

# Sports

## Rice still searching for coach

*A&M assistant coach on speculative list*

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HOUSTON — Texas A&M offensive coordinator Lynn Amedee's name has been mentioned for Rice University's vacant head coaching job.

However, former Rice quarterback King Hill, who recently resigned as an assistant coach with the New Orleans Saints, has the support of some Rice alumni.

"We'd like to see King come back," a Rice source told The Houston Chronicle. "He's a quarterback's coach and Rice can't overpower anybody. We've got to be able to pitch and catch."

A search committee held an organizational meeting Monday to begin a search to replace Watson Brown, who resigned Thursday to return to become head coach at Vanderbilt.

Committee members refused to list coaches being considered. But the names of former Notre Dame Coach Gerry Faust and North Texas State Coach Corky Nelson have been mentioned along with Amedee and Hill.

Hill was a quarterback for the Owls from 1955-57 and has spent the past 28 years in the pros as a player, scout and coach.

Hill resigned as an assistant coach with the Saints two weeks ago when head coach Bum Phillips stepped down.

"We've got a lot of information to gather and I suspect we will meet late in the week to discuss what has happened," a committee member said. "There is a sense of urgency, not only with the recruiting season upon us but with the existing players."

Brown, who led the Owls to a 4-18 record in two seasons, has been interviewing members of his Rice staff for jobs with the Commodores. Recruiting coordinator Van Holloway is expected to join Brown's staff.

## Ags fight Broncos tooth and nail for 74-67 win

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The 1,877 lucky fans in G. Rollie White Coliseum Tuesday night were treated to two sports for the price of one in Texas A&M's 74-67 victory over the Pan American Broncos.

An already rowdy game devolved to a knock-down, drag-out when junior forward Mike "Clobbering" Clifford spit his two front teeth at Pan American reserve guard Michael "The Animal" Anderson with nine minutes remaining in the game. Anderson had performed the impromptu oral surgery with a swinging elbow about two seconds earlier.

"Come on, ref — this is basketball," an irate fan yelled to the officials. But the rough play continued till the final buzzer signalled the Aggies to be winners of the split decision bout.

"This was an ugly-looking game," A&M Coach Shelby Metcalf said of a contest in which the two teams combined for 49 fouls. "But I'd much rather win ugly than lose pretty."

"I thought the officiating was pretty good considering the circumstances — this wasn't an easy game to call. I think the caliber of the officiating was higher than the caliber of play, that's for sure."

Clifford was taken to a local oral surgeon to have his teeth reinserted into their starting line-up. Before leaving the arena, however, he was assessed with a technical foul and thrown out of the game. Anderson received the same punishment and retired to the Bronco locker room. At last report, his chompers were ap-

parently in place.

A&M starting center Jimmie Gilbert received a gash on the top of his head earlier in the second half when Pan Am's Willie James came down for a rebound with his mouth open. The method of assault was again a tooth.

"You get a gash and a couple of teeth knocked out and your emotion changes from intensity to something else," Metcalf said, "like anger."

"We really didn't play that smart out there tonight. I thought Jimmie (Gilbert — 12 points, 12 rebounds) was our most consistent player out there. In the second half, I thought Winston (Crite — 17 points, 9 rebounds) looked like his old self in the second half."

"I thought Mike ("Gumby" Clifford — 4 rebounds, 5 assists) looked good when he was in there. The word from the locker room is that they'll probably be able to save the teeth. I didn't have any dental hygiene courses, so I don't what that means, but I know he won't be able to play tomorrow (against Prairie View A&M) and I doubt he'll be able to play the rest of the week (on Saturday against Oral Roberts)."

The loss of Clifford leaves Metcalf with just nine healthy bodies, two of them walk-ons and one a freshman. And reserve forward Al Pulliam has recovered only 73 percent from a knee injury suffered in the off-season.

"We're really hurting right now," Metcalf said. "We're hurting when we're well. We just don't have a lot of depth and these injuries have just made the situation worse."

Senior guard Don Marbury led A&M scorers with 20 points. Todd Holloway added 11.

Dr. Anderson led Pan American with 14 points, with guard Kevin Johnson close behind with 12. Forward Dan Williams and guard Tyrone Scott completed Pan Am's double figure-scorers with 10 points apiece.

For the game, the Aggies out-rebounded the Broncos 50-35, outshot them from the floor 49 to 34 percent, and from the line, 72 to 65 percent. A&M led in turnovers 23-12 to keep the game close, however.

