

THE COMPLIANCE CORNER

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RECRUITING CALENDARS

BASEBALL

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ALL OTHER SPORTS

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Contact Period

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Quiet Period

Dead Period

DEAD PERIOD NOTES

There are no dead periods during the month of September for UC sports!

FALL REMINDERS

As a result of the work of the NCAA Rules Working Groups, many of the changes to Division I bylaws went into effect on August 1, 2013. Have you familiarized yourself with the new rules?

-Off-campus, in-person scouting of opponents on your current schedule is now impermissible in all sports, except for double-header events and tournaments.

-All countable coaches may now recruit off-campus at one time (i.e., no more "baton" or "home base" rules).

-Contact restrictions (all of Bylaw 13.1) will not apply to signed or admitted-confirmed prospects.

-Awards to current student-athletes may be given at any time, provided the total dollar amount of all awards per student-athlete does not exceed individual limits.

-Team entertainment in conjunction with practice is permissible—cash and meals are not considered to be incidental to entertainment.

-There are no longer any NCAA restrictions on departing for and returning from competition. Also, any actual and necessary expenses for practice or competition may be provided (e.g., travel apparel, etc.).

REPORTS ALLEGE SERIOUS VIOLATIONS AT OKLAHOMA STATE

ESPN.com- Thirteen players on Oklahoma State football teams from 2000-11 say they committed some kind of academic misconduct at the school, according to the latest Sports Illustrated installment on the Cowboys program.

Sixteen other players were named by players as having schoolwork done for them.

On Tuesday, SI.com reported that players received cash payments from people associated with the program and said that the issue surfaced when Les Miles -- currently the LSU coach -- took over the program in December 2000. The claims of academic misconduct also coincide with Miles' tenure but continued after current coach Mike Gundy took over as head coach in 2005.

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-- Former Okla. St. coach Les Miles

Players told SI that they had coursework completed by tutors or university staff members, received answers to exams before taking them and received passing grades despite not completing course work.

Miles, who addressed the issue Wednesday on the SEC teleconference, said those making allegations of academic fraud at Oklahoma State or improper payments to players from boosters, "weren't there long enough to figure it out," because they were dismissed from the program.

"I revered my time in Stillwater," Miles said. "The idea that someone would characterize the program that was run there as anything but right and correct ... Did we work hard? You betcha. Did we make tough decisions about starting lineups? You betcha. But every guy was encouraged to get his degree, stay the course and fight."

Safety Fath' Carter (2000-03), wide receiver William Cole (2007-08), cornerback Calvin Micken (2005-07), defensive tackle Larry Brown (2005-06), offensive lineman Jonathan Cruz (2002), linebacker LeRon Furr (2009-10), defensive tackle Brad Girtman (2003-04), safety Chris Massey (1999-2002) defensive end T.J. Minor (2005-06), linebacker Marcus Richardson (2007), running back Herschel Sims (2011), wide receiver Artrell Woods (2006-08) and defensive back Thomas Wright (2002-04) all told SI that they had work done for them or received other improper academic assistance.

Among those that players said they saw receive improper academic help was current Dallas Cowboys receiver Dez Bryant, who was named second team all-academic Big 12 in 2008.

"You didn't have no choice but to laugh at it," said Victor Johnson, a Cowboys safety from 2008-10, according to SI.

Johnson and an unnamed former assistant coach told SI that Bryant would not go to class unless taken by a staff member and routinely had his course work competed for him. Bryant denied having work done for him when contacted by SI.

Other players named as receiving improper help -- namely running back Tatum Bell (2000-03), wide receiver Prentiss Elliott (2004), quarterback Josh Fields (2001-03) and defensive end Kevin Williams (1998-2002) denied the allegations, according to SI.

Miles was said to have a routine in which he would say "academics first" and hold up two fingers and say "football second" and hold up one finger.

When reached by SI, he said: "I always said, and I always meant, that academics was the most important thing."

As for the finger routine, he said that he did that once in "a moment of humor."

But according to Doug Bond, an Oklahoma State offensive lineman from 2002-04, the message was clear: "You heard his words but you saw what he was doing. So the thought process was that you're going to school just so you can play football."

Subsequent installments of the investigative piece allege that the program tolerated recreational drug use and that members of a hostess program had sex with recruits.

The Associated Press contributed to this report. The full five-part story can be found on sportsillustrated.cnn.com.

