

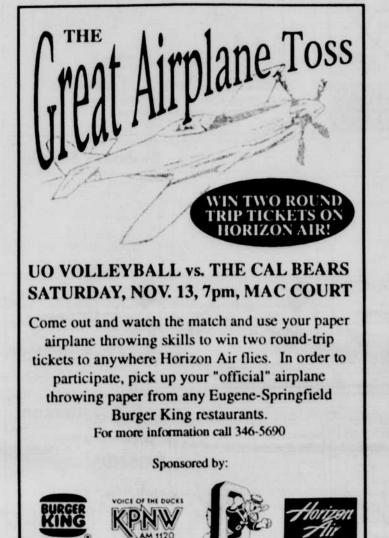
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UNLV gets three-year probation

LAS VEGAS (AP) - UNLV effectively closed the Jerry Tarkanian era Tuesday, accepting a three-year probation from the NCAA that allows the men's basketball team to compete in postseason play.

In a settlement of allegations dating back to Tarkanian's 1986 recruitment of former New York City prep star Lloyd Daniels. UNLY agreed to sanctions on television appearances and scheduling. But the school kept its chance to play in the NCAA postseason tournament.

UNLV admitted to 26 unspecified violations in the agreement, which the NCAA said revolved around inducements and benefits to recruits and current UNLV athletes. Neither side released specific violations because of an ongoing court dispute involving the state's dueprocess law.

"We're just delighted it's over and that we're still in the postseason playoffs," UNLV President Robert Maxson said. "We think we were treated fairly. It's a wonderful sense of relief that this is behind us.

NCAA officials said they were happy to settle the six-year-old case, which had been bogged down in Tarkanian's dispute with the university, and with the state's passage of a due process law the NCAA challenged in court. It was the NCAA's longest pending infractions case.

"We don't ever like to see an institution go through an infractions process that lasts more than six years," said David Swank, head of the NCAA infractions committee.

Swank credited the university's eagerness to investigate the allegations and its decision to set up more compliance efforts on campus. That reduced what would have been a mandatory minimum sanction of two years probation and a one-year total ban on postseason play and television appearances.

"But for the actions of the university, the penalties would have been much more severe."

Swank said. "But these are not a slap on the wrist. These are still fairly substantial penalties."

Tarkanian, replaced as coach after the 1991-92 season, urged the university to vigorously oppose the charges, claiming they were minor and not justified

Tarkanian was not immediately available for comment Tuesday, but his replacement, Rollie Massimino, said he could live with the sanctions.

Obviously, no one likes to be punished," Massimino said. But under the circumstances they were fair and reasonable."

The sanctions came one day before the fall signing period for high school and junior college

Under the terms of the settlement, UNLV will:

 Reduce by two the number of basketball scholarships over the next two years.

· Not be able to schedule any home games except against Big West Conference opponents in the 1994-95 season.

· Be prohibited from televising anywhere non-conference regular season road games for the next two seasons.

· Be barred from using any exceptions to NCAA limits on the number of basketball games for preseason tournaments and foreign tours.

 Reduce the number of paid visits by recruits to the campus from 15 to 10 over the next two

"This is a big relief," UNLV captain Dedan Thomas said. "It's a great weight off everyone's shoulders. Now we can get down to what we're supposed to do and not have to worry about anything but basketball."

University athletic director Jim Weaver said only road games with UCLA and Georgetown that were to be televised by ESPN would be affected by the penalties this season. Weaver said he would try to get UCLA officials to switch the game to Las Vegas so it still could be televised.

The violations stem from a probe begun by the NCAA following a 1987 New York Newsday article on the recruitment of Daniels, now with the NBA San Antonio Spurs, who never played for UNLV.

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The NCAA listed 34 alleged violations against the university in December 1990, but the resolution of the case was delayed because of legal battles over Nevada's due process law.

The settlement Tuesday applies only to the university and not to any possible NCAA actions against coaches or other personnel named in the charges.

Tarkanian's departure from the school was bitter, with the former coach claiming UNLV administrators planted negative stories in the media about him in an ultimately successful effort to get him to resign. Tarkanian coached 19 years at the university, and his teams reached four Final Fours and won the national championship in 1990.

The former coach has had a stormy relationship with the NCAA, which he contends goes back to critical comments he made about the organization while a coach at Long Beach State. Tuesday's sanctions mark the third time the NCAA has placed schools on probation for alleged violations while Tarkanian was coaching.

Swank, though, said the penalties were structured so current players would be affected

'Many of the present studentathletes were in high school or junior high school when these violations occurred," Swank

Levy honored for Oregon game

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. (AP) - Arizona's Chuck Levy, a tailback who moved to quarterback to help beat Oregon, and Washington State's DeWayne Patterson, who registered two sacks in a loss to UCLA, were named Pacific-10 Conference players of the week Monday.

Also honored for his play on special teams was UCLA punt returner Paul Guidry, he returned eight punts for 124 yards against the Cougars.

Levy, a junior, moved from his customary position to fill in at quarterback after 13th-ranked Arizona's first two quarterbacks were hurt. Levy directed the Wildcats to a 31-10 victory over Oregon, rushing 27 times for 126 yards.

Patterson's two sacks were for minus-15 yards. The junior had five total tackles and returned an interception 89 yards for a touchdown in Washington State's 40-27 loss to 10th-ranked UCLA.



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