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The following is the result of the Colorado State University (CSU) protest of their non-conference game against the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Game protested by CSU for UNC for roster violations. Players on UNC lineup card not listed on UNC official roster.

**Requested action** - Forfeit game.

**Protest:**

CSU is protesting their one non-conference game against UNC on 3/6/16, requesting one forfeit victory due to UNC using players not listed on their official roster. Specifically, NCBA rule 6.02.1.

6.02.1: Any team found playing a player (in an NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game) not on the current official roster will be issued a forfeit for all the games that the above-mentioned player has completed in.

NCBA Rules also state that Roster Violations must be an On-Field Protest.

24.02.1: On Field Protests consist of protests regarding Uniform Violations, Equipment Violations, Umpire Decisions believed to be in violation of NCBA rules, Umpire Qualifications and **ALL Roster Violations**.

24.02.2: Any On Field Protests by the coach of a competing team must be made at the time of the action or incident that caused the protest and before play is resumed.

24.02.2.2: All On Field Protests must be made to the umpire-in-chief

Colorado State University Head Coach, Brian Dilley submitted a protest on March 8<sup>th</sup> stating that UNC used players in their non-conference game that were not listed on the official NCBA roster. Lineup cards and screenshots of the UNC official roster were also submitted. The protest was listed an Off-Field protest with the umpire not being aware that the game was being played under protest. The game was played to completion and the protest was submitted after the game was played.

**Ruling:** Protest Denied (Thrown Out) – While the NCBA recognizes that rule 6.02.1 may have been broken, it is up to the teams to properly enforce rule 6.02.1. Proper enforcement of the rule would consist of an On-Field Protest, where the opposing team and umpire are made aware of the infraction. Since neither of that happened, the protest is thrown out. NCBA rules are designed to allow teams to correct mistakes that may happen before play is resumed. If proper rule enforcement were used, UNC could have corrected their mistake. The NCBA does not support UNC's actions in anyway. Whether they knowingly or unknowingly used players not listed on their official roster. It is the responsibility of EVERY team to make sure that they only play student-athletes that are on their official roster. The NCBA also recommends that teams bring with them a copy of the opposing team's official roster to ground rules before each game. If any players listed on the opposing teams lineup card do not appear on the official roster, to officially announce that the game is being played under protest.

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