

Kansas recruit being scrutinized

LAWRENCE (AP) – In the wake of a report saying Kansas recruit Josh Selby may not be eligible, Jayhawks coach Bill Self said Thursday “it is not at all unusual” for the NCAA to look at some of the nation’s top recruits.

A report by CBSsports.com indicated the NCAA was questioning a relationship between Selby and Robert Frazier, the business manager for NBA star Carmelo Anthony.

Selby, a point guard from Baltimore, has been listed by some services as the No. 1 recruit in the country.

Self, who was out of town, issued a statement.

“I have received several calls about the article,” he said. “As has been mentioned previously, we do not comment on recruits until they arrive on campus for the fall semester. I will say, as we have experienced in the past in our program, it is not at all unusual for the NCAA to look into many of the country’s top-rated recruits each year for any number of reasons.”

Selby’s mother was quoted by the Lawrence Journal-World as saying she did not see any problems with the NCAA.

Final Big 12 season filled with intrigue

DALLAS (AP) – This is it, folks, the last time around for the Big 12 as we have known it.

Nebraska is headed for the Big Ten next season. Colorado is going to the Pac-10, probably in 2011 as well. The remaining 10 schools are going to stick it out together, going “back to the future,” as the commissioner describes it, with no championship game – but perhaps a new name.

There’s plenty of intrigue on the field, too, starting with the Cornhuskers’ bid to go out on top.

Coach Bo Pelini declared “Nebraska’s back and we’re here to stay” following a 33-0 victory over Arizona in the Holiday Bowl. “Here,” apparently, meant national prominence and the Cornhuskers really could climb the polls if they get solid play at quarterback.

They didn’t last season and still nearly beat Texas in the Big 12 championship game. Nebraska only lost when the Longhorns nailed a long field goal as time expired.

The South race – surprise, surprise – should come down to Oklahoma and Texas.

Both powerhouses lost high-profile quarterbacks, the Sooners sending Sam Bradford off as the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft and the Longhorns parting with Colt McCoy, winner of the most career game by any Division I-A quarterback.

No biggie, though. Both already have replacements broken in.

Landry Jones played most of last season because Bradford was hurt.

Oklahoma is favored to regain the South crown.

The defending Big 12 champion Longhorns are handing their offense to Garrett Gilbert. He was relegated to mop-up duty as freshman until the biggest game of the year. When McCoy was hurt on the opening series of the national title game, Gilbert led a second-half rally and showed he can play.

Calm before the storm



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Loren Jacobs got ready to tee off at Hole No. 1 on Wednesday at Colby’s Meadow Lake Golf Course.

Colby tennis star voted best player

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the first state tennis championship for Colby High School since 1981. The duo went 39-2 for the year.

Colby High senior Caitlyn Wark has been named female tennis player of the year by the website CatchItKansas.com.

The site, a production of KWCH TV in Wichita and Hutchinson, covers high school sports. Wark got 35 percent of the vote, beating out Carolyn Lincoln of Independent High School of Wichita and two doubles teams, Stephanie Shogren and Madelyn Weaver of Hesston and Casyn Buchman and Ki-ersten Holle of McPherson.



Caitlyn Wark

Wark went 36-0 last fall and won the Class 4A state championship. In fact, Wark didn’t lose a set all season. She said she is ready for this season, but she still had to work on her serve.

Wark and Lindsey Wilson were up for the award the previous year as a doubles team after winning

because the tourneys include mostly players from Class 6A schools from Wichita. Wark won the Riverside Open at the Riverside Center in Wichita on July 1 and 2 and took first at the Collegiate Junior Open in Wichita on June 30.

Several colleges have shown interest in Wark, including Bethany College, a private Lutheran College in Lindsborg; Hesston College, a two-year Mennonite college; Fort Hays State University, and Briar Cliff College in Sioux City, Iowa. She said the Kansas State University tennis team has encouraged her to come as a walk on, but has yet to offer her a scholarship.

Sports show starts soon

The Scoreboard Show on Smoky Hills Public Television kicks off the high school sports season with four preseason specials.

The station will broadcast four 30-minute specials, showcasing high school football teams throughout central and western Kansas. A panel will discuss and predict which teams they feel will finish at the top of their leagues.

The Northwest Region will be covered at 10:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 20, with the South Central Region at 11 p.m. The pre-season coverage of the North Central Region will be at 10:30 p.m., Aug. 27, followed by the Southwest Region at 11 p.m.

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