

Still No Word On New Aggie Coach, Despite Jim Myers' Choice of Staff

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As cagey and quiet as an Aggie in a girls' dormitory after "lights out," Iowa State's young coach, Jim Myers, refuses to elaborate on his possible selection as A&M's replacement for Paul (Bear) Bryant, who vacated the athletic directorship and head coaching job to return to his first love and alma mater—Alabama.

Rumors continue to fly, but no official announcement comes either from Texas A&M or Jim Myers. The likable 36-year-old mentor from Ames, Iowa did go so far as to name his staff—should he be chosen for the job—but the final approval lies with the A&M board of directors, who won't get a chance to convene until this weekend.

Before Texas A&M can hire Myers as the new head coach, the selection committee will have to make its recommendations to the entire Board of Directors; and they in turn will place the seal of approval on the selection.

All indications point to Myers as the new Aggie mentor; even more strongly than with Daugherty, Sanders or Leahy, for the athletic council was as impressed with Myers as Myers was with the athletic council and Texas A&M.

If there ever was "love at first sight," it would have to be when these two factions met.

Anyway, due to protocol and endless streams of crimson tape, the announcement of the approval of Jim Myers as head coach will not come until Monday, regardless of the speculation of many that A&M

is on the verge of making the announcement.

The man who will, in all probability, replace Paul (Bear) Bryant is definitely one of the "young but promising" coaches that will be required to keep A&M nationally ranked as a football power. The Aggie offense will probably undergo somewhat of a change, as Myers is a graduate of Tennessee (single-wing) and has served under Henry "Red" Sanders (also single-wing) for the past nine years.

In his first year at Iowa State, his single-wing Cyclones didn't set any national scoring records, posting a so-so 4-5-1 record, but rival coaches in the Big Eight were quick to praise Myers and recognize him as one of the nation's bright, young coaches.

He did a pretty remarkable job at Iowa State in his one year as head coach. In an almost-hopeless situation, he took over a rag-knot squad that had finished with a 2-8 season the year before and lost several players by graduation.

Somehow or other he maneuvered them to a 4-5-1 record, beating Denver, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and tying Syracuse. The losses were to Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas State, Colorado and Drake.

Texas A&M isn't the first school to approach Myers, because Texas and Arkansas beat them to the job. Chances are, he'd have been chosen if they hadn't hired their present coaches.

Although there is still not anything definite, the sandy-haired coach has already named his staff—just in case he is offered the job—he is going to keep J. T. King and Willie Zapalac of the former Aggie staff and add four members of his Iowa State crew: Leroy Pierce, 31-year-old former Tennessee player; Russ Faulkinberry, 29, from Vanderbilt, and two men who played under Myers when he was

assistant at UCLA—Rudy Feldman, 26 and Doug Bradley, 23.

Pierce was one of Bowden Wyatt's assistants when Arkansas won the 1954 championship, and he went with Wyatt to Tennessee. But when Myers got the Iowa State job, he cast his lot with him, and moved to Iowa.

Pierce is end and wingback coach at Iowa State; Faulkinberry and Feldman work with the line and Bradley helps with coaching the backs.

Incidentally, the 1955 Aggies played against Bradley in the Coliseum in the season opener in which the UCLA Bruins eased by the Cadets, 21-0.

Should A&M hire Jim Myers, they would perform a beautiful bit of banditry from the state where football players are corn-fed. He's really popular up there, and they aren't too happy about losing him.

When he was visiting at Arkansas concerning the vacancy left by Jack Mitchell, the Iowa State alumni and students sent letters and signed petitions asking him to stay at Iowa State—which he did. The school was so jubilant at his being permitted to stay, they gave him a \$2,000 raise and tore up his three-year contract to award him

a five-year contract. They did it all voluntarily; he asked for nothing.

However, Texas can offer him steaks—relieving him of the starchy corn diet, and can match his \$16,000 salary, five-year contract and toss in a TV contract and other "fringe benefits" to boot.

The young coach from the Hawkeye state visited Aggieland last week and found the surroundings much to his liking. The material at hand and the new athletic dormitory impressed him very much.

One other thing, co-education issues don't seem to bother him too much. Besides having a pretty wife named Carolyn, he also has 3 daughters, aged 11, 8 and 3.

As of last night, Myers was definitely ready to accept the job and indicated he believed he would be recommended as head football coach and athletic director on the Board's meeting next Monday.

After his graduation from Tennessee in 1947, he joined Red Sanders at Vanderbilt as an assistant coach.

When Sanders moved to UCLA after the 1948 season, Myers went with him and became a key man in

the production of the great machines Sanders built on the West Coast.

