

Texas A&M's infractions won't affect Kickoff Classic

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A letter released by the NCAA that accused Texas A&M's football program of 31 rule infractions and seven procedural violations will not affect the Aggies' participation in this year's Kickoff Classic.

Les Unger, the Kickoff Classic's public relations director, said the NCAA will not prevent Texas A&M from facing Nebraska in the Aug. 27 game at Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands, N.J. He said any punishment, which would be dealt after the Aggies present game or appear on television.

"We need to know that the teams we select are going to be able to play, especially when we

select them six or seven months in advance," Unger said. "We need to know everything that

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might affect our decision."

No academic violations were included in the 31 infractions, the Associated Press reported Monday. However, the investigators said the

nature of the violations "demonstrate a lack of appropriate institutional control and monitoring in the administration of the institution's intercollegiate football program."

Texas A&M coach Jackie Sherill said the Aggies will work with the NCAA, AP reported.

"We are going to be working alongside the NCAA on it, and these are allegations only and not proven fact," Sherill said. "We're announcing these accusations of infractions to the public because we want to keep everything up front."

Unger said the game's attendance and television audience will not be affected if the Aggies are put on probation.

"We selected them on their performance last

year and on what they are projected to do this year," Unger said.

"We were told when we made our decision (about who would play) that nothing would happen to our game," Unger said. "If the NCAA determines they need to take action against Texas A&M, it will not affect our game."

Unger said the Kickoff Classic tries to ensure the teams it chooses will not have to back out of the game by investigating each team with the NCAA. He said the Kickoff Classic has to conduct investigations because it cannot afford to end up with a team that cannot play in the their side of the story to the NCAA, will not include preventing the Aggies from participating in the annual contest.

NU volleyball, football players get academic honors

By Mark Derowitsch
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It was no surprise to Nebraska coach Terry Pettit when two Cornhusker volleyball players were named GTE academic All-Americans.

Nebraska's Kathi DeBoer, a senior who has a 3.43 grade point average in physical education, and sophomore Virginia Stahr, who has a 3.91 GPA in elementary education, achieved academic All-America status for the first



Heibel

time. They follow former Huskers Karen Dahlgren, a two-time honoree, and Annie Adamczak on the list of Nebraska volleyball players that achieved the honor.

Pettit said the work ethic displayed by women athletes plays a major factor in their achieving All-America academic honors.

"It has to do with a recurring philosophy among women athletes where she tends to achieve success in all areas," Pettit said. "They tend to be excellent in the classroom as well as on the court."

Pettit said another factor in their academic success is that women athletes usually cannot carry their athletic ability to the professional level. "They are never illusioned that

there is going to be a pro career after college," he said.

Pettit said he was not surprised by DeBoer's or Stahr's accomplishments.

"Kathi and Virginia have the type of personalities that they tend to excel in everything," Pettit said. "The university puts a major investment in the student-athlete, and it's much better to invest in a good student."

Stahr said she was surprised she earned the academic All-America honor.

"I always saw Karen Dahlgren and she sort of set an example for me," Stahr said. "It's neat to do something she did, because I look up to her."

DeBoer, who led Nebraska to a 30-5 record this season, said she put

academics behind volleyball when she was being recruited by the Huskers.

But she said she is glad she chose to emphasize both aspects throughout her college career.

"The education I'll use the rest of my life, and I only played volleyball here for four years," DeBoer said. "I really wanted to come here because I looked closely at their volleyball."

Stahr said she agrees.

"It was mostly a volleyball decision," Stahr said. "The education program I'm in now is really good, and it helped me confirm my decision to go here."

Three football players also were named GTE academic All-Americans. Those players are fullback Micah

Heibel, a senior with a 3.59 GPA in mathematics; senior defensive end Jeff Jamrog, who has a 3.63 GPA in business administration; and junior safety Mark Blazek, who has a 3.95 GPA in social sciences.

Although male athletes have more of an option to turn professional, Heibel said, he wants to stop playing.

"The pro scouts haven't exactly been beating down my door," Heibel said. "If I knew I would make a ton of money, I would try it, but that's not the case. I'm anxious to start a normal life."

Heibel will graduate this May after student-teaching at Lincoln Northeast High School.

He said he was surprised at being named an academic All-America.

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Since 1960, hormone levels

Pumping iron has replaced flower power. Pinstripes have replaced paisley. And Wall Street has replaced Woodstock.

But of all the major changes that have taken place since the 60's, one is hardly visible at all: the change that has taken place in the Pill.

In 1960, the Pill contained as much as 150 mcgs. of the hormone estrogen. Today, it's down to 35 mcgs. or less. That's a fraction of the original dosage.

Yet, today's Pill is as effective as yesterday's. In fact, it's still the most effective birth control available other than sterilization.

But is the Pill right for you? You should see your doctor to help you answer that. If the answer is yes, then the ultimate decision is yours. And it's important that you learn all you can about oral contraceptives.

First and foremost, what are the risks? Does the Pill cause cancer? Will it make you less fertile? Do you need to take a rest from it? These are just a few questions that have surrounded the Pill since 1960. Questions which must be addressed by you and your physician.