"A lot of that (the turnovers) has to be mental," Metcalf said. "I think that'll improve. We passed the ball around pretty well early in the first half and I thought we had showed up really ready to play, but it went downhill from there."

A&M had its lead cut to one point twice early in the second half (at 36-35 and 40-39) after leading by three at halftime (34-31). However, the Aggies responded by outscoring the Broncos 12-4 over the next five minutes to take a 52-43 lead with nine minutes remaining.

After assorted teeth and combatants had been picked up and thrown off the court, Pan American never came closer than five points the rest of the way.

"We just have to get ready to play again tomorrow night (tonight at 7:30 in G. Rollie White against Prairie View A&M) with what we have, and hope we don't lose anyone else," Metcalf said.

Or, at the very least, any more blood, spit or teeth.

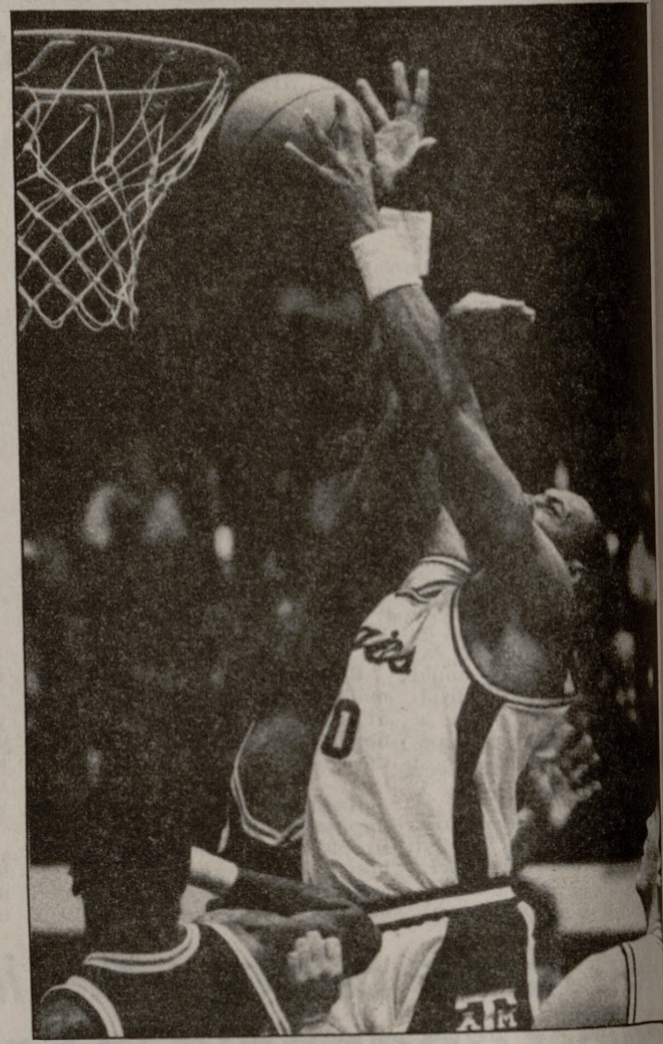


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Texas A&M's Jimmie Gilbert winces as he goes up for a shot against Pan American Tuesday night. The Ags eased past the Broncos, 74-67.

## Calcagni to start for Arkansas in Holiday Bowl

Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Fifth-year senior Mark Calcagni will replace sophomore Greg Thomas as the starting quarterback when the University of Arkansas takes on Arizona State in the Dec. 22 Holiday Bowl.

Calcagni's only start of 1985 came

against Rice when Thomas was bothered by a knee injury.

"Mark played well against SMU and has been here five years," said Arkansas Coach Ken Hatfield. "He deserves a chance to start. Both of them will play. Both have done a good job for us this year."

Calcagni said he was surprised to

learn he would be the starter. "But I'm really excited about it," he said. "It means a lot for me to start for the Razorbacks, especially in my last game."

Against Rice, Calcagni rushed for 160 yards in a 30-15 victory. During the year, he completed 27 of 47 passes for 561 yards and three

touchdowns and ran 55 times for 300 yards. Thomas, who started 10 games, completed 33 of 72 passes for 554 yards and four touchdowns and rushed 118 times for 365 yards.

"This is Mark's last game," said quarterback coach David Lee. "Greg's got 24 more here. It's not just a gift for Mark, though. He's

played really well for us this year and he deserves this chance."

The Razorbacks, 9-2 for the season, begin Holiday Bowl practice Wednesday and Hatfield said the game plan would be incorporated immediately.

"They've continued to work hard during the break," he said.

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