

Men's College Basketball

Advice for overseas basketball tours: Players be aware, respectful

Three UCLA players arrested during trip to China

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TEMPE, Ariz. — Washington coach Mike Hopkins has taken multiple teams overseas with USA Basketball, coaching in Olympics, world championships and various events.

Each time a team goes on an international trip, the message is the same: Enjoy yourselves, but realize you're in a foreign country. The laws and culture are not the same as those in the United States, so be aware and respectful.

"When you're in a foreign country, different rules," Hopkins said. "You have to know the lay of the land because every country has different rules, different regulations and treat each case a lot differently."

The arrest of three UCLA players on shoplifting charges in China exemplifies the need to take such precautions.

The players, identified by The Los Angeles Times as Cody Riley, Jalen Hill and LiAngelo Ball, were arrested for shoplifting ahead of their game against Georgia Tech in Shanghai.

Pac-12 Conference Commissioner Larry Scott has said UCLA is cooperating with local authorities after the basketball players were "involved in a situation" in China, with police being summoned to the team's hotel to investigate.

The NCAA does not provide behavior guidelines



Citing a person close to the situation, the Los Angeles Times reported that UCLA freshmen LiAngelo Ball (right), Cody Riley (middle) and Jalen Hill (left) were involved in a shoplifting incident in China. UCLA basketball coach Steve Alford will sit the three players for Saturday's game against Georgia Tech in Shanghai.

for teams going overseas, leaving it up to the conferences and schools.

The Pac-12, which has held games in China annually since 2015, provides teams with a detailed manual on all of the activities and schedule for the overseas trip, including a section on cultural etiquette, social issues, safety and other overseas travel information related to the foreign country. UCLA also provided a pre-trip orientation for the players, according to the Pac-12.

Washington was the first Pac-12 school to play in China, the game coming two years ago against Texas. Its players took classes on culture, language and rules before going.

"We live by a quote: 'It's not how you do anything, it's how you do everything,'" said Hopkins, who replaced Lorenzo Romar during the offseason. "If you make bad decisions off the court, you're probably going to

make bad decisions on the court. Understanding that we're teaching these kids to be professionals. We don't just say professional basketball players. Professional people."

Most overseas trips have full schedules, loaded with practices, games, team activities, group sightseeing. But coaches also want the players to experience the new culture on their own, so they work in free time for them to explore.

The free times are when awareness of being in a foreign country becomes most vital for the players.

"You talk about it. You do, but all I can tell you is you can't be with them every second," said Tennessee coach Rick Barnes, whose team played in Europe this summer. "You're going to give them some free time. You'd like to think that somewhere along the line, someone's taught them that you don't take what's not yours. You hate to see it because of what we've gone

through with basketball right now, but the fact is that's what we are, we've got to continue to educate in everything that we do."

Driving it home is not always easy. The players are typically 18 to 22 years old, excited to be in a new country and unfamiliar of their surroundings. Something they might do in the U.S. without thinking about could be frowned upon or even illegal in a foreign country.

There's also the issue of safety, perhaps from wandering into a bad area of town or ending up in a place they're not supposed to be.

"We have a good bunch of guys, but we did remind them at various times during the trip to be aware of their surroundings," said Arizona State coach Bobby Hurley, whose team played in Spain and Italy this summer. "You want them to have some free time, so we're not going to be around them the whole time and want them to be aware of what's around them."

The story of the 'Fosbury Flop'



Dick Fosbury, of USA, clears the bar in the high-jump at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics.

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Last Tuesday at 7:39 a.m., I pressed "send" to transfer a 76,098-word book manuscript to my publisher. Letting go of a manuscript is like taking your kid to college — neither is ever totally ready to go, but there comes a point when you simply have to kick them out the house. Nevermind that a few of your particples still may be dangling or you could have polished up one chapter a bit more, a deadline is a deadline — and, in this case, yours comes after you begged for, and were granted, a two-week extension.

My book is about Dick Fosbury, the Medford and Oregon State kid who couldn't high-jump worth squat so he literally turned his back on the establishment by inventing his own style. He won a gold medal in Mexico City in 1968 and revolutionized the high-jumping world. Everyone today uses the Fosbury Flop, though most jumpers have no clue the backwards-over-the-bar style actually had a start point — April 20, 1963, in Grants Pass — and no clue who Dick Fosbury is.

