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## Mean Green to lose scholarship???

Posted by SUMG - 2008/05/06 08:06

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I've never liked these idiotic rules. If you have transfers...you can really get screwed. And, I wonder if this is one of those "selectively enforced" NCAA rules. In other words...is it enforced the same on NT as it would be on Louisville? I don't know. But now we know why there was no rush to fill that final scholly. From Brett Vito:

Breaking news -- UNT men to take APR hit

The UNT men's basketball team will lose a scholarship today when the NCAA releases its annual Academic Progress Rate report, a source close to the situation has told the Denton Record-Chronicle.

The APR measures a school's ability to keep its athletes in school and eligible. Each team is also rated on an individual basis. There will be a story in tomorrow's edition of the paper that goes through the specifics of how the APR works, but the general formula is each athlete earns a point for remaining in school and another for remaining eligible. Programs are not penalized as long as they earn 92.5 percent of the possible points. Players who transfer out while ineligible are particularly costly for programs with smaller rosters because those programs lose two points on the basis of one player's actions.

UNT has already used three of the four scholarships it is supposed to have for its 2008 recruiting class. The fourth will now go unused.

UNT head coach Johnny Jones went on record when he announced his three-man class that includes Paris JC forward Eric Tramiel, Arkansas-Fort Smith point guard Dominique Johnson and Arlington Grace Prep forward Ben Knox that he believes he had addressed all of his team's needs in recruiting.

UNT essentially lost a spot it could have used on a high school player to develop for the future.

The tough part about the APR hit for UNT is that Jones does a great job of keeping the players who stick with him on track to graduate. Calvin Watson and Kendrick Davis graduated and a host of other players, including Ben Bell and Rich Young are about to earn their degrees.

The problem with the APR is that if a player decides to transfer and slacks on his academic commitment, he can hurt the program he is leaving. That turned out to be the case with the UNT men's basketball team.

UNT did very well as a whole a year ago when all of its programs met the APR standards after the NCAA made its final adjustments. Tomorrow we will find out how the athletic department did this year.

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## Re:Mean Green to lose scholarship???

Posted by Evan - 2008/05/06 08:20

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Okay, a team has to stay at 92.5 and above.  $100 - 2(\text{Flemings}) = 98$ . Who else caused us to drop down so far?

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## Re:Mean Green to lose scholarship???

Posted by CMJ - 2008/05/06 10:04

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Harold Edwards? I'm really not sure.

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## Re:Mean Green to lose scholarship???

Posted by SUMG - 2008/05/06 10:12

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CMJ wrote:

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Sturns?

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Muse?

Jackson?

There are several candidates....

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### Re:Mean Green to lose scholarship???

Posted by SUMG - 2008/05/06 10:19

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This is where the Ben Knox scholarship can hurt us or help us.

It hurts us...if he's a stiff....and can't contribute next year...then we're down to 11 players, for all intents and purposes.

But, if he's smart and graduates from UNT...it'll help us in future APR.

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### Re:Mean Green to lose scholarship???

Posted by CMJ - 2008/05/06 11:06

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### Re:Mean Green to lose scholarship???

Posted by SUMG - 2008/05/06 14:56

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CMJ wrote:

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Yeah, but could that time when Sturns was kicked off the team...could that affect these numbers?

I don't know.

One final thought: It hacks me off, that women's b-ball gets two more scholarships than men's...anyway. That's another stupid NCAA rule. Used to, they both got 15.

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### Re:Mean Green to lose scholarship???

Posted by censored by laurie - 2008/05/06 15:02

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yeah...but if they didn't get 2 more scholarships we wouldn't have a mens golf team

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### Re:Mean Green to lose scholarship???

Posted by scrappy - 2008/05/07 07:52

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Vito's last blog post mentions this:

\*\*\*Another rule that can get a school out of hot water is based on its funding level. If a school can prove that it is under funded, it can avoid penalties.

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That rule doesn't help UNT because it is in a good financial situation compared to some other schools out there.\*\*\*

You just have to wonder what schools that could possibly be.

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## Re:Mean Green to lose scholarship???

Posted by scrappy - 2008/05/08 22:48

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Rich Young - check out the story by the boys at TY Sports:

<http://tysports.blogspot.com/>

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## Re:Mean Green to lose scholarship???

Posted by Aaron - 2008/05/09 06:46

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Wow, that is a great article. I am not surprised though.

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