the institution's intercollegiate football program.

The penalty includes television sanctions that will preclude the university's football team from appearing on any NCAA-controlled television program or on any other "live" football telecast during the 1984 regular season. The penalty will not affect postseason play and the university remains eligible for postseason competition.

Also, in accordance with the show cause provision of the NCAA penalty structure, the university will preclude one outside athletics representative from assisting the university's football program in summer employment and recruiting activities during the probationary period.

In addition the eligibility of one football team member was affected in the case as a result of his involvement in a recruiting violation, it being understood that the university may appeal to the NCAA Eligibility Committee for restoration of eligibility if the university believes such an appeal to be appropriate.

"The primary issue for the Committee on Infractions in this case," said Thomas J. Niland (Le Moyne College Syracuse, New York), acting chair of the NCAA Committee on Infractions, "was to review arrangements that resulted in improper airline transportation for two prospective student-athletes in football when they traveled to the university to enroll in January 1983. Ultimately, the committee determined that the transportation was provided at the expense of an athletics representative and that the football recruiting coordinator advised the young men to contact this representative regarding transportation."

Mr. Niland noted: "Two additional violations were found in the case, one in the sport of basketball and the other in the sport of tennis. Neither of these violations, however, was considered to be a significant factor in the consideration of a penalty in this case."

"In arriving at an appropriate institutional penalty," Mr. Niland stated in closing, "the committee was concerned that in 1981, the university was placed on probation for one year for violations in football, including a violation involving improper airline transportation for a prospect, and in

1982, the university was publicly reprimanded for violations in basketball. Accordingly, the committee believed its penalty in this case was fully justified."

The violations in this case involved ethical conduct, recruiting inducements, transportation and the NCAA's tryout regulation.

The following is a text of the penalty imposed upon the university and a summary of the violations found in the case.

Penalty To Be Imposed Upon Institution

1. The University of Wisconsin, Madison, shall be publicly reprimanded and censured, and placed on probation for a period of one year, effective November 22, 1983, it being understood that should any portion of the penalty in this case be set aside for any reason other than by appropriate action of the Association, the penalty shall be reconsidered by the NCAA; further, prior to the expiration of the period of probation, the NCAA shall review the athletics policies and practices of the university.
2. During the 1984 regular football season, the university's intercollegiate football team shall not be eligible to appear on any television series or program subject to the administration or control of this Association or any other television programs involving "live" coverage.
3. In accordance with the "show cause" provision of the NCAA penalty structure, the University of Wisconsin will preclude one representative of its athletics interests from involvement in any summer employment or recruiting activities associated with the institution's intercollegiate football program during the university's probationary period and will take any further measures that the university determines to be within its authority to curtail the involvement of this individual in the institution's athletics program during the probationary period.

Summary of Violations of NCAA Legislation

1. NCAA Constitution 3-6-(a)-(l)-(iii) and Bylaws 1-1-(b) and 1-8-(g) [ethical conduct, recruiting inducements and transportation] -- In January 1983, while recruiting two prospective student-athletes, the football recruiting coordinator assisted in arrangements for the young men to receive one-way commercial airline transportation from their homes to Madison, Wisconsin, at the time they enrolled in the university. Specifically, this transportation was provided at the expense of a representative of the university's athletics interests, after the recruiting coordinator advised the young men to

contact the athletics representative regarding transportation; further, the recruiting coordinator asked a graduate assistant football coach to arrange transportation for the young men from a local airport to the university's campus upon their arrival in Madison, and finally, the recruiting coordinator was aware that these arrangements would result in improper transportation for the young men.

2. NCAA Bylaw 1-1-(b)-(1) [recruiting inducements] -- In October 1981, while recruiting a prospective student-athlete in the sport of basketball, a representative of the university's athletics interests was involved in arranging employment for the prospect's sister who remained employed for an approximate seven-month period.

3. NCAA Bylaw 1-6-(a) [tryout regulation] -- In March 1983, the men's head tennis coach participated in a tennis workout with a prospective student-athlete.

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