

Miami drug-testing program attacked

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — The University of Miami's drug-testing policy fell into disarray under athletic director Paul Dee, which allowed former coach Dennis Erickson to withhold players' positive results, a published report says.

Dee admitted knowing of one case in which he wasn't notified of positive drug-test results, the *Sun-Sentinel* of Fort Lauderdale reported Sunday.

"Based on the information available, I believe that Coach Erickson was responsible for sending the results to me," Dee said.

Two university sources said the case came before the 1995 Orange Bowl game, the *Sun-Sentinel* reported.

An investigation that included interviews with more than a dozen former and current university drug-policy officials found that a drug program once considered among the nation's finest has crumbled since Dee became athletic director in 1993, the newspaper said.

By the end of last season, "the whole drug program had fallen apart," said Dr. John Uribe, football team physician.

Added Doug Johnson, the NCAA compliance officer at Miami in 1987-93: "With the success growing and national pressures mounting, my feeling is the University of Miami became willing to do whatever it took to stay a contender to keep getting the Nike contracts and the bowl bids."

Among the *Sun-Sentinel's* findings:

- Under Dee, disciplinary measures were softened in the drug policy and key safeguarding provisions disappeared. His predecessors as athletic director, Sam Jankovich and Dave Maggard, considered the safeguards vital to the policy's integrity.

- Erickson moved directly into the chain of command for handling positive test results, contrary to longstanding policy.

- Drug-policy changes helped All-America defensive tackle Warren Sapp avoid at least two suspensions that could have ended his collegiate career. Sapp tested positive

for marijuana four times, the final one coming before the Orange Bowl, university records show.

Questions about Miami's drug policy and Sapp's test results surfaced publicly last month. Once considered a sure top-five draft pick, Sapp fell to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers with the 12th selection April 22.

The university is investigating Erickson's drug-policy actions and has asked independent testing laboratories to provide every player's drug-testing records during the past five years.

Failure by the school to follow its drug policy could be an NCAA violation. School drug policies are voluntary under NCAA rules. However, the NCAA requires that if a school has a drug policy, it must be followed.

University president Edward Foote has ordered that the drug-testing program be reviewed "for its effectiveness, concept and implementation."

"There are certain public allegations which cause me concern," Foote said.

Foote has appointed Dee to lead the school's investigation, and Dee has informed the NCAA about drug policy concerns. With Miami already conducting internal investigations for Pell Grant fraud and play-for-pay allegations, questions increase over institutional control.

In response to the latest disclosures, Dee released a statement Sunday saying an eight-month review of the drug-testing policy has been completed.

"We had determined it was appropriate to review all testing over the last five years, which we have been in the process of completing," Dee said. "When we have all of the facts, we will report to the president."

Erickson, who left Miami Jan. 12 to become coach of the Seattle Seahawks, declined to comment on questions regarding Miami's drug policy, Seahawks vice president Gary Wright said.

Inheriting a drug program that his predecessors and policy officials praised, Dee said he placed certain aspects of the policy "in flux" shortly after taking office.

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Arizona pitcher Nancy Evans scattered two hits over the five innings played. The only notable highlight for Oregon was Rose Imbriano's foul tip that went through a McArthur Court window and left a fan yelling, "Off the bat, through the window, nothing but net."

In the second game, the Ducks showed that they're still a team to be reckoned with in the Pac-10. Kampfer's pitching was strong and the hitters' bats showed life.

"In the second game, we came back and I felt more comfortable," Kampfer said. "We realized we could do a better job."

Kampfer never allowed the Wildcats to score more than two runs in any inning — and that only happened in the sixth — and the Ducks' offense came close to tallying a comeback in the final inning.

Lisa Preston led off the seventh with a single to center field. The next two batters hit into fielder choices but moved Preston into scoring position at third. Following Trina Salcido's free pass to first, Imbriano sent the crowd into a frenzy bringing in Oregon's first run of the twin-bill with a RBI single to right field.

With runners at first and second and Oregon's leading hitter Kathy Stahl in the on deck circle, Kelly Wooden popped a 2-2 pitch to the shortstop for the final out.

"I told the girls that they had nothing to be ashamed of," Oregon head coach Tami Brown said. "They played with their hearts and we just didn't come through offensively today."

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man Matt Davis and sophomore Dusty Carlson added the men's other victories. Davis ran an even pace in taking the 5,000-meter race in 14 minutes, 42.41 seconds and Carlson easily won the shot-put with a mark of 57-11 1/4.

The Ducks' best performance may have been in a non-winning effort. Senior Jeromy Williams, who started the season battling knee problems, returned to health with an NCAA provisional mark of 17-8 1/2, good for his best ever mark. Williams, how-

ever, finished second to Washington State's Christos Pallakis because Pallakis had fewer misses.

For the women, the sprinters were in complete control and Kelsey Stellick posted a double victory Saturday, leading the Ducks to an easy 102-64 victory over Washington State and its second triumph of the year over Washington.

The women won nine of 16 events with three of its top athletes in Eugene, actually turning back Washington, 85-80, when junior Jenna Carlson defeated a stout field in the 1,500-meter race, running strongly over the

last 200 meters for a 4:34.97 clocking.

The threesome of senior Camara Jones, junior LaReina Woods and sophomore Nicole Commissiong each posted an individual sprint triumph and combined with junior Jamila Godfrey to record Oregon's fastest 4x100 relay of the season, shuttling the stick around in 45.12 seconds.

Stellick, the Ducks' NCAA-bound javelin standout, won her specialty on her last attempt with a throw of 157-3, far below her 174-3 of two weeks ago, and then added a 5-5 personal best to win the high jump.

Jones and Godfrey finished 1, 2 in the 100, Woods won the 200 in 24.03 seconds and Commissiong recorded her best-ever 400 with a mark of 53.84 despite troublesome crosswinds. The Ducks actually swept the sprint events, adding a 3:40.91 victory in the 4x400 relay as well.

Junior Jenna Carlson defeated a stout field in the 1,500 with a 4:34.97 clocking, posting a two-second triumph over Angie Froese of Washington and Anny Hobbs of Washington. Oregon sophomore Christie Engesser was fourth in a 4:40.13 PR and Tara Carlson, Jenna's sister, was fifth.

The Ducks' other victories were recorded by freshman Kaarin Knudson in the 800 with a 2:12.68 and senior Joni Wareham, who captured the 3,000. Knudson actually had been designated as Oregon's non-scoring entry in the race.

Jones was held out of the 200 with a sore hamstring and distance standout Melody Fairchild (shin) and horizontal jumper Sara Jessie (heel) did not travel to Pullman for the meet.

Both teams will participate in the Oregon Twilight next weekend at Hayward Field before traveling to Tucson, Ariz., on May 13 for the conference meet.



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