

Court finds fault with NCAA compensation

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NCAA compensation rules for college athletes violate antitrust law, a U.S. appeals court ruled in a case brought by athletes seeking a slice of the billions of dollars universities reap from football and basketball.

The case came amid mounting public pressure for colleges to give athletes better benefits. Critics say the NCAA's scholarship policy short-changes athletes who risk injury and devote many hours to practice sessions, travel and competition. The majority of college athletes do not go on to play professionally.

While the ruling involves antitrust law, many see it as a case over whether college athletes, who generate billions of dollars for their schools, should be paid for

An attorney for the athletes called the ruling a "landmark victory"

their labor. The NCAA says it is defending amateurism in college sports.

A California federal judge last year had said the NCAA should allow schools to pay athletes up to \$5,000 per year in compensation. In its ruling on Wednesday, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the NCAA must permit schools to provide student-athletes sums covering up to their cost of attendance. However, it reversed the lower court's order providing for \$5,000 per year beyond that.

Sathya Gosselin, an attorney for the athletes, called the ruling a "landmark victory" because the education-related expenses could still amount to thousands of dol-

lars that an athlete otherwise wouldn't have seen.

"There is an avenue of competition that is now open to the schools that wasn't previously available," Gosselin said. "As revenues soar in big time college athletics, we would expect to see vigorous competition among the schools."

NCAA president Mark Emmert said in a statement that the association has allowed schools to provide up to the full cost of attendance since Aug. 1, and does not think that should be mandated by the courts.

The ruling likely won't prompt the NCAA to make any radical changes to its relationships with its broadcasters, said Michael LeRoy, a professor at the University of Illinois College of Law who's written on antitrust in sports.

However, Northeastern School of Law professor Roger Abrams said

the ruling will still increase pressure on the NCAA to develop an alternate compensation formula on its own.

"Its another indication that the NCAA has to wake up and think about comprehensive reform," Abrams said.

More than 20 current and former athletes filed an antitrust class action against the NCAA. The lead plaintiff, Ed O'Bannon, won a national basketball championship with UCLA in 1995. He testified during trial that he usually spent about 40-45 hours per week on basketball.

"I was an athlete masquerading as a student," O'Bannon, who spent two seasons in the National Basketball Association, said in court.

Broadcasters including Walt Disney Co and CBS Corp have rallied behind the NCAA, arguing in court filings that the idea each participant in a team sporting

event has an individual right of publicity "is simply wrong."

Ninth Circuit Judge Jay Bybee wrote that the difference between paying education-related expenses and offering cash sums is "a quantum leap."

"At that point the NCAA will have surrendered its amateurism principles entirely and transitioned from its 'particular brand of football' to minor league status," Bybee wrote.

The three judge panel unanimously agreed to allow education related expenses, but Chief Judge Sidney Thomas said he would have also allowed the \$5,000 per year compensation.

The 9th Circuit said athletes have a right of publicity in video games, but it declined to decide whether they also have such rights in live TV broadcasts or archival footage.

Cards activate pitcher Wainwright

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

The St. Louis Cardinals activated right-hander Adam Wainwright from the 60-day disabled list prior to Wednesday's doubleheader against the Pittsburgh Pirates and he will be available to pitch out of the bullpen.

The team also placed right-hander Carlos Martinez (right shoulder strain) on the 60-day disabled list.

Wainwright, 34, who suffered a left Achilles injury on April 25, has missed 141 games since injuring himself while batting in a game at Milwaukee. He was expected to miss the remainder of the season. Prior to the injury, he was 2-1 with a 1.44 ERA over 25 innings in four starts.

The Cardinals plan to use Wainwright out of the bullpen. He last pitched in relief during the 2006 season when he was on the mound to close out both the World Series and National League Championship Series. He has made 221 consecutive appearances as a starter since that time.

Wainwright pitched the eighth inning in Wednesday's 8-2 loss to the Pirates in the opener of the day-night doubleheader. He gave up a run when third baseman Josh Harrison hit a two-out double and scored on Polanco's single.

The longtime ace of the



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St. Louis Cardinals manager Mike Matheny (left) talks with pitcher Adam Wainwright after he pitched against the Pittsburgh Pirates during the eighth inning Wednesday at PNC Park in Pittsburgh. The Pirates won 8-2.

rotation will be limited to one-inning stints initially.

"When I got hurt, I thought coming back in spring training was the realistic goal," Wainwright said Tuesday "But as I kept going along in rehab, our training staff kept saying I had a chance to come back this season. That really drove me and, now, here's that chance. I'm really excited to get back out there."

Wainwright, a two-time 20-game winner and three-time All-Star, owns a career mark of 121-67 with a 2.90 ERA.

Martinez, 24, only made seven pitches before departing a 4-3 loss to Milwaukee on Friday night. With a 14-7 record and a 3.01 ERA, Mar-

tinez has been more than anyone could have expected in his first year as a big-league starter. He made the All-Star team and has come up big in many critical spots.

Dodgers have decisions to make

SAN FRANCISCO — The race is over. Now Los Angeles Dodgers manager Don Mattingly must decide what to do with these next nine days.

The Dodgers clinched the National League West title Tuesday night. They will open the playoffs next Friday against the New York Mets, champions of the NL East.

The home-field advantage in the best-of-5 will be determined by which team has the

best record at week's end. The Mets (89-68) lead the Dodgers (88-69) by one game with five remaining.

Mattingly has his two top pitchers — right-hander Zack Greinke and lefty Clayton Kershaw — tentatively scheduled to pitch the final two games of the regular season Saturday and Sunday against the San Diego Padres.

