

SMU again under investigation

By The Associated Press

DALLAS — Southern Methodist University, whose football program is serving the stiffest penalty ever imposed, is being investigated by the NCAA for possible rule violations in other sports, Athletic Director Doug Single said Wednesday.

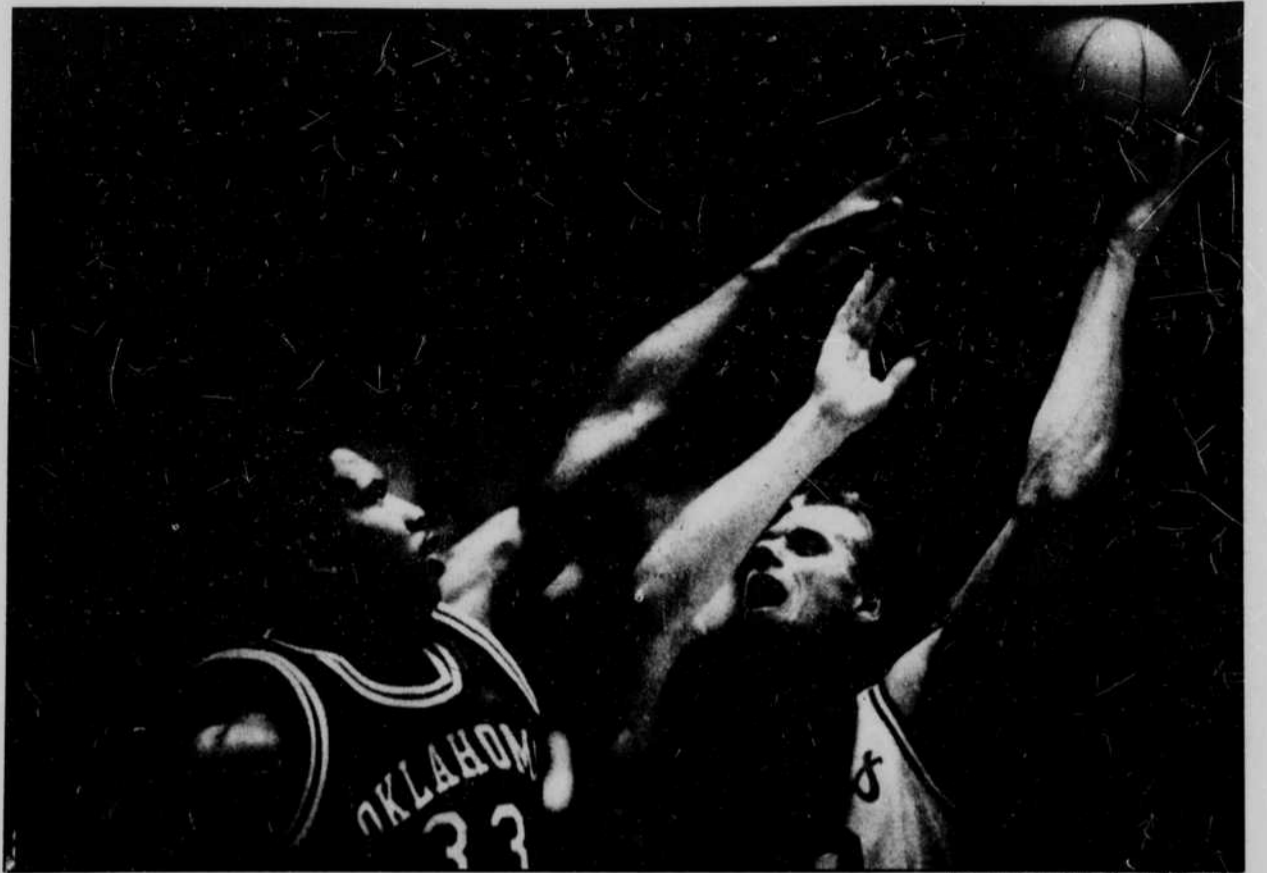
Single said the NCAA is following up on allegations revealed in a seven-month study of SMU athletics by a private investigation firm the university hired, the Dallas Times Herald reported Wednesday in a

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The NCAA has not indicated which sports are under investigation, but a source close to the inquiry told the newspaper the internal report focused on men's basketball and track.

Single said the NCAA would look at the school's internal report and then decide if it should investigate further.

"Doug Single speaks for SMU," men's basketball coach Dave Bliss said. "I can't comment on that."



