

# Sports

## Papers say Pardee headed to Houston as head coach

HOUSTON (AP) — Former NFL and USFL coach Jack Pardee will succeed Bill Yeoman as head coach at the University of Houston, according to two published reports Monday.

"It's not tied up in a neat little bow as of yet, but I think we're going to be delighted with our new coach," an unidentified source was quoted as saying in the *Houston Chronicle*.

"Unless there's some stumbling blocks, we will be in a position to have an announcement Tuesday," a *Dallas Times Herald* source said.

University officials scheduled a press conference Tuesday at 10 a.m., spokesman Mark Sanders said Monday afternoon. The meeting will concern athletics, but Sanders said he could not comment on specifics of the scheduled conference.

The *Chronicle* said the school's search committee Monday would recommend Pardee to the Intercollegiate Athletics Council, which must approve and forward its recommendation to the university's board of regents.

Others interviewed for the job were Texas A&M offensive coordinator Lynn Amedee, Arkansas State coach and athletic director Larry Laceywell, Philadelphia Eagles defensive coordinator Wade Phillips, and former Mississippi State assistant Gary Mullins. Phillips and Laceywell later withdrew from consideration.

Pardee, a college linebacker at A&M, was head coach of the NFL's Chicago Bears from 1975-77 and the Washington Redskins from 1978-80. He also was head coach of the USFL's Houston Gamblers.

The *Houston Post* reported

Monday that Amedee is being mentioned to replace Louisiana State coach Bill Arnsparger, who announced his resignation Saturday.

Amedee said he has not talked with anyone from LSU and that if offered the Houston job first, he would accept it without waiting for LSU.

"If they offered the Houston job tomorrow, I wouldn't back up," he said. "You've got to take it."

Amedee said he spoke to Houston officials last week.

"I think it's down to two," he said. "I think they want to hire a guy around the Texas area who knows the Texas kids. That's why I think I'm qualified for the job. Pardee's got a great name. It's down to whether they want a name or a college coach."

## Aggies to open season with No. 11 Oklahoma

By Danny Myers  
Sports Writer

The Texas A&M men's basketball team will tip off its 1986-87 season against 11th-ranked University of Oklahoma today at 7:30 p.m. in Norman, Okla.

The Sooners (1-1) began their season by hosting the Coca-Cola NIT Classic in Norman. They opened with a 119-110 victory over Brigham Young University in which Sooner guard Tim McCalister scored a career-high 44 points including a 5-for-6 performance from three-point range.

In the next round, Oklahoma dropped a 90-81 decision to fourth-ranked University of Nevada-Las Vegas. McCalister led the Sooners with 32 points and was again 5-for-6 on three-point shots.

A&M Head Coach Shelby Metcalf beginning his 24th season said the Aggies will have a tough time with Oklahoma.

"What concerns me is that they have already played the Russians and BYU and UNLV, and it helps to get those first few games under your belt," he said.

"We're gonna be the dog. They have some great players. (McCalister) will probably lead the nation in scoring this year. We're going to have to go out and get him."

The Aggies will have to go out and get him with a squad that includes nine new faces, including two junior college transfers that have settled into starting positions. Jessie Spinner, a 6-10 junior from Los Angeles, will take over at center and John Trezvant, a 6-7 junior from San Francisco, will start at forward.

Even though A&M has been picked to finish in the lower half of the Southwest Conference, Metcalf said the Aggies have a good club.

Forward Winston Crite, a three-year letterman, did not start in A&M's 103-83 exhibition victory over the Coors-Continental Flyers on Nov. 18 as he was still recovering from a broken hand. But Metcalf said Crite is fine now and will start

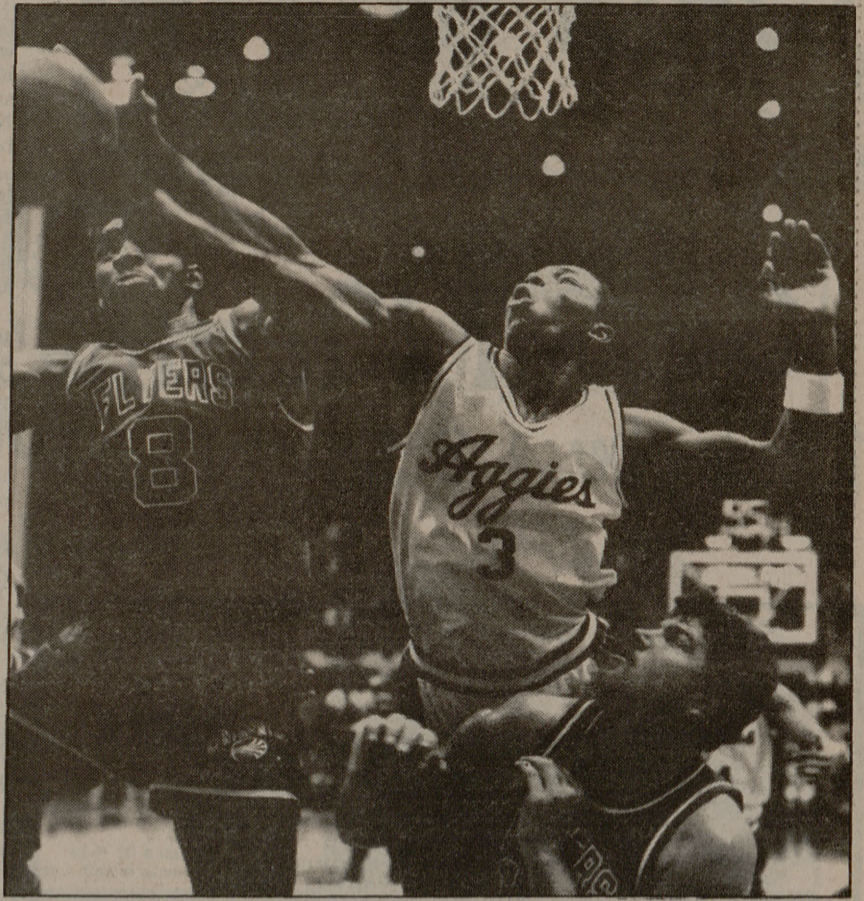


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Texas A&M guard James McGhee goes for the block in an earlier exhibition game against the Continental Coors Flyers.

against the Sooners. Crite was the team's leading rebounder last year, averaging 8.0 boards per game and 8.4 in Southwest Conference play.

