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Houston's probation bars team from bowl

The Associated Press

If college football's national championship picture seems muddled, it's perfectly clear in Houston, where the Cougars are the only undefeated and untied team in the country.

The Cougars, serving a three-year NCAA probation, are barred from the bowls, but not from the AP poll. After winning eight straight games and leading the nation in passing offense with 448.8 yards a game and total offense with 564.0 yards a game, they are ranked No. 3 behind Notre Dame and Washington in the poll.

"We should be ranked No. 1," Houston coach John Jenkins said. "If we're the only team without a blemish, we ought to be ranked No. 1."

The probation cloud hangs over Houston. The NCAA's 15-page, single-spaced bill charges the Cougar program with all manner of misdemeanors.

"The (infractions) committee determined that a considerable number of major violations of NCAA legislation occurred in the university's football program," the report said.

"These violations included the provision of cash and extra benefits to student-athletes on occasions so numerous that the former head football coach and his assistants, even after they began to tell the truth, were unable to recall the number of occasions they gave money to student-athletes."

Those crimes led to the probation and the decision of the American Football Coaches Association to bar Houston from any honors, including voting for the Cougars in the United Press International coaches poll.

"We don't think you ought to break a rule and win the championship," said Charlie McClendon, executive director of the coaches association. "It's unfair. You're playing under a different set of rules."

McClendon said it made no difference that the crimes for which Houston was cited began in 1978, when quarterback David Klingler and running back Chuck Weatherspoon were in grade school, playing pee-wee football.

"We don't make the NCAA rules," McClendon said. "We just follow them. If you're on probation with them, then you're on probation with us. They're a non-program as far as we're concerned."

Don James, coach of No. 2 Washington, agrees with McClendon.

"You can always argue that it's usually the team that played three or four years ago that got them in trouble," he said. "If you go out and cheat and you win games because of it, you do enjoy the visibility. It still does help. So from my standpoint, I would be strongly opposed to having a team on probation win a championship."

Darrell Christian, sports editor of the AP, explained the news agency's position.

"Probation and other sanctions are imposed by the NCAA, not the AP, and none of those sanctions specify that a team cannot win a national championship," he said.

Houston has three games to play. A sweep would mean an 11-0 season and possibly the first split national championship since 1978, when Alabama finished first in the AP poll and Southern California topped the UPI vote.

Nebraska's depth chart

Offense				Defense			
SE	Jon Bostick	6-2	185 Jr.	LOLB	Travis Hill	6-2	225 So.
	Dan Pleasant	5-9	175 Jr.		David White	6-2	225 So.
	Mark Dowse	6-0	180 Jr.		Dan Svehla	6-0	230 Sr.
LT	Tom Punt	6-8	285 Sr.	LT	Joe Sims	6-3	280 Sr.
	Steve Engstrom	6-3	290 Sr.		Le Andre Anderson	6-4	260 Sr.
	Brent Pick	6-5	265 Sr.		Paul Brungardt	6-7	270 Sr.
LG	Jim Wanek	6-1	245 Sr.	MG	Pat Engelbert	6-2	250 Jr.
	Erik Wiegert	6-4	270 Jr.		Mike Jefferson	6-2	280 Fr.
	Jeff Chaney	6-2	250 Jr.		Greg Koellner	6-3	280 Jr.
C	David Edeal	6-2	260 Sr.	RT	Kenny Walker	6-4	240 Sr.
	Bill Ziegelbein	6-5	240 Jr.		Brian Brown	6-6	260 Jr.
	Terris Chorney	6-1	250 So.		David Noonan	6-3	265 Jr.
RG	Will Shields	6-2	260 So.	ROLB	Mike Croel	6-3	225 Sr.
	Dave Jensen	6-5	275 So.		Dan Svehla	6-0	230 Sr.
	Chris Zyzda	6-2	255 So.		Trev Alberts	6-4	220 Fr.
RT	Brian Boerboom	6-7	285 Jr.	SLB	Mike Petko	6-2	230 Jr.
	Terry Eymann	6-6	265 Sr.		Matt Penland	6-0	220 So.
	Ray Riefenrath	6-5	290 Jr.		Troy Branch	6-2	220 Fr.
TE	William Washington	6-2	245 So.	WLB	Pat Tyrance	6-2	240 Sr.
	Daryl Leise	6-2	230 Jr.		Mike Anderson	6-1	230 Fr.
	Johnny Mitchell	6-5	250 Fr.		Paul Wightman	6-1	220 So.
QB	Mickey Joseph	5-11	180 Jr.	LCB	Bruce Pickens	5-11	190 Sr.
	Mike Grant	6-2	210 Jr.		Jon Crippen	5-10	170 Sr.
	Tom Haase	6-0	180 Jr.		Robert Hicks	5-10	185 Sr.
FB	Lance Lewis	6-0	225 So.	RCB	Tahaun Lewis	5-11	170 Sr.
	Omar Soto	5-11	220 Jr.		Tyrone Legette	5-9	180 Jr.
	Tim Johnk	5-10	215 Jr.		Greg Salvo	5-9	170 Sr.
IB	Leodis Flowers	5-11	200 Jr.	SS	Reggie Cooper	6-3	210 Sr.
	Scott Baldwin	6-1	200 So.		Curtis Cotton	6-1	210 Jr.
	George Achola	5-11	195 Jr.		Robert Hicks	5-10	185 Sr.
WB	Tyrone Hughes	5-9	175 So.	FS	Tyrone Byrd	5-11	165 So.
	Nate Turner	6-2	225 Jr.		Steve Carmer	6-1	205 So.
	Brad Devall	5-9	180 Sr.		Will Thomas	6-0	175 Jr.

