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NCAA releases GWU violations

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The NCAA made an example out of Gardner-Webb University Thursday afternoon.

After 18 months of investigation, the NCAA made public their final report concerning athletic violations. The university was placed on three years probation for lack of institu-

tional control.

"The committee found that many of the violations were directly attributable to the institution being ill-prepared for a move to Division I and the accompanying complex requirements of Division I membership," read the report.

The release also said that, "this case should serve as a warning to institutions making the move to

Division I that there must be a heightened sense of awareness with respect to compliance during the period of transition and such institutions need to take deliberate steps to prepare for the elevation to Division I status."

Overall, the NCAA infractions committee discovered five major violations and one secondary violation committed by GWU.

During a press confer-

ence with the media Thursday afternoon, infractions committee chairman Thomas Yeager named the two main topics of the investigation as the lack of control of the institution and the former president providing extra benefits for student athletes.

Other violations included:

- During the 2001-01 academic year to the 02-03

year, several student athletes in four sports (baseball, men's basketball, women's cross country and women's track) practiced and competed and received athletically financial aid while ineligible.

- During 1999-00 until 02-03 academic years, the institution failed to correctly certify the eligibility of 33 international students in

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Wince defeats nationally ranked opponent

Wrestlers set for regionals

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The Gardner-Webb wrestling team had two matches last week to finish off the regular season for the Bulldogs (6-20).

On Tuesday night the Bulldogs faced no.33 the Citadel for the last home match of the season.

The match was close the whole way, especially when senior Erik Wince stepped out for his match on senior day. Wince was paired up against nationally ranked Keith Clifton (no.15), while pinning the opposing team's wrestler in just one minute and 24 seconds. The win

brought the Bulldogs to within 17-12.

Following Wince's victory fellow GWU wrestler Brandon Beach sealed the 10-5 decision in the 184-weight class to pull the Bulldogs to 17-15. Despite the effort of the GWU wrestlers, the come back was stopped when the Citadel took the next two wins to secure the match.

The Bulldogs battled Duke during their last regular season match. The Blue Devils wound up pulling away with a 25-12 win over GWU. Wrestlers Wince, Justin Lansley, Daniel Elliot and Titus Phile all won their matches against the Blue Devils. Lansley's win in the 141-class improved his record to 7-1 over his last eight matches. The win by Wince tied him for ninth in wins in the nation at the 174

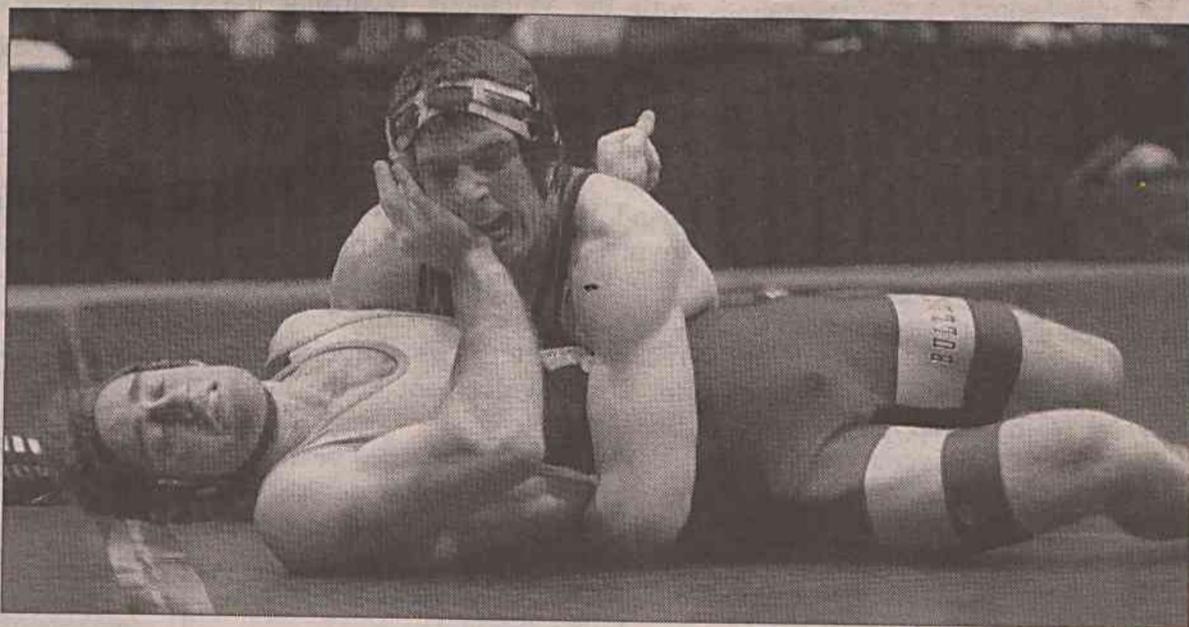


Photo by Scott Holstein

Senior Erik Wince pinned The Citadel's No. 15 nationally ranked wrestler Keith Clifton.

class, giving him 25 wins for the season.

On Saturday the Bulldogs will travel to Slippery Rock, Pa. for the NCAA

Championships.

"If you use those two meets as a bench mark for where we finish Saturday, we are certainly capable of getting kids to the (national)

tournament," said Head Coach Richard Wince. "I see us getting four champions (out of that). It's not an unrealistic expectation."

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