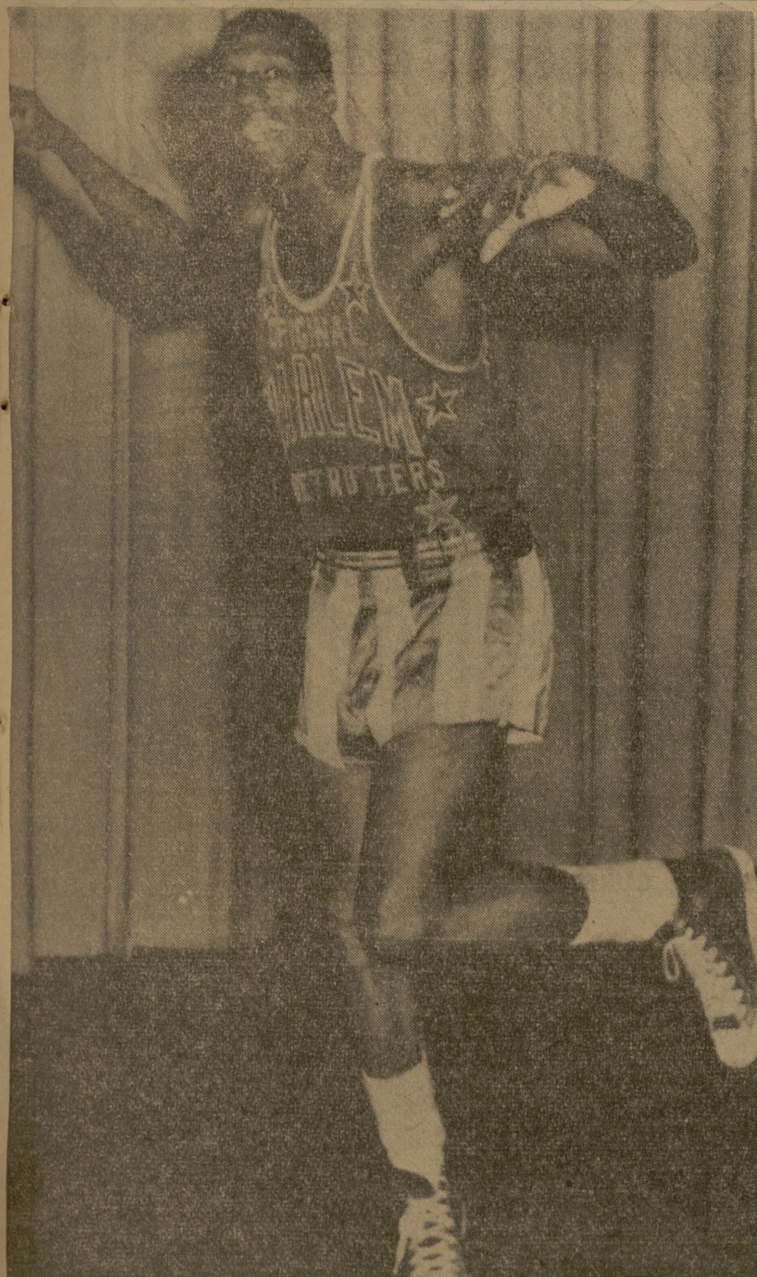
While at UCLA, Myers was first assistant to Sanders and handled public relations for the teams that frequented the Rose Bowl.

Local sportswriters speak in nothing but lofty praises for the West Virginian that might be the next Aggie coach. He's had the "can't miss" tag almost from the day he entered the coaching profession.

It looks like Texas A&M is going to hire a fine replacement in Jim Myers next Monday—they won't admit it now, but Dr. M. T. Harrington stated simply "He's got the inside track," which must mean he's on his way to College Station.

The Athletic Council likes him. The athletic committee of the Board of Directors likes him.

The final word lies with the amiable Board of Directors.



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Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick will meet soon with House antitrust investigators in an effort to solve baseball's television problems.

Frick will confer with Reps. Celler D-NY and Keating R-NY, probably within the next 10 days, it was learned yesterday.

Celler is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and its antitrust subcommittee, which last year conducted a lengthy investigation of the legal status of professional sports. Keating is the senior Republican on both groups.

Aggie Soccer Team Joins Association

The Soccer Team will begin a series of games Sunday with the Houston Soccer Association that may lead to a state championship for the Aggies later in the spring. The newly-formed Association will send the winner of a 24-game elimination into a state-wide playoff with the winners from the San Antonio and Dallas associations. The top team in this playoff will be named State Champion by the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation.

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