Inclement weather forces NU inside

From Staff Reports

Rain and sleet forced Nebraska's football team into the Cook Pavilion Tuesday for a two-hour practice in preparation for the team's matchup with Kansas this weekend.

Missing practice was wingback Nate Turner, who is nursing a groin pull sustained in last Saturday's game against Colorado. Several other play-

ers slowed by injuries practiced, including safety Reggie Cooper and defensive tackle Kenny Walker.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said tight end William Washington, who is still recovering from an ankle injury suffered four weeks ago, played well against Colorado.

"He went through the game on 1 1/2 legs," Osborne said. "He's played very well considering the circumstances."

Athletes honored for grades

From Staff Reports

Thirty-four University of Nebraska-Lincoln student athletes have been selected as Phillips 66/Big Eight Classroom Champions for the 1990-91 academic year.

These student athletes are among representatives from each Big Eight institution. They will be recognized in presentations on each campus during the upcoming academic year.

To be considered for the honor, a student athlete must have a cumulative grade-point average above 3.0 and have earned a varsity letter.

The UNL student athletes selected include:

Men

Baseball — Greg Thorell, Aaron Bilyeu

Football — David Edeal, Pat Engelbert, Mike Stigge, Pat Tyrance, Jim Wanek

Basketball — Kelly Lively, Beau Reid

Golf — Shawn Hackman

Gymnastics — Brad Bryan

Swimming — William Murray

Tennis — Jay Segrist

Track and Field — Andy Snyder, Kirk Pettit, Paul Larkin

Wrestling — John Buxton, Jason Kelber

Women

Basketball — Ann Halsne, Karen Jennings

Golf — Joanne Brooks

Gymnastics — Karla Cash, Cheryl Ocel

Track and Field — Lynne Frey, Tricia Martin, Angie Lippold

Softball — Amy Killman

Swimming — Leane Maruk

Tennis — Rachel Collins, Ann Flannery

Volleyball — Becky Bolli, Cris Hall, Janet Kruse,

AFC

East Division	W	L	T
Buffalo Bills	7	1	0
Miami Dolphins	7	1	0
New York Jets	4	5	0
Indianapolis Colts	2	6	0
New England Patriots	1	7	0

Central Division	W	L	T
Cincinnati Bengals	5	4	0
Pittsburgh Steelers	5	4	0
Houston Oilers	4	5	0
Cleveland Browns	2	7	0

West Division	W	L	T
Los Angeles Raiders	6	2	0
Kansas City Chiefs	5	3	0
San Diego Chargers	4	5	0
Denver Broncos	3	5	0
Seattle Seahawks	3	5	0

NFC	W	L	T
East Division	8	0	0
New York Giants	8	0	0
Washington Redskins	5	3	0
Philadelphia Eagles	4	4	0
Dallas Cowboys	3	6	0
Phoenix Cardinals	2	6	0

Central Division	W	L	T
Chicago Bears	7	1	0
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	4	5	0
Detroit Lions	3	5	0
Green Bay Packers	3	5	0
Minnesota Vikings	2	6	0

West Division	W	L	T
San Francisco 49ers	8	0	0
Atlanta Falcons	3	5	0
Los Angeles Rams	3	5	0
New Orleans Saints	3	5	0

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