He also was the second leading scorer on last year's team averaging 13.3 points per game, and is the only A&M player to block six shots in one game.

The probable starters at the guard

positions are 6-0 senior Todd Holloway and 6-5 junior Paul Crawford.

Darryl McDonald, a 6-4 junior from New York, is supposed to help the Aggies at guard this year but he re-injured a still ailing left knee in practice Saturday. Trainer Mike "Radar" Ricke said the injury was a sprain, and he expects McDonald to be out of action for approximately 10 days.

### AP Top 20

The Top Twenty teams in the Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, 1986 record, total points based on 20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 and ranking in last week's poll:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Miami, Fla. (53)	11-0-0	1,155	1
2. Penn State (5)	11-0-0	1,092	2
3. Oklahoma	10-1-0	1,053	3
4. Michigan	10-1-0	984	4
5. LSU	9-2-0	877	5
6. Nebraska	9-2-0	861	6
7. Arizona St.	9-1-1	777	8
8. Texas A&M	9-2-0	740	10
9. Arkansas	9-2-0	692	9
10. Auburn	9-2-0	631	14
11. Ohio St.	9-3-0	578	11
12. Washington	8-2-1	561	13
13. Alabama	9-3-0	452	7
14. Baylor	8-3-0	337	16
15. UCLA	7-3-1	316	15
16. Arizona	8-3-0	307	12
17. Georgia	8-3-0	234	18
18. N. C. State	8-2-1	135½	19
19. Iowa	8-3-0	127	20
20. Stanford	8-3-0	125	-

## Maryland's Ross quits as Terps head coach

(AP) — Maryland's Bobby Ross became the latest head coach to leave his job Monday, while Louisiana State's Bill Arnsparger could move into an athletic director role at either LSU or Florida, as college football's game of musical chairs continued.

The Terrapins had a 39-19-1 record in five seasons under Ross, who resigned with three years remaining on his contract. He cited unfulfilled promises regarding upgrading of Maryland's Byrd Stadium and new practice facilities and hinted at lack of administration support.

After informing his players that he was leaving, Ross said, "It did not appear that some things I thought would be important in improving our program were going to be there. Certain commitments that I had made to the players I haven't been able to fulfill.

"I felt badly about that. When I say something, I feel it's important that I be able to live up to that. There had come a time when I wasn't able to do that."

Over the weekend, Bill Arnsparger announced his resignation at Louisiana State and Fred Akers was fired after 10 seasons at Texas. Arnsparger, approaching 60, will remain to coach the Tigers through its Sugar Bowl game against Nebraska, but said he would not coach again after that.

Arnsparger, who spent three years at LSU after 20 years in the NFL, could wind up as athletic director either at LSU or Florida.

Arnsparger declined to pick a favorite as successor, but reportedly he is pushing Mike Archer, LSU's defensive coordinator.

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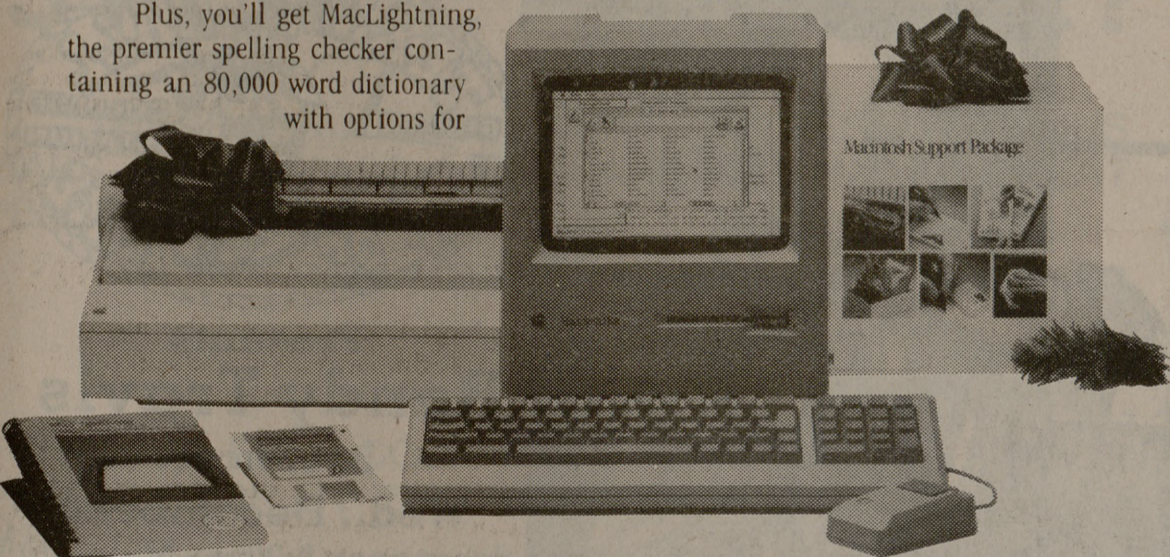
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