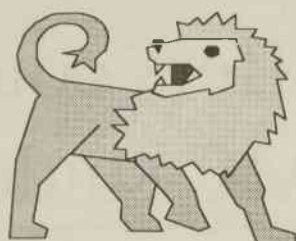


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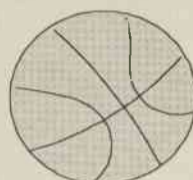


Men's Basketball

Dec. 3 home vs. Chowan 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16 home vs. Maryville 7 p.m.
Jan. 8 at Maryville
Jan. 13 at Chowan

Women's Basketball

Dec. 3 at Meredith
Dec. 13 home vs. Chowan 7 p.m.
Dec. 16 at Savannah College of Art & Design
Jan. 14 at Chowan



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NU basketball player sidelined while court decides whether he plays

By Stewart Mandel
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EVANSTON, Ill.--While the majority of Northwestern University students spent their last day before classes either lounging around their rooms or enjoying the weather, sophomore Nick Knapp woke up early to catch the el train and head downtown to sit in a Chicago courtroom.

The trip has become a familiar one during Knapp's yearlong battle to play basketball for the Wildcats.

On Sept. 24, Knapp sat through three hours of legal jargon and medical terminology, of doctors' testimonials and counsel's objections, all revolving around the single question of whether the 6-foot-5-inch guard who suffered cardiac arrest while playing basketball two years ago should be allowed to return to the court.

When it was all said and done, U.S. District Judge James B. Zagel came to much the same conclusion he has twice before: "Though the risk to Knapp is unquantifiable...it is not substantial [enough] to preclude Knapp from playing basketball."

He also decided NU was not obligated to provide a court-side

defibrillator at games and practices for possible resuscitation of Knapp, who already has a defibrillator in his abdomen.

"This marks the end of chapter two and three, depending on whether or not they [NU's lawyers] appeal," said Knapp's attorney, Robert A. Chapman, after the hearing. NU did file an appeal on Sept. 26.

By Zagel's injunction, Knapp would have been able to return to the hardwood. But Knapp's legal battle is not yet over. On Oct. 2, the 7th U.S. Court of Appeals in Chicago barred Knapp from beginning practice with NU's basketball team until it considers the school's appeal. Coach Ricky Byrdson's Wildcats officially began practice Oct. 15.

Chapman said the decision is not a big setback because the 19-year-old has been keeping in shape. Knapp said it hurts him mentally more than physically.

"I was really hoping to be able to start conditioning," Knapp said. "It really hurts from the point of not being a part of the camaraderie that comes from being a member of the team. I'll be able to do the conditioning on my own time, but I'll have

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Sports from across the country

UCLA coach fired

LOS ANGELES--The University of California-Los Angeles fired its men's basketball coach, Jim Harrick, after he violated an NCAA recruiting rule and then lied about it. A UCLA inquiry began Oct. 15, when an athletic department official reviewing expense reports became suspicious at the high cost of a dinner Harrick held for recruits. It turned out that Harrick had invited two more current basketball players than allowed under NCAA rules, UCLA said.

"We might have responded less severely if that had been the only violation," UCLA Chancellor Charles E. Young said. "But the situation was exacerbated by other actions that followed."

The UCLA expense report signed by Harrick falsely identified those who attended the dinner by switching the names of the two players with two individuals not there. When questioned, Harrick repeatedly lied about the dinner and encouraged another current basketball player to lie also, the university said.

Harrick admitted that he misled the university when confronted with the results of the UCLA inquiry.

The firing comes less than a month after a separate PAC-10 inquiry into the sale of Harrick's Chevy Blazer to the sister of a highly touted recruit. The NCAA found no violations because the car had been sold at fair-market value.

In his eight years at UCLA, Harrick's team made the NCAA's post-season tournament each season and won the national championship in 1995. "We are grateful to Coach Harrick for his many contributions to our basketball program," Young said. "But we cannot allow a winning record to cause us to overlook such an ethical breach."

Four student athletes die in car crash

WEATHERFORD, Okla.--Four Southwestern Oklahoma State University student-athletes were killed Oct. 27 when their car slid out of control during a blinding thunderstorm. Just hours before his death, senior football captain Alvin Milton, 22, had caught a game-winning touchdown pass in a 19-15 victory over East Central University.

Also killed were Edward Gulley, 22; Telly Gatewood, 19; and Cornelious Chiles, 20. The three men were members of Southwestern Oklahoma State's basketball team.

Grieving friends and family, along with members of the campus community, held a memorial service for the four students in the school's gymnasium.

"This is the most devastating thing to happen at the school since I've been here," basketball coach George Hauser said. "It has taken a toll on everyone for the simple reason they were really good kids."

The football and basketball teams will dedicate their seasons to the four men.

Aggie alum goes after Longhorn playbook

Seven years after he graduated from Texas A&M University, Michael Kelley still can't get the rivalry with the University of Texas out of his mind.

And unlike most of his fellow Aggie alums, who are content to cheer on their team during weekends and trade good-natured barbs with Longhorn co-workers during the week, Kelley wanted to help out his alma mater in a practical way.

He wanted the Texas foot-

ball playbook.

But Kelley isn't planning some sinister late-night ransacking of a dorm room to get his hands on the prize. Instead, he has filed a request to UT president Robert Berdahl under the Texas Public Information Act.