PLAINTIFF LIST IN NCAA CONCUSSION LAWSUIT GROWING, SCHOOLS BRACING

The class-action lawsuit against the NCAA filed by three former players over concussions could grow its plaintiff list exponentially based on early research from one of the nine lawyers involved.

Michael Hausfield with Hausfield LLP -- which also represents plaintiffs in the Ed O'Bannon case over player likeness that could shake up the NCAA amateurism model -- told CBSSports.com his firm is fielding calls from scores of former players asking to evaluate their situations and possibly join the case.

The suit alleges, in part, the NCAA failed to provide players with proper protocols and long-term education over the effects of brain trauma.

Former Tennessee players Chris Walker and Ben Martin and former North Carolina State player Dan Ahern are part of the suit filed in federal court in Chattanooga, Tenn., earlier this month. The plaintiffs seek an NCAA-funded medical monitoring program for former football players.

Hausfield said the potential new plaintiffs have expressed cases from "stingers to bell-ringers to where the athlete collapsed on the field, immobile."

"These are athletes who played at their schools and went on to distinguish themselves in other careers but have noticed they have had defects consistent with what has been related to repeated head trauma," Hausfield said.

NCAA concussion litigation hasn't reached the levels of the NFL, which settled its case with the league's 4,500-plus plaintiffs for \$765 million.

The NCAA is considering a settlement with the plaintiffs in a concussion suit filed in Illinois in 2011 brought by former Eastern Illinois player Adrian Arrington. That case is currently seeking class-action approval. The Tennessee case applies to 50 states and former players while the Arrington case covers 18 states, Hausfield said.

The scope of NCAA litigation potential over head trauma is broad when considering the volume of players (rosters of 105 players on 126 FBS schools) and no federal labor exemptions for schools (NCAA athletes aren't employees).

As the Birmingham New points out, lawyers heatedly jockey for NCAA concussion litigation positioning nearly 100 years after Theodore Roosevelt, the original NCAA point man, urged the game to become safer.

"Given the number of schools and players involved, this directly connects to high schools and pee wee leagues, and this becomes the major national lynchpin to football in general," Hausfield said.

Several athletic directors that spoke to CBSSports.com acknowledge the awareness all schools must have over not just concussion treatment and protocol -- but a trickle-down effect of litigation that affects NCAA members.

The NCAA provides catastrophic insurance, which activates once an athlete's injury-related expenses exceed \$90,000.

No athletic directors interviewed said their schools have sought concussion-specific insurance to protect from litigation if lawsuits target individual schools, though some public schools are part of in-state insurance programs.

"We're in a lot of conversations that could help put the university in a good position relative to lawsuits, but that's not the driving force for it," said Cal athletic director Sandy Barbour, who is collaborating with Cal's dean of the graduate school on in-depth concussion initiatives and research. "What are we doing to help (players)? What are we doing to protect?"

Charlotte athletic director Judy Rose, whose 49ers debuted their football program this year, says the school has stringent protocol on players with concussion-like symptoms, including at least two mandatory doctor visits and no practice until at least six days from any incident, minor or severe. "We think we're giving it our best shot," she said.

No doubt, the recent report from the Chronicle of Higher Education uncovering the way coaches often overpower trainers on decisions about concussed players returning to the field has garnered attention in the athletic community.

C-USA commissioner Britton Banowsky said a systemic shift is necessary to "empower our trainers."

Conferences should constantly push for effective concussion treatment, Banowsky said.

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REMINDER: You cannot be "friends" with a PSA on Facebook until the 1st permissible date that they can send general correspondence, which in sports other than MBB at UC is Sept. 1st of their junior year.

DONATION REQUESTS

All donation requests should go through the new link on our website: <http://www.gobearcats.com/ot/request-donation.html>

All requests will be sent to Brian and forwarded to the appropriate sport representative if approved. This applies to **ALL SPORTS**.

2013-14 BEARCHATS

ALL ASSISTANT COACHES are expected to be at the BEARCHAT Sessions. The new format includes the following changes:

- 5th Floor Quiet Study Room
- 45 minutes Best Practices/Idea Sharing between coaching staffs/SASS/Compliance
- 5-10 minutes SASS Updates
- **ALL SPORTS** expected to attend

The next session will be held
October 16.

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BEARCAT SPIRIT!

Congratulations to Coach Hylton Dayes who achieved his 100th career victory when the Men's Soccer team defeated SIU-Edwardsville 2-1 on September 14th. The next home game for the Men's Soccer squad will be September 18 at Gettler Stadium. Game time is 7:00pm.