

Hatfield leaves Arkansas for Clemson

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — Ken Hatfield of Arkansas accepted the coaching job at Clemson on Monday, and a threatened player boycott was averted after he met with the team.

Hatfield, who coached the Razorbacks for six years and led them to the Cotton Bowl the past two seasons, replaces Danny Ford, who resigned Thursday, less than two weeks after the NCAA accused the coach of recruiting violations.

"We understand it's a very difficult situation and time, but I promise you that things will work out," he said. "There's nothing that can't be accomplished if everybody's part of the team and you're part of something that's bigger than yourself."

Clemson Athletic Director Bobby Johnson said it took a person of great strength and fortitude and confidence to take the job following the NCAA investigation and the uproar surrounding Ford's resignation.

"We looked and we talked to a lot of people. The name that we always

kept coming to was Ken Hatfield," Robinson said. "I just hope that all the Clemson people will appreciate him as much as he's been appreciated everywhere else because he's going to do the job."

"He's going to earn your respect and appreciation — and most of all

Arkansas Athletic Director Frank Broyles said Sunday his school will work quickly to choose a successor.

"You know we have to go fast," Broyles told the Northwest Arkansas Times in Fayetteville. "I probably won't have much more to say today unless we have something definite."

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he's a winner," he said.

The 46-year-old Hatfield compiled a 55-17-1 record at Arkansas, guiding the Razorbacks to six bowl appearances in as many years. His bowl record at Arkansas, however, was 1-5, including Cotton Bowl losses to Tennessee (31-27 in 1990) and UCLA (17-3 in 1989).

promoted, they would sit out next season.

"We decided as a team in dedication to all of our assistant coaches and Coach Ford, the best thing for us and our future would be to reconsider playing for the upcoming football season," team spokesman Stacy Fields, a tight end, said. "We're not 100 percent satisfied, but we felt a little better knowing that everyone out there knows we did our best to get what we wanted."

"However, we have a new head coach, and he's not within the staff that was here before."

Defensive back Dexter Davis said some players had already made up their minds with the hiring of Hatfield.

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Hatfield met with the team for about 10 minutes before Sunday's news conference to announce his hiring, but would not comment on what was discussed.

The choice of Hatfield, who had a 27-31-1 record as the head coach at Air Force from 1979-83, could have created more controversy. But after Hatfield met Sunday with the players, the threatened boycott for the 1990 season was called off. On Saturday, players said that if Ford was not reinstated or an assistant wasn't

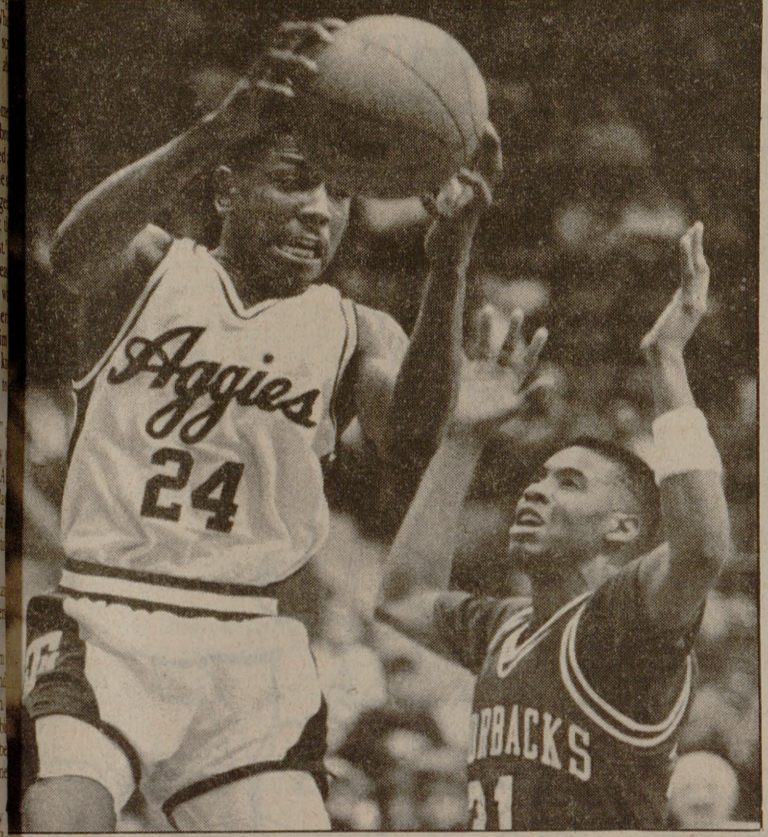


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A&M guard Lynn Suber comes down with a rebound against Arkansas forward Ron Huery. The Razorbacks' 100-84 win over the Aggies puts them in sole possession of first place in the Southwest Conference.