What about the Pill and breast cancer? Although there are conflicting reports concerning this issue, the Centers for Disease Control reported that women who took the Pill, even for 15 years, ran no higher risk of breast cancer than women who didn't. The CDC also reported that ovarian and uterine cancer are substantially less common among women who use oral contraceptives.

The Pill has been shown to have other health benefits as well. Pill users are less likely to develop pelvic inflammatory disease (tubal infections), benign breast disease, ovarian cysts and iron deficiency anemia, not to mention menstrual cramps.

But if the Pill is so effective at preventing pregnancy, can it later prevent you from having a baby when you're ready to have one? Studies

in the Pill have

indicate that if you were fertile before you took the Pill, taking it will not affect your ability to have children later. Some women may experience a short period of readjustment after discontinuing the Pill. Even so, most women usually become pregnant soon.

One piece of advice you may have heard if you're on the Pill is that you should take an occasional rest from it. Yet there's no medical basis for this advice. Furthermore, a rest could turn out to be anything but restful, since switching to a less effective form of birth control increases your chances for unplanned pregnancy.

Now that you know what the risks aren't, you should know what the risks are. For example, if you are taking the Pill, you should not smoke. Especially if you are over 35. Cigarette smoking is known to increase the risk of serious and possibly life-threatening adverse effects on the heart and blood vessels from Pill use. What's more, women with certain conditions or medical histories should not use the Pill.

Even if you're already on the Pill, you should see your doctor at least once a year. And read the patient information regularly.

Taking the Pill is easy. Deciding whether or not to take it isn't. That's why it's so important for you to make an informed decision. Continue reading everything you can about birth control methods. Seek out reliable sources. Talk to your doctor.

You've already taken a step in the

dropped considerably.

right direction. Just think, since you began reading this, there's a good chance your knowledge level about the Pill has increased. Considerably.

Columnist: Giants may win National League pennant

This is a tough column for a St. Louis Cardinals fan to write, but here goes.

Look for the San Francisco Giants to win the National League West, beat the Mets or — gag — the Cardinals in the playoffs and win the 1988 World Series.



Chuck Green

There. I said it. Yeeeh!

Unfortunately, I just do not see any other way around it. The Giants, beaten by St. Louis in last season's playoffs, are loaded again with more power hitters than they know what to do with, an improved pitching staff and the second-best manager in the game (next to Whitey Herzog, of course).

Little kids who chase after balls hit out of Candlestick Park should be in great shape by the end of the summer. First baseman Will Clark blasted 35 home runs and batted .309 last year, and Jeffrey Leonard knocked out 19 more, including four in the playoffs against the Cards. Kevin Mitchell chalked up 22 homers and 77 runs batted in last season, and Brett Butler, whom the Giants acquired from Cleveland, will replace the departed Chili Davis in center field.

Butler scored 91 runs and stole 31 bases for the Indians in 1987.

On the mound for San Francisco will be the likes of Dave Dravecky, Atlee Hammaker, Mike Krukow and Rick Reuschel, who combined for a 3.68 earned run average a year ago, which was the league's lowest. Mix those four starters with relievers Craig Lefferts, Joe Price and Don Robinson and the Giants will have the second-best pitching staff in the NL West.

Which brings us to the best in the West, that of the Houston Astros. With pitchers like Joaquin Andujar, Jim Deshaies, Bob Knepper, Nolan Ryan and Dave Smith, the Astros

could be pretty hard to hit off of.

Meanwhile, Houston has batters that can give opposing pitchers headaches, but not with quite the magnitude of those from San Francisco. Houston's claim to fame is its runners once they get on base. The top three men in Houston's batting order — Gerald Young (who batted .321 last season), Billy Hatcher and Bill Doran — stole 26, 53 and 31 bases, respectively.

If Manager Hal Lanier can pull it all together, the Astros might make a serious run at the pennant in September.

Another close contender for second place will be Cincinnati. The Reds have nearly as much firepower at the plate as Cincinnati center fielder Eric Davis, the biggest gun of all. Davis could have become the first player ever to hit 40 home runs and steal 40 bases in the same season in 1987, but an injury dashed his hopes. This year, though, he could do it. Kal Daniels hit 26 home runs last season and Nick Esasky added 22 round-trippers.

But Cincinnati's pitching is what will ultimately keep it from contending. The Reds have not had it for a long time, and they won't have it again this season. The pitching staff gave up 141 homers last season, and it could be worse in 1988.

San Diego should be the best of the worst in the NL West this summer. Tony Gwynn, who batted .370 last year, will lead the attack at the plate, with John Kruk and newly acquired left fielder Keith Moreland providing input.

The pitching staff, however, is one of the sorriest displays in major-league baseball. Andy Hawkins went 3-10 last year, Eric Show was 8-16 and the staff gave up an incredible 175 home runs in 1987.

Atlanta and Los Angeles should tie for the division doormat spot, simply because neither is good enough to beat the other consistently through the summer.

The Braves gave up 829 runs last season — the worst in the National League since 1977 — and this season

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