

Amedee

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in my area. You see, I recruit all of south Louisiana and Florida. So when you go into a school, it's easier to get in.

They know you've been to two straight Cotton Bowls. They know you've got an opportunity to go back again maybe for a third if you're good enough down the stretch. They know that you've got a chance to win. They know you play a good schedule. So then it becomes a little easier to recruit. And they know the other, the big thing; they know if you get a degree from Texas A&M, you can go anywhere, and you've got something. And that's the biggest thing. And people know that. You've gotta go outside Texas like I do to really appreciate that.

You take Bucky Richardson, for example. And I use him as an example because here's a guy from Baton Rouge, La., right at the home of LSU, and I go in and recruit Bucky Richardson because he knows who Texas A&M is. He's seen them on TV, he's seen that they've had an offense that he wants to be a part of, and that's to learn how to throw the football. They've been successful; they've been to the Cotton Bowl twice. And he knows that he has an opportunity to get a great degree, because there are a lot of Aggies in Baton Rouge.

And so what happens all of a sudden is you get in front of a guy like that, and all of a sudden he knows more about A&M than you realize. You go to Florida and they know a little bit more about A&M than you realize because there's always an Aggie around. And that's the great thing about Texas A&M — you've always got Aggies. And it's fun to recruit. It's really a fun place to recruit for.

Q: Your name has been thrown around in a lot of coaching questions around the country. Do you think that hurts your recruiting a little bit, since people might think the program may be a little unstable?

A: Well, I don't think our program is unstable. Maybe Lynn Amedee won't be here. But when you're recruiting players, you make them understand: you don't play for a coach — you play for the school. The school comes first. Your academics come before that. And you recruit that way. If I'm here, that's fine. If I'm not here, the next guy coming in is gonna be just as good as me, because the institution is gonna have that kind of guy when you go to a place like this. They have excellent facilities, excellent alumni, excellent education program, ... super dining hall, great place to live. Those are the things that go recruiting — it's not the coaches. All we're there for is to try to help you a better player and a better person.

The institution recruits itself, and that's what makes Texas A&M a very unique place. And I've been in this. I've coached at Tennessee. I've coached at LSU for five years. I've played at LSU. I coached at Tulane and I coached at Vanderbilt. And I coached in the pros (as a quarterbacks and running backs coach for the New Orleans Saints 1973-1975). But when you talk about recruiting, ... A&M is a unique place because of the great thing that people always say — Aggies take care of Aggies. They believe in each other. And that's what makes it more than that. And I believe that, or I'd have left. I mean, I had chances to leave. But I believe exactly what has happened here. I believe our people have been so good to us, it's hard to

leave here. Our head coach is good to us. ... And why go some place and get your brains beat when you could stay right here and have fun? And you gotta be honest about that. As a 46-year-old assistant coach you've got to be honest. I want to be a head coach. But I'm not going someplace where I don't have a chance to win. I'm don't want to go. Because I can stay right here and win.

Q: So you are leaving the door open for a head-coaching job?

A: Oh, yeah. Oh, sure! I always leave that door open. I've been in it a long. I want to be my own boss, but everybody does. But it's got to be a good situation. And that's the way it is.

Q: Coach Sherrill's name got tossed around a lot about the Alabama job. He's been thought of as a replacement for Tom Landry. Do you know at that and hope, "maybe I can be head coach at Texas A&M?"

A: Sure you do. I don't think that's going to happen. I think Coach Sherrill is pretty stable here. I'm not saying it won't happen, I said I don't think it's going to happen because he's got everything that he needs. They've taken care of him pretty well. He sees, just like I can see, that our program is on the right level as far as people. But if it happens, it would be a great thing. But I don't think it's going to happen. ... But it would be a great opportunity for a guy like me, ... or anybody that's here. Because this is a great place to be. One of the top five coaching jobs around. And I don't give a dang what anybody says or whatever they say. This is one of the better jobs around. It's a great, great institution.

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MISL's Sidekicks acquire Espinoza to replace injured forward Tatu

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Sidekicks have agreed to contract terms with free-agent defender Jorge Espinoza to fill the roster position vacated by injured MVP forward Tatu, a team spokeswoman said Wednesday.

Espinoza's signing depends on the outcome of a physical examination, but he is expected to sign with the Sidekicks Thursday, team spokeswoman Chalese Stachowiak said.

Terms of the contract would have to be released by Coach Gordon Jago, she said. Jago visited Tatu in a Dallas hospital Wednesday and did not immediately return a phone message left by the Associated Press.

Tatu, the Major Indoor Soccer League's most valuable player last season, continued recovering from surgery on his right knee. After Tuesday's surgery, doctors said Ta-

tu's torn ligament and cartilage would keep him off the playing field for the 1987-88 season.

Espinoza, 27, is a seven-year veteran of the MISL and was an all-star last season with the Kansas City Comets.

