

OSU coach considers retirement

CORVALLIS (AP) — Oregon State women's basketball coach Aki Hill says she's considering retirement after an internal investigation uncovered violations of NCAA rules.

Hill said the violations were minor and were not the main reason she may leave the school after 17 years. But she said the investigation affected her.

"One minor violation is already one too many for me," Hill said. "I took it very hard that we made a mistake."

Athletic Director Dutch Baughman said the violations have been reported to the Pacific 10 Conference, but he refused to provide details.

Baughman said, however, the Pac-10 and NCAA could deem them major violations.

The university has imposed sanctions on the women's program that include declaring some current players ineligible, Baughman said. He declined to elaborate.

"When you submit a self-report

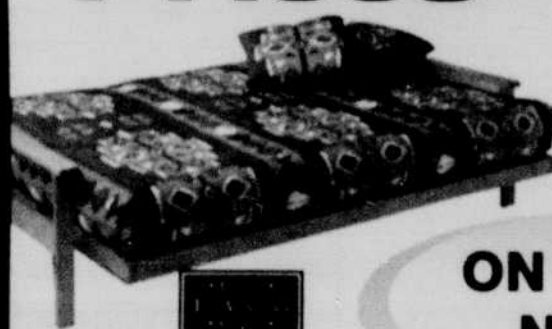
with compliance violations involving coaches, it's a very serious matter," Baughman said.

The announcement of violations followed recent reports that he asked Hill to retire. Baughman denied he asked or recommended Hill's retirement.

He also declined to comment if he would retain Hill as basketball coach if she decided not to retire.

"Aki knows what we are dealing with," Baughman said. "She knows what her options are."

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CLUB NOTES

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For the Oregon Daily Emerald

After last weekend's first place showing in Seattle, the men's and women's crew team will try their luck a little closer to home in the Corvallis regatta on Saturday. The 1,000-meter regatta sponsored by Oregon State will host some of the best and most experienced crew teams in the northwest. Teams such as Puget Sound, Gonzaga, Pacific Lutheran and Willamette are all scheduled to race.

Oregon's men's team will compete in the novice eight, novice four, novice light four and varsity divisions in this weekend's regatta. The women's team will also compete in the novice eight, novice light four and varsity divisions.

The men's lacrosse team will continue its league play this weekend with a game against Linfield College on Saturday. Oregon puts its undefeated spring league record on the line against one of the league's toughest teams.

"I expect this to be a very physical game like it was last year," player/coach Ian Haight said. "We have our work cut out for us."

Oregon is 5-2 overall this spring.

The Oregon fencing team will send two students and two coaches to Seattle this weekend to compete in the Pacific Northwest Sectional championships.

"It's a regional tourney, the top six individual qualifiers go to nationals," fencing coach Ian Valentine said.

The division one fencing championships will take place later this year in Louisville, Ky.

The women's Lacrosse team will open up play this weekend with a tournament in Santa Cruz, Calif.

The Equestrian team will compete this weekend in Fresno, Calif.

The University karate club team will compete in an open tournament on Saturday morning at 9:30 at Roosevelt Middle School. The team will send five members to compete in its first tournament of the year.

The University sailing team will compete this weekend in San Francisco, Calif.

The men's and women's ultimate frisbee team will travel to Davis, Calif., for more spring tournament action.

Cone traded to Toronto

HAINES CITY, Fla. (AP) — Declaring the future of baseball in Kansas City is at stake, the Royals traded Cy Young Award winner David Cone and his \$5 million salary to the Toronto Blue Jays on Thursday for three minor leaguers.

"Our number one goal is to keep baseball in Kansas City and keep it viable," general manager Herk Robinson said. "That's what we want to do the most."

The day before dealing their best pitcher, the Royals, who claim they lost \$25 million last season, unloaded their best outfielder, Brian McRae, to the Chicago Cubs for two prospects. Kansas City was furious the strike

ended without securing revenue-sharing for small-market clubs.

Toronto was pleased at the return of Cone, who helped the Blue Jays win the 1992 World Series.

"David's our No. 1 starter now," Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston said. "We'll try to start the season with him. David is one of the premier pitchers in all of baseball."

The two trades plus a few lesser moves have trimmed a \$40 million payroll to about \$30 million.

"When we say we're doing what's best for the Kansas City Royals, I mean that literally," Robinson said.

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