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Difficult times ahead say black educators

SAN DIEGO (AP) — While black educators are denouncing the NCAA's tougher academic rules, Marino Casem suggests the traditional college powers are the ones who really should be worried.

"The ones that have nine black starters on their football team, and four black starters on their basketball team, and dominate the Top 20 year after year, they're in trouble," said Casem, football coach and athletic director at predominantly black Alcorn State, said Wednesday.

"They've been taking those kids out of the projects in New Orleans, plucking them off the Dan Ryan Expressway in Chicago. Now they've got to get them to score 700 on the SAT. Are you kidding me? This is going to whiten up a lot of boys. You can't win the Kentucky Derby riding a jackass, you've got to have the horses. And they aren't going to have the horses."

Some of the most emotionally charged debate in NCAA convention history preceded the passage of the toughened academic requirements Tuesday. The main issue was the requirement that high school graduates must score at least 700 on the SAT or 15 on the ACT college entrance exams to be eligible at Division I schools. Those who fail to meet the requirements will not be

shut out of college, only out of NCAA Division I.

The rules, which take effect Aug. 1, 1986, do not apply to NCAA Division II or III, nor do they affect the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, the largest grouping of small schools.

In addition, the delegates passed what could be viewed as a loophole when they approved a measure saying that high school athletes who do not meet the new requirements can accept a college scholarship but may not compete during their first year.

Nearly all black delegates here, along with a few whites, charged that the ACT and SAT tests are regionally and racially discriminatory.

But white educators stood their ground, arguing that steps have to be taken to stop the spreading academic scandals and the exploitation of athletes of all races. A few presidents of black colleges, including Jesse Stone of Southern and Joseph Johnson of Grambling, said the convention's action was "blatant racism."

"I choose not to believe that," said Prentice Gautt, who broke the color line at Oklahoma in the late 1950s and now serves as assistant commissioner of the Big Eight. "But this is going to cause a lot of high schools, and a lot of universities, to make some adjustments."

Sampson sparks Cavaliers win

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Ralph Sampson scored 33 points, 19 in the second half, as No. 2 Virginia overcame a 16-point deficit to beat 19th-ranked North Carolina State 88-80 in Atlantic Coast Conference basketball Wednesday night.

Sampson, who hauled down 21 rebounds, keyed a late Virginia surge in the first half and sparked two more rallies in the second half as Virginia moved

to 12-1 overall, 3-0 in the ACC.

Rick Carlisle scored 14, while Othell Wilson and Ricky Stokes had 10 each.

The Cavaliers benefitted from the absence of N.C. State guard Dereck Whittenburg, who suffered an ankle injury and was taken to a local hospital for X-rays. Whittenburg scored 27 first-half points, including seven of nine shots from 3-point range.

NCAA adds new rules

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The National Collegiate Athletic Association approved Wednesday an annual preseason college football game between two major teams to benefit the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame.

Delegates to the NCAA's annual convention also permitted Division I-A football teams to add a ninth full-time assistant coach, while eliminating two part-time assistants. However, they turned down a proposal to add a third full-time basketball assistant.

The delegates also attempted to cut down on recruiting violations by prohibiting off-campus recruiting by alumni and boosters and they adopted stringent ethical conduct rules which could result in athletes being declared ineligible, plus punitive action against staff members who violate NCAA regulations.

They passed a measure requiring schools to include in coaches' contracts a provision that the coach's employment may be suspended or terminated if he violates NCAA regulations.

Ducks take on mighty Bruins

Don't expect a miracle when Oregon visits smoggy Los Angeles to face Pac-10 leader UCLA tonight.

"It's not an easy place to bounce back from a loss," says Oregon coach Jim Haney, who watched his Ducks drop an 80-74 league game to Stanford last weekend to even their Pac-10 record at 1-1 and drop their season record to 5-6.

Bouncing back against a team like the Bruins will be more than "not easy" — it will be downright difficult.

The Ducks have never beaten the Bruins in the four years Haney has been at the Oregon helm. In fact, UCLA owns a 10-game winning streak in the series, and they are currently ranked fifth in both national wire service polls with a 9-1 season record.

The Bruins can score from just about anywhere on the floor, with their inside game centered around 7-0 sophomore center Stuart Gray and UCLA's two leading scorers, forwards Darren Daye

(16.5 points per game) and Kenny Fields (18.3 points).

They don't lack at the guard position either with senior Rod Foster, who masquerades as a greyhound when he takes to the basketball court and averages 15.1 points per game, and junior Ralph Jackson.

UCLA, with four starters returning from last year, bumped off Arizona 92-87 and barely edged Arizona State 87-86 in its opening Pac-10 weekend last week.

Haney, whose Ducks are tied for third in the conference with five other teams, may offer the Bruins a chance to look at Oregon's seventh different starting lineup of the year.

Senior Paul Bain may be the latest addition to the Duck's starting lineup, replacing sophomore Greg Bell — who only played four minutes last Saturday — at point guard. Bain played 30 minutes in Oregon's loss to Stanford and tallied 12 points, proving especially effective from the baseline.

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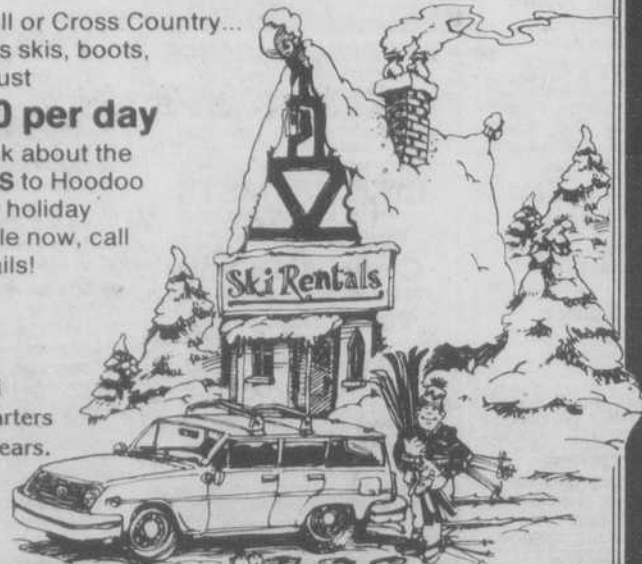
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