"What are you up to today?" a young barista in Sutherlin asked me last February.

"I'm heading to Medford to a banquet," I said. "Going to hear Dick Fosbury speak."

"Oh," she said. "Do you know someone in the band?"

That was the day I launched the project. I needed to get the manuscript done fast because the publisher, Sky Horse in New York, wants the book out a few months before Oct. 20, 2018, the 50-year anniversary of Fosbury's Olympic-record jump.

Now, four hours after pressing "send" — and after two months of getting up at 4 a.m. or 5 a.m. each day to write — I finally have a moment to put the 10-month process in perspective. And doing so evokes a Martin Buber quote: "Every journey has a secret destination of which the traveler is unaware."

Who knew that I would be standing with Fosbury in the Sierra Nevada, at 7,377 feet up in the middle of a forest? In 1968, to replicate the high elevation of Mexico City, the United States Olympic Committee charged Oregon track and field coach Bill Bowerman to find a high-altitude site for training and trials to choose the team.

Bowerman had a track plopped down above South Lake Tahoe, Calif., leaving more than a 100 pines in the middle of the oval and granite boulders nudging the long-jump runway. Fosbury, now 70, and I were able to find the exact spot where he made what I contend was his greatest jump — yes, even greater than his 7-4/4 gold-medal leap.

Who knew that, while on the phone with long-jumper Ralph Boston I'd get a call from Tommie Smith, who, along with John Carlos, had raised a black-glove in the air on the victory podium in Mexico City to protest racial inequality?

Who knew I would wind up at a dinner that a couple outside Medford hosted for me so I could talk to about a dozen people who had gone to

school with Dick — one of whom, it turns out, was a member of the Kingston Trio? And, yep, Bob Haworth does take requests, blessing a living room full of us with The New Christy Minstrel's 1964 song "Today" and three others.

At one point in my research, I was trying to track down an ex-Grants Pass high-jumper named Bob Shepard. He had won the high jump at the 1963 meet in which Dick first started modifying a "scissors"-style jump into what became the Flop. After weeks of research, I learned he not only lives in Eugene, but had been an across-the-street neighbor of mine in the 1990s.

Knowing that baseball analyst and former Seattle Mariner Harold Reynolds learned to "Flop" from Dick himself, I interviewed him one day. And the next was looking in a 1967 photo of Fosbury jumping at OSU's Bell Field — only to see, in the crowd, the face of a 7-year-old boy who looked familiar: Harold Reynolds.

Book research takes on a life of its own — and sometimes death. I talked to Dick's 94-year-old father, Doug, in March; in June he was gone.

One thing led to another as I followed the secret destinations. At Grants Pass High, after seeing the field on which Fosbury first Flopped, I saw two similar trophies in a trophy case — for the same state football championship. Odd. And one is burned. The athletic director told me the story of the team bus was coming over Sexton Pass one December night in 1948 after Grants Pass had won the state football championship in Portland. Only 20 minutes from awaiting crowd, the bus careened off the road, down a 200-foot grade, broke in two and exploded in fire. Two players died. But nearly two dozen survived when someone used the trophy to bust out the windows in the bus so the young men could escape the inferno. The school was given a new trophy but also displays the old, so nobody will forget.

Yes, I found a way to weave that anecdote into the book: the idea that desperation leads to imagination. It's the same force, I believe, that led Fosbury to re-invent himself as a high jumper after the death of a little brother and the breakup of his parents' marriage, leaving a kid hungry to belong. And a track team being his only choice to make that happen.

The same force that helps an author finish a book even when there are not enough hours in the day.

You write, write, write. You hand off the story to eight people, including former Runner's World editor Joe Henderson, and they show you the errors of your ways — hundreds and hundreds of them. You make the fixes. You polish. Then one day hit "send."

Ah, you think, it's over. But then you remember the kid-off-to-college metaphor. You may have let go, but you're not done — not by a long shot.

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CBC: Ten TigerScots fill up 14 all-league selections

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OL, DL), Michael Connell (honorable mention OL) and Cody Griffin (honorable mention DB).