He tied the Sidekicks' Victor Moreland for third in the league with 112 blocked shots. Espinoza scored seven goals and had three assists in 47 games for the Comets last season.

"With Tatu's loss, we're trying to strengthen the team all around," Jago said earlier. "We're looking to resolve these roster situations quickly and start worrying about playing soccer."

Tatu holds every Sidekicks offensive record and scored 53 percent, 78, of the goals by the league cham-

pion 1986-87 Sidekicks. He injured the knee 45 seconds into the Sidekicks' season opener at Tacoma Nov. 4.

Team physician Howard Moore performed the surgery on Tuesday after determining the extent of damage through arthroscopic procedures.

Moore said the normal recovery time for such an injury is four to six months, making it unlikely that Tatu would be able to return even for the MISL playoffs which begin in late April and conclude in June.

"I don't look for him to play this season unless there's some miracle and it is probably best that he didn't try to play," Moore said. "But Tatu's prognosis for return to play next season is good."

Cubs rehire former manager Frey as director of baseball operations

CHICAGO (AP) — Jim Frey, fired 17 months ago as the field manager of the Chicago Cubs, Wednesday was handed the reins to run the team's entire organization.

Frey, who managed the Cubs to the National League East title in 1984, was appointed executive vice president and director of baseball operations by John Madigan, vice president of Tribune Co., which owns the team.

The move came almost two weeks after Dallas Green resigned as general manager. Ironically, it was Green who had hired Frey as field manager in 1984 and fired him in June of 1986.

Madigan, calling the choice "a strong one," said "Jim Frey was the only candidate."

Frey, 56, was not away from the organization very long. Last year he

turned down general manager and field manager jobs with the Minnesota Twins to become a radio color commentator for the Cubs.

"When I left Baltimore last evening," Frey kidded, "I didn't know if the job was as manager or in the front office, so I brought along my nice suit."

Frey, who makes his home in Baltimore, said he and Madigan met for several hours Tuesday night before reaching a decision.

Frey, refusing to reveal terms or length of his contract, said, "I'm comfortable with it."

Frey's first major assignment will be to name a field manager and he left the field wide open.

"I've thought about it. I gave it some thought when Mr. Madigan first talked to me," Frey said. "I deserve some time to prepare a list."

Frey said he has about 20 names on the list and answered yes, all were under consideration, when asked about such names as Don Zimmer, Joe Torre, Billy Williams and Phil Corrales.

Later, Frey was asked about John Vukovich, who like Zimmer is a close friend and was one of his coaches when he managed the Cubs.

"I plan to contact and talk to Vuke," Frey said, "although I read somewhere he intended to stay with Philadelphia."

Vukovich was expected to be named manager of the Cubs in late Green Oct. 29 when the Cubs called a press conference only to have Green announce his resignation.

Stunned, Vukovich left and recently joined Manager Lee Elicker's staff at Philadelphia.

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Lyle's bogey-free, 7-under round good enough for first-round lead

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — Sandy Lyle of Scotland shot a bogey-free, 7-under-par 65 on Wednesday for a one-stroke lead over Andy Bean in the first round of the \$600,000 Kapalua International Golf Tournament.

Nick Faldo of England, this year's champion of the British Open, was stranded by darkness on the course and has a chance to move within a stroke of the lead when he returns to complete first-round play Thursday morning.

Faldo, the only man who was unable to finish his round, was five under par and had a birdie putt of about seven feet on the 18th green.

"It's nice when it all comes together," Lyle, a former British Open champion himself, said.

"There are good days and bad days. Obviously, this was one of the good ones."

The long-hitting Scot has a history of those kinds of days on the 6,761-yard Bay course at the Kapalua resort.

He won the 1984 Kapalua title with a record score of 266.

"I just happen to be playing well," Lyle shrugged. "I like the week here. It's very relaxed."

"And the golf course here suits me extremely well. I can reach the par-5s, so there are lots of birdie chances."

He made the most of those opportunities during the muggy, misty opening round.

He birdied each of the long holes despite precipitation ranging from light drizzle to a steady shower, didn't have a "5" on his card and was never in danger of making a bogey.

But he couldn't shake Bean, who won this title last season and has

spent most of the time since the nursing an elbow injury.

"It's been frustrating, sitting home and watching the other guys playing," Bean said. "But there's a couple of months left."

"I just need to make the most of it. I need to make a lot of money in the next few months."

Bean, too, escaped without a bogey and moved to within a single shot of the lead with a little pitch that left him a two-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole.

Lanny Wadkins and Payne Stewart were tied at 67 in the chase for \$150,000 first prize.

Ian Woosnam of Wales, winner of five European titles this year, and Beaumont's Bruce Lietzke were tied for other shot back at 68.

Jack Nicklaus, making a rare, 10th season appearance, was one over par at 73.