Doug Carroll/Daily Nebraskan

Nebraska's Richard van Poelgeest attempts to shoot over Oklahoma's Stacey King.

Nee: Huskers need a shot in the arm

Probable Starters:
Nebraska (12-13, 3-6)
Eric Johnson G
Jeff Rekoweg G
Rich King C
Pete Manning F
Derrick Vick F

Colorado (6-16, 2-7)
Michael Lee G
Steve Wise G
Scott Wilke C
Brent Vaughan F
Brian Robinson F

By Tim Hartmann
Senior Reporter

After five straight losses, the Nebraska men's basketball team is not feeling well.

"We're kind of numb," Nebraska coach Danny Nee said. "The pain after the initial shock is gone, but we have to live with it."

Nebraska will attempt to cure its ills Sunday against Colorado at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The game, which will be televised by the Raycom Sports Network, begins at 3:08 p.m.

Nebraska has compiled a 0-5 mark since defeating the Buffaloes 63-57 in Boulder, Colo., Jan. 30.

But Nee said Colorado's victories against Iowa State and Oklahoma State make the Buffaloes a different team than the one Nebraska defeated.

"I think they're much more confident," Nee said. "I think they're on an upward swing. The monkey is off their back."

Colorado coach Tom Miller agreed that the wins helped the Buffaloes' confidence. He said he now wants to see his team play well on the road.

"Winning two in a row at home also gives us confidence heading back out on the road," Miller said. "The one thing we haven't done in league play is play a full 40 minutes on the road. We need to execute well and maintain the concentration we had at home last week."

Colorado's road trip began with a rocky start Tuesday when the Buffaloes, 6-16 overall and 2-7 in the Big Eight, lost 83-65 to Kansas State at Manhattan, Kan.

Miller said things won't be any easier on Sunday.

"Nebraska had defeated both Missouri and Kansas at home this year, so Lincoln is another tough row to hoe," he said.

Center Scott Wilke leads Colorado in scoring and rebounding with an average of 21 points and 8.2 rebounds a game. No other Colorado player averages more than 10 points a game.

"Wilke's a real potent force for them," Nee said. "He's a real solid player — not flashy, but he's 6-foot-10, he puts the ball in the basket consistently, very active rebounder, and we have trouble with his size."

Wilke, from Panama, Iowa, is being honored with a pregame ceremony Sunday by fans from his hometown.

Nee said because the Huskers are on a losing streak, they will have to be mentally prepared for Colorado.

"My job is to basically get them physically ready — knowing their assignments, their roles, what we can do to be successful against a team like Colorado — and then emotionally and mentally get them in a state that they believe they can be successful," Nee said.

Cornhuskers sign two volleyball recruits

By Mark Derowitsch
Senior Reporter

Nebraska volleyball coach Terry Pettit announced that two prep recruits signed national letters of intent to play for the Cornhuskers next fall.

Cris Hall of Chanute, Kan., and Janet Kruse of Blair signed with

Nebraska late last week.

Pettit said he was pleased with both recruits.

"These are probably the best two athletes we have ever recruited," Pettit said. "They were both heavily recruited by Division I coaches in three sports. We are very pleased with the caliber of these recruits, especially getting the best in Nebraska."

Kruse, a 6-foot-1 spiker, was a two-time all-state selection in volleyball and basketball. Last fall, she led Blair High School to the runner-up spot in the Class B state tournament. She was recruited by more than 50 schools but orally committed to Nebraska before Jan. 1.

Hall, 6-2, is also a two-time all-state selection in basketball and volleyball. She has won nine Kansas state high school track titles. In track, she holds the Kansas prep high-jump and long-jump records.

Hall chose Nebraska over Southern California, which recruited her as a pentathlete.

Pettit said that because of their athletic ability, Hall and Kruse could each play two positions.

"They have the physical tools to play any of the front court positions," Pettit said. "They have the size to be fine blockers and the quickness to become outside hitters."

Pettit said Kruse might have more impact on the team next season than Hall.

"It's difficult to know, but they're both physically talented and I think they both will be great players," Pettit said. "But whether they can come in and help us depends on their experience. They must also make a quick adjustment to this competition level, and I think Janet has more experience as of right now."

Pettit said Kruse and Hall are both good students. Kruse has posted a 4.17 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, and Hall is among the top students in her class.

"I think these are two of the best student-athletes we've ever recruited," Pettit said.

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