

# Husky QB Hobert gets boot for accepting loans

SEATTLE (AP) — The University of Washington declared Tuesday that Husky quarterback Billy Joe Hobert is ineligible to play intercollegiate sports.

Athletic Director Barbara Hedges said an investigation determined that \$50,000 in loans Hobert received last spring violated NCAA rules.

She said she did not think UW athletic officials had acted improperly and didn't think the Huskies should have to forfeit

any of the eight games Hobert played in this season.

"This is a very complicated story and a sad day for the football program and Billy Joe Hobert," Hedges said. "Billy is a young man with good intentions who never meant to jeopardize himself or his teammates."

Hobert, most valuable player in this year's Rose Bowl, obtained the loans from the father-in-law of a friend.

An investigation determined that terms of the loans were improper because a promissory note signed by Hobert included payback terms based on his future earnings as professional football player.

Hobert, a junior, was temporarily suspended from competition last week after details of the loans were published by *The Seattle Times*.

The suspension is for an indefinite pe-

riod, Hedges said at a news conference. The next step will be to decide whether to seek restoration of Hobert's eligibility.

"When I took out the loan, it was in hope I could straighten out my life," Hobert told a news conference. "I take full responsibility for my actions."

Hobert said he will stay in school. "My career as a football player is not ended with this decision. It has only just begun," Hobert said.

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