

Johnson meets with Dallas news media

IRVING (AP) — Jimmy Johnson officially replaced the legendary Tom Landry as head coach of the Dallas Cowboys on Tuesday and apologized if he caused any discomfort to the only coach the Cowboys had for 29 years.

Landry was told he had been fired by Jones and club president Tex Schramm on Saturday afternoon at the Hills of Lakeway near Austin. "It hurts me to say I did something out of disrespect for Tom Landry," Johnson said. "I don't expect to replace someone like him. But just let me do my thing and judge me by what happens later."

Landry said he thought his dismissal "could have been handled better." He was left twisting in the wind for almost two days after Jones had shaken hands on a done deal with Bright.

player personnel director Gil Brandt had talked to Johnson Thursday about the transaction. But Johnson disputed that, saying, "I haven't talked to Gil Brandt in two weeks."

Media wants Landry honored by renaming of Texas Stadium

DALLAS (AP) — The city's two major newspapers Tuesday called on new Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and the Irving City Council to honor legendary coach Tom Landry with a Texas-sized monument — one that's big enough to hold 63,855 fans.

consecutive winning seasons and five Super Bowl appearances. "As we pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and start all over again, we will always glimpse Tom Landry

There was a report that Cowboys' mendous contribution to Dallas and we need to show him in some visible way our appreciation," she said Tuesday.

Johnson, who arrived for his first press conference 10 minutes late, said he had not decided on what assistant coaches he would be bringing with him from Miami or which Cowboys' assistants would be retained.

"A good step toward making amends was suggested during Jones' news conference Monday — the renaming of Texas Stadium for Tom Landry."

— The Dallas Morning News

watching us from the sideline," the Times Herald said. "What better way to actualize this psychological reality than to rename Texas Stadium for him? Clint Murchison Jr. built the stadium, but it was Mr. Landry and his Cowboys who made it live."

The *Morning News* editorial noted that Landry's firing "should stun and infuriate people who don't even follow professional sports."

He said the Cowboys will run a 4-3 defense with some 3-4 sprinkled in as a changeup. Johnson said former Miami assistant David Shula "is a brilliant coach and an excellent offensive strategist. He'll do a great job."

Legislature mulls illegal recruiting bill

AUSTIN (AP) — The winningest football coach in Southwest Conference history and a former Heisman Trophy winner urged the Legislature on Tuesday to enact a bill that would make it a felony crime to offer prospective college recruits illegal inducements, such as cars or money.

The Senate Criminal Justice Committee quickly approved a bill, voting 6-0, that sponsor Bob Glasgow, D-Stephenville, said would cover student-athletes, parents and alumni — not only in Texas but across the nation.

prison. Glasgow said the law is needed because the only sanction by the National Collegiate Athletic Association is to place a school on probation, which penalizes honest athletes as well as the school for possibly the acts of a few.

Royal said without subpoena power, NCAA investigations now can reach a certain stage, up to the financing of cars at banks for instance, and the bank simply tells you to get out of their bank, and there's nothing the NCAA can do about that.

Lady Aggies host SWT in doubleheader tonight

By Stan Golaboff

SPORTS WRITER

Texas A&M's softball team will play its home opener today at 6 p.m. at the Lady Aggie Softball Complex against Southwest Texas State. It is the first game of a doubleheader.

A&M Head Coach Bob Brock started the year with a new infield and then changed it before the Louisiana tournament. The new infield has Carrie Heightley playing first, Michelle Mayfield at third and Renee Blaha at shortstop.

A&M Softball

- What: Texas A&M's Lady Aggie softball team (5-2) hosts Southwest Texas State (2-0) for a doubleheader.
- Where: Lady Aggie Softball Complex.
- When: 6 p.m.

"We are happy to be home," Brock said. "We're glad to be on a winning streak and we hope to carry it through the weekend during our tournament."

siana Classic last weekend. A&M is 5-2 for the year. This is the twelfth meeting between the two schools and A&M has never lost to SWT. Last year A&M swept four games from SWT. SWT Head Coach Pam Wuestenberg will be looking for her first win against A&M as she brings in her team, which is 2-0 on the year.

A&M depended on the arm of freshman pitcher Dana Mitchell to win in Louisiana and Mitchell will be the starter for today's opener.

"Dana made great progress this weekend," Brock said. Mitchell (5-2) pitched a no-hit shutout against Southern Mississippi in the semifinals in Louisiana.

Brock is looking for more offensive output in today's twinbill.

"We are getting some hitting and scoring from people we didn't expect it from and those who aren't hitting are making good contact with the ball," Brock said. "They keep hitting the ball straight at people, but it will come."

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"We think the law would apply equally," Glasgow told a news conference. "If somebody, a university, from Florida or Michigan or Ohio State or California came into Texas and violated this Penal Code, we think those people are subject to prosecution also."

A majority of SWC schools have been penalized by the NCAA in recent years for alleged violations, and Texas blue-chip football recruits have responded by leaving the state in record numbers.

"We look like the biggest bunch of thugs, gangsters ... of all time," Royal told the committee.

The bill by Glasgow, and nine other legislators, would make it a misdemeanor — punishable by up to one year in jail — for a person to intentionally or knowingly solicit, accept, or agree to accept an illegal inducement to attend a particular college.

Glasgow said in many cases parents are trying to negotiate benefits for their children who play sports.

"The day of the student-athlete and his parents asking a college, 'What do you have to offer?' must end," Glasgow said.

Royal said he could go on any college campus in the nation and determine if student-athletes were getting improper payments.

"I'd check their rides and rags," Royal testified. "If they're driving BMWs and wearing cashmere sweaters, it doesn't take a genius to know what's going on."

In a provision of the bill directed at alumni, those offering illegal recruiting benefits would be subject to a maximum penalty of 10 years in

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Petro Z. Kukovenko says he summoned the courage to speak after a Soviet commission rebuked the bones and erected a memorial in May blaming the Nazis for the killing. On the spot where Soviet government trucks once dripped blood on the forest floor, the monument carved the official version in granite.

"When they put up this monument, I became ashamed that they were blaming this on the wrong people," Kukovenko, 74, said in an interview.

"My father may be buried there," Kukovenko's wife, Halyna, said. "My father was a collective farmer, and they killed him for nothing," she sobbed.

Western historians estimate 20 million Soviets were killed under Stalin, particularly during the Great Purge of the late 1930s.

But it was only in 1987 the Soviet government, as part of the reforms instituted under President

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