Ware may change mind, skip senior UH season

Heisman Trophy winner says there's 'always a possibility'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware says he may change his mind and skip his senior season at Houston to join the NFL.

Ware, who holds 26 NCAA passing and total offense records, has repeatedly stated that he would return to Houston next season. But he appeared to soften his stance Saturday night in remarks made prior to an awards banquet.

to be other reasons for him to bypass his final year at Houston, including the departure of Coach Jack Pardee to the Houston Oilers and the possibility that the NFL will institute a pay scale for rookies.

"If I were to explore all the possibilities — and I'm sure there may come a point in time when I want to do that — I will pursue it and see what's out there for Andre," Ware said.

"There's always the possibility of things changing," he said. "If I explore some things and find out that it's better for myself to come out this year than next, it's certainly a possibility that I will."

However, Ware said he would return to school if he had to make a decision right now.

"A lot has transpired over the past two weeks, but right now I have every intention of going back to school," he said. "If I want to pursue other things, that's something I can certainly do when the time comes."

Ware, honored as college back of the year by the Touchdown Club, said there isn't much more he can accomplish as a college football player. But there appear

In an interview prior to the banquet, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the league may ease restrictions on athletes who wish to play in the NFL before using up their college eligibility.

"We'll have to clarify the rule," Tagliabue said. "It will involve some liberalization, but it will also involve drawing a line below which we would not make exceptions."

Tagliabue said "outstanding" players such as Barry Sanders and Keith McCants should be allowed to enter the draft as underclassmen. But the commissioner said he feared that a revised rule would hurt players with marginal talent.

Hogs

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Another technical was called on Richardson with 4:05 left in the first half. Suber made both baskets, giving the Aggies to within one point of the Razorbacks, 35-36.

The second technical foul fueled Arkansas, who went on an eight-minute run and ended the half on top, 37.

The second half opened with a pair of three-point shots; one by Arkansas guard Todd Day, and one by Suber. Arkansas followed with other three-pointers by guard Arlon Bowers, and the Razorbacks began to pull away from the once-close games.

A&M began to slip into foul trouble early in the second half. Rhea fouled out with 14 minutes left in the game, and the Aggies' hopes were diminished. Seven minutes later, Harris fouled out, and the

Hogs' rebounding efforts were made easier.

"The key in the second half was when their big men got in trouble," Day said. "We kept pounding it inside."

Rhea and Arkansas center Mario Credit both led the game with 11 rebounds.

"The big difference in the game was our work on the boards," Richardson said. "Every time we went up in the second half we were getting two and three shots."

A&M Coach Shelby Metcalf downplayed the controversy surrounding the Dallas Times Herald story Saturday about Athletic Director John David Crow's criticism of Metcalf's program, crediting a tough Arkansas team for the Aggies' loss.

"The bottom line today was we got beat by a pretty good ballclub," Metcalf said. "Arkansas' guards played well and were a key in the win."

The loss for the Aggies leaves them in fifth place in the conference at 2-3 and 9-10 overall.

Lady Ags

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son, missed another free throw, but A&M failed to get the rebound and, with 18 seconds left, was forced to foul yet another Arkansas guard.

For Arkansas, the third time was the charm they were looking for. Senior guard Juliet Jackson went to the line and made both her free throws.

Then, as if that wasn't enough, she stole the ball before the Lady Aggies could get it past half-court. Jackson dribbled precious seconds off the clock before Irving was able to foul her with five seconds left.

Jackson then hit another free throw to provide the game's final score.

"Juliet Jackson played like a senior for us tonight," Arkansas Coach John Sutherland said. "She stepped

up to the line and knocked 'em down."

Jackson did not score a field goal in the game, but she tied with Blair Savage for the Lady Hogs' team lead in scoring on the strength of her 11-of-14 free throw performance.

However, Jackson's clutch play was not the only thing that beat the Lady Aggies.

"If they had shot the ball well, they would have plastered us," Sutherland said.

Indeed, A&M held an impressive 44-33 rebounding edge, with DeCree and Madison each gathering 10. The Lady Aggies were fairly even in all other statistical categories except blocks.

And points.

"I felt like we had a chance," Jennings said of her team's prospects to win after her fourth three-pointer, "but things at the end — like not blocking out — really hurt us."

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