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## Rainbows' Whitlock suspended for 16 games for part in credit scam

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HONOLULU (Nov 10, 1995 - 14:01 EST) -- University of Hawaii basketball player Tes Whitlock was suspended for 16 games by the NCAA on Thursday for his involvement in a college credit scam.

Whitlock, who lead the Rainbows in scoring last season, was found to be in violation of two NCAA rules.

The NCAA said Whitlock gave false and misleading information to investigators looking into whether Whitlock had received improper academic credit while attending a junior college.

Whitlock took two correspondence courses in English and math from the Southeastern College of the Assemblies of God while attending Saddleback Community College in California.

Whitlock was among dozens of athletes being investigated by the NCAA for taking courses from Southeastern.

"I'm definitely disappointed by the suspension; however, I know what I did was wrong and a mistake," Whitlock said. "I apologize to the NCAA, the university and to my teammates. I know that my teammates were counting on me, and I let them down -- that really hurts."

The University of Hawaii never was a target of the investigation, Hawaii athletic director Hugh Yoshida said.

The university had suspended Whitlock for 10 games once he was linked to the investigation, so the NCAA action will keep him out of six additional games above the university's suspension, Yoshida said.

Whitlock will be able to play Jan. 18 when Hawaii meets Air Force.

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