And Weston-McEwen placed 10 players in 14 spots, led by senior Brett Speed at first team quarterback and first team linebacker. Behind Speed were senior Parker Munck (first team DB, second team WR), junior Patton Wright (first team DL, second team OL), junior Weston Phillips (first team OL, second team DL), junior Dylan Cain (second team

RB), senior Jacob Speed (second team DB), junior Will Muilenburg (honorable mention OL), sophomore Kelen McGill (honorable mention WR), senior Logan Bates (honorable mention DL), and freshman LeBraun Albert (honorable mention DB).

The full teams are listed below.

CBC All-League Selections

FIRST TEAM
Quarterback — Brett Speed, Weston-McEwen, sr.
Running Back — Adrian Renner, Stanfield, sr.; Justin Keeney, Stanfield, sr.; Coby Dougherty, Heppner, sr.; Victor Torres, Culver, jr.
Wide Receivers — Beau Wolters,

Heppner, sr.; Weston Basl, Culver, sr.; Joe Russo, Culver, sr.
Offensive Line — Mario Sanchez, Stanfield, so.; Tyler Carter, Heppner, jr.; Wyatt Steagall, Heppner, sr.; Cole Little, Culver, sr.; Weston Phillips, Weston-McEwen, jr.
Defensive Line — Cole Little, Culver, sr.; Mario Sanchez, Stanfield, so.; Wyatt Steagall, Heppner, sr.; Tyler Carter, Heppner, jr.; Patton Wright, Weston-McEwen, jr.
Linebackers — Gavin Hanna-Robinson, Heppner, so.; Coby Dougherty, Heppner, sr.; Brett Speed, Weston-McEwen, sr.; Joe Russo, Culver, jr.
Defensive Back — Adrian Renner, Stanfield, sr.; Justin Keeney, Stanfield, sr.; Beau Wolters, Heppner, sr.; Weston Basl, Culver, sr.; Parker Munck, Weston-McEwen, sr.
Punter — Jorge Olivera, Culver, sr.
Kicker — Jorge Olivera, Culver, sr.
SECOND TEAM
Quarterback — Jayden Wilson, Heppner, fr.
Running Back — Dylan Cain, Weston-McEwen, jr.; Makiah Blankenship, Stanfield, sr.
Wide Receiver — Gavin Hanna-Robinson, Heppner, so.; Mason Smith, Stanfield, so.; Parker Munck, Weston-McEwen, sr.
Offensive Line — Jason Rea, Heppner, so.; Dakota Howard, Heppner, jr.

Jerron Rhen, Culver, sr.; Patton Wright, Weston-McEwen, jr.; Rene Sanchez, Stanfield, so.
Defensive Line — Jerron Rhen, Culver, sr.; Weston Phillips, Weston-McEwen, jr.; Shayne Keltz, Stanfield, sr.
Linebacker — Makiah Blankenship, Stanfield, sr.; Jason Rea, Heppner, so.; Garrett Shell, Weston-McEwen, sr.; Mason Smith, Stanfield, so.
Defensive Back — Jacob Speed, Weston-McEwen, sr.; Jorge Olivera, Culver, sr.; Jayden Wilson, Heppner, fr.
Punter — Hunter McCanch, Stanfield, jr.
Kicker — Uriel Canillo, Stanfield, so.
HONORABLE MENTION
Quarterback — Jorge Olivera, Culver, sr.
Wide Receiver — Kelen McGill, Weston-McEwen, so.
Offensive Line — Will Muilenburg, Weston-McEwen, jr.; Kenny Bevan, Stanfield, sr.; Michael Connell, Stanfield, so.; Jonathan Figueroa, Culver, sr.
Defensive Line — Derek Howard, Heppner, jr.; Kenny Bevan, Stanfield, sr.; Logan Bates, Weston-McEwen, sr.
Defensive Back — Kevin Smith, Heppner, sr.; LeBraun Albert, Weston-McEwen, jr.; Cody Griffin, Stanfield, jr.
Punter — Logan Burright, Heppner, jr.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday
No. 6 South Albany at No. 3 Hermiston (5A quarterfinals), 7 p.m.
Saturday
No. 8 Heppner at No. 1 St. Paul (2A quarterfinals, at Newberg High School), 1 p.m.

