## Sutton grasps hold of Kentucky's reins

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FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Arkansas Athletic Director Frank Broyles says his top priority is quickly finding a replacement for Eddie Sutton, who resigned Tuesday to take the waters head basket. day to take the vacant head basket-ball coaching position the University of Kentucky

We join with Razorback fans everywhere in expressing to Coach Sutton our sincere gratitude for his many contributions," Broyles said in a statement released through the Arkansas sports information office. "The Razorback baketball program will forever stand as a monument to him in the state of Arkansas."

Broyles said he would meet with UA's administration soon and work out a plan about hiring new a coach.
"Then we will move as quickly as we can," Broyles said.

One name sure to be mentioned is Pat Foster, a former Sutton assistant who has been successful at Lamar University.

"When you talk about basketball, you talk Kentucky," Sutton told a Lexington news conference. "It was the *only* job I would leave the University of Arkansas for."

honored and hoped he could carry on the Kentucky tradition estab-lished by Adolph Rupp and Joe B.

"Believe me," Sutton said. "I would have crawled all the way to Lexington (for the opportunity to coach at Kentucky)."

Instead, he was already in town for the Final Four and an NCAA

rules committee meeting.

"My 11 years at Arkansas have been the happiest of my life," Sutton said. "It is a rare opportunity for a Sutton said he called coach to take a sports program in its infancy and raise it to maturity. Our nine consecutive NCAA tournament Sutton called Wilson Matthews, appearances prove the maturiy of our program.

Sutton's teams won 20 games or lentine, one of two seniors on his fi-more each of the last nine years after nal Arkansas team, but was unable to 17-9 and 19-9 in his first two seasons. In the dozen years prior to Sut-



**Eddie Sutton leaves Hogs for** Wildcat basketball tradition.

to the Final Four in 1977-78 before losing to Kentucky 64-59 in the semifinals. That Razorback squad finished 32-4.

His overall record at Arkansas was 260-75, and he was Southwest Conference Coach of the Year four times and named national Coach of the Year twice

Kentucky's Hall, 56, announced resity of Arkansas for." his retirement from the position Sutton said he was flattered and March 22 after 13 years. After succeeding the legendary Adolph Rupp, Hall guided Kentucky to one NCAA championship, one NIT championship and eight Southeastern Conference titles.

"My only regret is I was unable to bring the national championship home to Arkansas," Sutton said.

"Our children grew up with the Arkansas program. (My wife), Patsy, will always appreciate the experience we had here and we always will love Sutton said he called UA Presi-

Broyles' assistant. He said he also called Charles Ba-

reach the other senior, Joe Kleine. "They are our two seniors and I ton, Arkansas' best record was 16-10 asked Charles to talk to our younger Under Sutton, Arkansas did indeed make *nine* straight trips to the NCAA tournament, including one players and explain to them that Kentucky is the No. 1 coaching job in college basketball and that's the nonly reason I'm leaving Arkansas."

### Superdrum in running for '86 NCAA Regional

AUSTIN - The two-session NCAA women's basketball final four drew 15,245 spectators at the Frank Erwin Center last week, and University of Texas officials say that's pretty good bait to pull in the NCAA Midwest Re-

The NCAA women's basketball committee awards the regionals based primarily on financial considerations, the most important of which is attendance. The regionals will be awarded sometime this summer. 'We're a week away from the final audit on ticket sales, but my guess is

we'll net \$150,000," said Donna Lopiano, Texas' women's athletic director. "The university and the Erwin Center will split 15 percent of that, and the rest will go to the NCAA."

Attendance was just 1,008 short of the record set at Norfolk, Va., in 1983, when Old Dominion played the event. Officials said some of the advance ticket sales probably were in hope that the Texas Lady Longhorns

would reach the Final Four.

"You (the NCAA committee) can't come here and see 15,000 people watch four teams that aren't from this area and not put the regional here,"

"I think the committee people were worried when they got here because we (the Lady Longhorns) had lost and were not going to play in the final four. But it turned out great."

The success did not go unnoticed by committee members. "I can't speak to where it would go, but I thought Texas did an outstanding job and that will help in any future bidding," said Jim Jarrett, the athletic director at Old Dominion.

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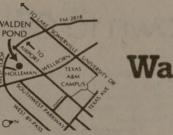
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