Ideally, they'd skip those assignments and get a nice break before opening the Mets series in an order yet to be determined, next Friday and Saturday.

But if pitching Greinke and Kershaw this weekend helps get the Dodgers an extra home game in the Mets series ... well, Mattingly will consider it.

Pitching his standouts this weekend would not jeopardize their availability to pitch at the start of the series next week. Even if Mattingly chose to open the Mets series with Kershaw, and he pitched Sunday against the Padres, he'd have four full days of rest before Game 1.

"I know he'll want to pitch (Sunday)," Mattingly said.

Siegal

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Sunday and will work there until Oct. 17. She joins other female coaching pioneers such as Becky Hammon, who was a full-time assistant under Gregg Popovich with the NBA's San Antonio Spurs last season, and Jen Welter, who was an assistant coaching intern with the NFL's Arizona Cardinals this past training camp.

Siegal became the first woman to coach men's baseball professionally in 2009 as a first base coach for the Brockton Rox, an independent team. She currently serves as head coach for Baseball For All, a national nonprofit organization looking to provide instruction and opportunity in baseball, particularly for girls.

During her two weeks in Arizona with the A's Instructional League team, she will assist the team's player development staff on and off the field. She holds a PhD. in sport and exercise psychology from Springfield College in Massachusetts, where she was an assistant baseball coach from 2008-10.

In the spring of 2011, Sie-

gal threw batting practice for the A's, Cleveland, Tampa Bay, St. Louis, Houston and the New York Mets. She also completed the Major League Scouting Bureau's scout school.

"Player reaction in the past has usually been a surprise to have a woman in the job," Siegal said. "Then they realize I know what I'm talking about, and then I become another guy on the field."

Siegal's ultimate goal is to coach full time, "but we'll start with this," she said.

"I'm really honored by this," Siegal said. "Beane was the first to say yes to me throwing batting practice, and I'm honored the A's will go out on a limb. I do feel qualified."

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Festival

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contenders should include Falmouth, Scarborough, Phillips Exeter of New Hampshire and Cumberland, Rhode Island.

Steelman, Tardy and Dill are all expected to be among the top individual runners in the girls race along with defending champion Amy Laverty of Cumberland, Rhode Island, Anne McKee of Kents Hill, Tessa Cassidy of Brunswick, Lauren

Brown of Waterville and Anne Guadalupi of Cony of Augusta.

Sean Laverty of Cumberland, Rhode Island, the 2014 runner-up, paces the boys field, while top Maine threats are Osman Dorrow of Lewiston, Paul Casavant of Hampden Academy, John Hassett of George Stevens Academy of Blue Hill, Christopher Wallfield of Morse of Bath, Zachariah Hoyle of Messalonskee of Oakland, Brody Bate of Marshwood of South Berwick and Connor Doherty of Scarborough.

Cumberland, Rhode Is-

land, is the reigning boys team champion and with five runners seeded among the top 23 individuals is favored to repeat. Scarborough, Falmouth and Hampden Academy also challenge for the top spot, while other Maine teams in the mix could include York, Lewiston, Westbrook and Orono.

The six-race day begins at 11 a.m. with the girls unseeded event, followed by boys unseeded (11:45 a.m.), girls freshmen (12:30 p.m.), boys freshmen (1:15 p.m.), girls seeded (2 p.m.) and boys seeded (2:40 p.m.).

MMA

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were going in a different direction," he said. "But finally they called back and said it was back on if I wanted it. We were all ecstatic, my family, my team, everyone's really excited about this."

Boyington, who trains at Young's MMA of Bangor and his own gym, Boyington's Taekwondo Academy of Bangor, will take a 10-8

record into the bout against Almeida, a 29-year-old Woburn, Massachusetts, product with a 12-2 record.

Boyington has won four of his last five fights and six of his last eight, satisfying a WSOF request to go out and earn some more victories in order to enhance his resume for a step up to the larger promotion.

He will be dropping down from lightweight (155-pound limit) to featherweight (145) for the WSOF bout but sees that as a modest concession

against an opponent whose last fight was as a bantamweight (135 pounds) in May 2014.

Boyington already has a fight scheduled after his WSOF debut, a Nov. 21 defense of his NEF lightweight crown against Jimmy Davidson at the Androscoggin Bank Colisee in Lewiston.

But his immediate goal is to make the most of this best chance to rise beyond his regional success and help to set a tone for the future of MMA in Maine.

Redskins

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Democrat Eleanor Holmes Norton, the District of Columbia's non-voting congressional delegate, introduced a bill earlier this month to strip the

National Football League of its federal antitrust protection as long as it allows the team to use "Redskins."

The Redskins had no comment on Bush's remarks.

But U.S. Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida, the chair of the Democratic National Committee,

called Bush's support of the Redskins name "extremely insulting to Native American people."

"The team's name is a racial slur that perpetuates negative stereotypes of Native American people and reduces proud cultures to an insulting caricature," she said.

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the field and really get into the routine each week."

Friday night's homecoming game with Hyde will be a noncountable contest

against an unfamiliar opponent.

"We're certainly going to treat it like an exhibition but we also know we're playing a prep program and all of those questions that people will have about whether it's the right choice or not, there will be Mon-

day morning quarterbacks on that all day long," said Bertrand. "We just feel that for us here and now it's in our best interest to try to play football every weekend that we can so we're fortunate Hyde was able and willing to come play an exhibition with us."

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