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Penders denies UF rumors

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Hours after his team's biggest victory in more than a decade, Texas coach Tom Penders is discounting reports that he may be leaving the Longhorns.

The Dallas Morning News reported Penders had been scheduled Monday to have a formal interview for the vacant University of Florida position, but it was canceled because Texas is still in the NCAA tournament.

According to the report, Penders and Florida Athletic Director Bill Arnsparger were still expected to talk about the position after the season.

Penders, arriving in Austin Monday with the Longhorns, dismissed the talk as rumor.

"There's two rumors about coaches: One is he's going to get fired and the other he's leaving. I'd rather have them say I'm leaving instead of getting fired," he said.

"I have no desire to be anywhere else. I'm the Texas head coach. I've got a five-year contract and I'd love to retire here, but these rumors are going to go on," he said.

Penders is in the second year of a long-term contract that reportedly is worth more than \$200,000 per year, including fringe benefits. He has compiled a 48-17 record in two seasons at Texas, a school that made the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1979 last year.

The Longhorns (23-8) play No. 25 Xavier (28-4) Thursday in regional semifinal action in Dallas. Both teams advanced with upset victories Sunday. Texas beat No. 10 Purdue 73-72 and Xavier defeated Georgetown 74-71.

"We've been fighting for recognition and these kids deserved it," Penders said after the victory over Purdue. "There's no question Texas is not known for its basketball program. Football is king in the state and that's not going to change."

Still, Penders indicated last week that he didn't mind the situation.

"I don't ever want us to be a basketball school. I go to a football game at Texas and there's 82,000 people there and they're all quarterbacks. At a basketball game, they don't know what's going on, if I should be in man or zone.

"I stand up and give a traveling motion and you've got 14,000 people



Photo by Frederick...

Texas basketball coach Tom Penders soon may be interviewing for the head coaching job at the University of Florida.

doing the same thing. I used to coach at Fordham University in New York City. If I didn't cover (the spread), I got booted in the cafeteria the next day.

"I don't ever want to be in a situation where if we lose three games, we're on the cover of Sports Illustrated. That's how it is in football."

Penders was reprimanded by Southwest Conference Commissioner Fred Jacoby for criticizing officials after a Jan. 25 game at Arkansas, and could face a suspension for public criticism after his loss to Houston in the SWC tournament finals this month. But he had no trouble with the officials here.

"I'd like to send a limo and have them down to Texas for every one of our games," Penders said, calling them great.

"We had no advantage. They were consistent," he said. "They're consistent. We're so happy to be in the NCAA. I wouldn't complain about anything."

Penders said his team, which cured the victory when Guillermo Myers blocked the potential winning shot at the buzzer, was returning home with new confidence.

"We're no fluke," he said. "Being a team from the best conference in the country makes us believe we can beat anybody."

No. 17 Ags host Southwestern

By ALAN LEHMANN
Of The Battalion Staff

The No. 17 Texas A&M baseball team will return to action Tuesday night to defend its five-game winning streak.

A&M will host the Southwestern Pirates in a 5:30 p.m. doubleheader at Olsen Field. The seven inning opener will be followed by a nine inning nightcap.

The Aggies are 23-7 on the year after sweeping a three game series from Missouri and winning the Aggie-Continental tournament earlier in the week.

A&M had to go into extra innings for both of its wins Saturday.

Coach Mark Johnson said that the come-from-behind wins will help his team build confidence.

"It does a lot for you, not only at the moment, but down the road because you remember the comebacks," Johnson said. "You feel good about yourselves when they don't give up and can come back for a win."

Tuesday's doubleheader will be the Aggies' last tune-up before the start conference play Friday when they host Texas Tech. Friday's p.m. game will be followed by a p.m. doubleheader Saturday.

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