"I'm a football fan, and I think a team's playbook would make for an interesting read," said Kelley, 28. "I admit that has something to do with it, but to tell you the truth, I'm also interested in finding out the extent of the Public Information Act."

Kelley, a state legislative assistant who is currently taking graduate classes at UT's LBJ School of Public Affairs, says the university should open all its records to the public on the basis of the public money it receives. As he sees it, the UT playbook is just like any other public document.

"We can find out how much professors and administrators make because they are paid with tax dollars," Kelley said. "What's the difference between the athletic department's records and the administration's records?"

Not much, said Amber Connell, spokesperson for UT, but Kelley's request isn't for a printout of the football staff's payroll. Instead, it's for information that most teams protect under lock and key because of the competitive advantage it could provide the opposition.

"I would think that the information he is asking for has less to do with an examination of his tax dollars and more to do with a football rivalry. He probably wants to see how far he can stretch the system," she said.

Connell said she can't remember any prior requests for the team's playbook, but she's sure people have tried. "I would bet there are plenty of Aggies who would do plenty to get their hands on that," she said.

Sports Overview

Information courtesy of Sports Information Director Matt Eviston

Men's Soccer

Methodist's six-year run of being invited to the NCAA-III National Tournament ended this month when the Monarchs were not announced among the South Region field.

Greensboro (11-4-3), DIAC runner-up to outright conference champion Methodist (13-3-1), was announced as the top seed.

Earlier in the season, the Monarchs lost road games to Mary Washington (1-0) and Maryville (3-2 OT) while tying host Greensboro (0-0 OT) Nov. 6. Methodist's only other loss was a 3-2 setback to Division I Campbell. Monarch victories include a 2-1 win over Richard Stockton (13-2-2), the Metro region's number-one seed.

Paul Smith was named the DIAC Player of the Year. Smith, Bjorgvin Fridriksson, Erik Lawton, Jim Pearce, and Mike Walters were all named to the First Team All-DIAC. Karl McKenna, Dylan Hanlon and Halldor Steingrimsen were selected to the second team All-DIAC.

Football

The Monarchs finished with their first winning season, posting a 6-4 record.

Methodist traveled to Maryville Nov. 2, and overcame a 21-3 halftime deficit to beat Maryville 31-24. DeCarlos West ran nine yards for the game-winning touchdown with 14 seconds remaining. The victory also

marked a first-ever win at Maryville in four tries and new program milestones for most road wins in a season (three) and longest winning streak (four).

On Nov. 9, the Monarchs were unable to overcome a 17-0 halftime deficit, and dropped their final home game to Hampden-Sydney 17-14. The loss was Methodist's first in six weeks as the Tigers snapped the Monarch's program-best four-game winning streak. Ranked 29th in the nation (NCAA-III individual statistics) in passing efficiency, sophomore quarterback Brian Turner threw for 226 yards, a touchdown and only one interception. Sophomore linebacker Chad Smith piled up a career-high 18 tackles.

The Monarchs ended their season at Frostburg State Nov. 16. Methodist ended up falling to nationally-ranked Frostburg 38-17 after being unable to hang on to a 14-7 halftime lead. The loss was Methodist's only defeat decided by more than seven points in the 1996 season.

Women's Soccer

The Lady Monarchs finished their season with a record of 9-4-3, with a 3-1 DIAC record and as DIAC runner-up. Casey Nuckols, Kathleen Greene, Candace Croal, Alvy Styles, and Jennifer Maurer were all selected for First Team All-DIAC, while Trisha Clinton and Meegan Kloosterman were chosen for the second team.

Methodist recorded a 2-1

week to finish the regular season, losing 3-1 at North Carolina Wesleyan Oct. 30, before winning the Emory Classic Nov. 2. Despite playing without three starters, the Lady Monarchs blanked host Emory 1-0 and beating Centre 2-0 Nov. 3. Emory was ranked 15th nationally going into the contest.

Volleyball

The Lady Monarchs finished the season 4-22, and 1-11 in the DIAC.

They lost at Ferrum 3-0 Oct. 31 and 3-1 in their home finale against Christopher Newport Nov. 1. Julie Barnes tallied eight kills and 26 assists for Methodist against CNU.

They lost at Averett 3-0 and to Greensboro 3-0 in the DIAC Tournament's opening round Nov. 8. After posting an 0-26 mark in 1995, the Lady Monarchs improved to a much more competitive level in 1996, winning four matches. Their victories included a 3-0 drubbing of DIAC foe Shenandoah to kick off Methodist's homecoming festivities.

Men's Golf

The Monarchs (304/296; 600) finished third in the 17-team field at the Francis Marion Collegiate Nov. 16-17 behind USC-Aiken (302/288; 590) and Elon (297/295; 592). Methodist finished ahead of local teams UNC-Pembroke (14th, 332/325; 657) and Fayetteville State (336/324; 660). The Monarchs were paced by Bryan Wright (3rd, 74/72; 146) and Mike Adamson (9th, 78/72; 150).

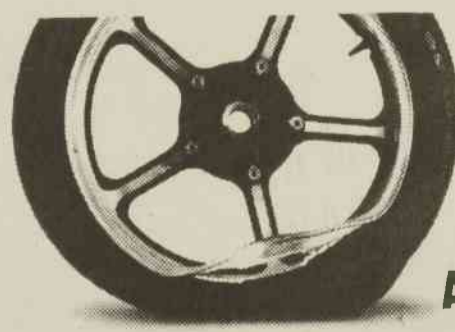
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