PREP BOYS SOCCER

Saturday
No. 1 Riverside vs. No. 3 Catlin Gabel (OSAA 3A/2A/1A Championship at Liberty HS, Hillsboro), 3:30 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Friday
Eastern Oregon vs. College of Idaho (CCC Tournament at Corban University), 4 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday
Carroll at Eastern Oregon, Noon

COLLEGE WOMEN'S WRESTLING

Sunday
Eastern Oregon at Pacific, TBD

Football

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	2	0	.750	216	179
Buffalo	5	3	0	.625	174	149
Miami	4	4	0	.500	167	179
N.Y. Jets	4	5	0	.444	191	207
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	5	3	0	.625	181	193
Jacksonville	5	3	0	.625	206	117
Houston	3	5	0	.375	229	208
Indianapolis	3	6	0	.333	162	260
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750	167	131
Baltimore	4	5	0	.444	190	171
Cincinnati	3	5	0	.375	129	158
Cleveland	0	8	0	.000	119	202

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	8	1	0	.889	283	179
Dallas	5	3	0	.625	226	178
Washington	4	4	0	.500	177	194
N.Y. Giants	1	7	0	.125	129	207
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	6	2	0	.750	221	155
Carolina	6	3	0	.667	168	159
Atlanta	4	4	0	.500	170	172
Tampa Bay	2	6	0	.250	158	198
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	4	2	0	.750	179	135
Detroit	4	4	0	.500	206	196
Green Bay	4	4	0	.500	181	191
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	134	171
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	6	2	0	.750	263	155
Seattle	6	3	0	.667	211	165
Arizona	4	5	0	.444	155	223
San Francisco	0	9	0	.000	143	239

Thursday's Game

Seattle 22, Arizona 16

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh at Indianapolis, 10 a.m.

AP Top 25

Week 11 Schedule

Friday
No. 9 Washington at Stanford, 7:30 p.m. (FS1)

Saturday

No. 1 Alabama at No. 18 Mississippi State, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

No. 2 Georgia at No. 10 Auburn, 12:30 p.m. (CBS)

No. 3 Notre Dame at No. 7 Miami, 5 p.m. (ABC)

No. 4 Clemson vs. Florida State, 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)

No. 5 Oklahoma vs. No. 8 TCU, 5 p.m. (FOX)

No. 6 Wisconsin vs. No. 25 Iowa, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)

No. 11 Ohio State vs. No. 13 Michigan State, 9 a.m. (FOX)

No. 12 Oklahoma State at No. 24 Iowa State, 9 a.m. (ABC)

No. 14 UCF vs. UConn, 9 a.m. (ESPN)

No. 15 USC at Colorado, 1 p.m. (FOX)

No. 16 Penn State vs. Rutgers, 9 a.m.

No. 17 Virginia Tech at Georgia Tech, 9 a.m.

No. 19 Washington State at Utah, 2:30 p.m. (PAC12)

No. 21 Michigan at Maryland, 12:30 p.m.

No. 23 West Virginia at Kansas State, 12:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Pac-12 Schedule

Friday

Washington at Stanford, 7:30 p.m. (FS1)

Saturday

Oregon State at Arizona, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

USC at Colorado, 1 p.m. (FOX)

Washington State at Utah, 2:30 p.m. (PAC12)

Arizona State at UCLA, 6:30 p.m. (PAC12)

Hockey

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	16	12	2	2	26	64
Toronto	17	10	7	0	20	65
Ottawa	14	6	3	5	17	51
Detroit	17	8	8	1	17	48
Boston	14	6	5	3	15	41
Montreal	17	7	9	1	15	44
Buffalo	15	5	8	2	12	38
Florida	14	4	8	2	10	48

Metropolitan Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	15	9	4	2	20	52
Pittsburgh	17	9	6	2	20	45
Columbus	16	9	6	1	19	52
N.Y. Islanders	15	8	5	2	18	55
Philadelphia	16	8	6	2	18	50
N.Y. Rangers	17	8	7	2	18	56
Washington	16	8	7	1	17	47
Carolina	13	5	3	13	35	38

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	17	14	3	1	27	56
Winnipeg	14	8	3	3	19	46
Nashville	15	8	5	2	18	40

Thursday's Games

Edmonton 3, New Jersey 2, OT

Philadelphia 3, Chicago 1

Minnesota 3, Montreal 0

St. Louis 3, Arizona 2, OT