

From the other side...
by
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Pay for play

Big-time college basketball and football is getting to be a bit ridiculous. Every time you turn around one of the winning schools is either under investigation, on probation, or getting off probation, and a few are restarting programs after the "death penalty".

The schools just don't seem to be scared of an impending investigation by the NCAA. Of course if they are found guilty, they will suffer a pinch in the wallet due to not being able to be seen on television. But by that time they have made hundreds of thousands of dollars and due to their process, will not be unduly hurt in the recruiting department.

What about the coaches of these teams? The two most frequent ways to lose your job in coaching is to have a couple of losing seasons or be asked to resign for the good of the school during an investigation. (Note: the latter one resigns while the former is fired.)

The ones that have winning programs usually are able to bounce back and find another top job, while the ones that have an honest program the whole time find it much harder to get another head coaching job.

I know that this isn't a new suggestion, but it is one I have come to believe in lately: paying college athletes some sort of wage for their performances. I have always felt that athletes go to college because one, they want an education along with a place to play their sport. The term "student athlete" is becoming a joke with few exceptions.

I don't know what else can be done to clean up the sports, unless the National Football League and National Basketball Association stops using the colleges as farm teams and pay for their own talent pools like baseball does.

You rarely, if ever, hear of a college basketball team under investigation. The players that are good enough to be the ones who get paid by the alumni are already playing professional in some major league team's farm system.

There is no need for them to put up a hypocritical front of being in college for the education, when some of the really star players are biding their time until they can get out and into the pros. Look at the large number of juniors who are giving up their last year of eligibility to jump into the NFL.

As I said before, I don't know what should be done but something is definitely needed.

Injuries sidetrack Hobson from completing goals

by Staci Beard
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For someone who has only wrestled one year out of the last five, Lance Hobson made a nice comeback.

One of only two to qualify for Nationals, Hobson placed second at the NJCAA Region 18 Championship. Hobson was ahead of his opponent 5-0 in the finals but had an injury default due to a broken sternum suffered in Regionals.

Even though unable to wrestle, Hobson traveled to the Nationals in North Dakota where he watched the guy he was beating in Regionals place fourth.

"It was real tough watching the guy I was beating place fourth. He was just points away from placing higher," explained Hobson, "It was tough."

Coach Jim Jackson also felt that Hobson had a real good chance to place well in Nationals.

"Lance is a little bit older than the average junior college wrestler, and with that experience he was better capable to work toward those goals than a younger student athlete. He came a long way this season and he knew he had a long way to go. My belief is that if he wasn't injured that he probably would have been in the finals at Nationals," stated Jackson.

Before Regionals Hobson suffered another injury at the CCC Invitational where he again had to injury default in the finals due

to a rib injury sustained in the semis.

With the impairments, Hobson has wondered if he should have done something different.

"I sometimes wondered if I didn't work hard enough and that if I had I wouldn't have gotten injured," explained Hobson.

The last time Hobson was on a mat was three years ago when he competed for Pacific University, but he had to quit to work full time. He came back to the sport at CCC while he still could be competitive.

"The older you get, the less chance to compete. I wanted to do it while I had the chance to still be competitive," stated Hobson.

The individual aspect of the sport also appeals to him.

"In football or baseball it is the team that gets noticed. Individuals stand out, but you go by how the team does. In wrestling, it is you against the other guys," said Hobson.

That doesn't mean he rules out teams sports. This spring he will be catching for the Cougar baseball team.

Hobson will be returning to Clackamas next year to work on his plans of a business education degree and play another year of baseball, but won't be able to participate in wrestling because he has used up all his eligibility. He will wrestle in some open tournaments and help the team as an assistant coach, a career he would



Hobson was only one of two Cougars to make Nationals. He was unable to compete due to a broken sternum.

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like to continue.

Hobson also wants to keep going in wrestling. Right now due to NCAA rules he won't be eligible to wrestle at a NCAA school but he is looking at NAIA schools.

"Next year while assisting the team he will still be wrestling in open tournaments and keep moving forward in his wrestling. If he uses the next year wisely, in the next year or two he can be a NAIA Champion. But most of his

emphasis will be on baseball. Overall I think it will help his intensity and dedication in wrestling for the following year.

In wrestling he found a person who gave him a lot of help: Coach Jackson.

"He is one of the best people and best coaches I have been associated with. He is great at motivating. He knows what you can do and helps you get there," stated Hobson.

Basketball draws Hewlett back to CCC

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Angela Hewlett, 21, star point guard for the CCC Cougars' girls basketball team, is just one of the many prize catches netted in the International Student Program at Clackamas Community College. Originally from Sydney, Australia, she is making her mark in the CCC athletic department.

"I was here (in the states) last year and I knew then I wanted to come back," said Hewlett.

Angela explained that schools do not have competitive team sports in Australia, but rather, they are only available through organized clubs. So initially it was Angela's Australian basketball club that brought her to the states for competitions up and down the west coast.

"Coach Phil Garver asked me if I would be interested in coming back here for school, and I already knew I wanted to return (to the U.S.)."

Since her return to CCC, Hewlett has become a key player in this season for the Cougars. Finishing first in the league, the Cougars are boasting of their international fortune in Angela Hewlett. Her name frequently dots the sports pages of The Clackamas Print with her high scoring and aggressive handling of the basketball. In fact, Hewlett was named "Women's Athlete of the Month"

for December.

At home in Australia, they are now in the last of their summer months. Her parents and brother continue to live in Sydney, while she did get a surprise visit for her birthday in December.

Hewlett balanced out her athletic personality with a description of "The Opera House," an acoustically perfect dome that has been the pride of the Sydney harbor for years, where she has sung with her school choir.

Hewlett plans to continue on here, majoring in physical education, and then moving to a University on the west coast. She adds, "I want to pass on what I know to others... but I'll always want to be a player."



Hewlett came back to Clackamas from Sydney, Australia to complete education and play basketball.

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