

# UA defection causes 'Red Scare' for remaining conference schools

DALLAS (AP) — Arkansas' defection to the Southeastern Conference on Wednesday was a telegraphed punch that left no Southwest Conference official surprised.

The Hogs' departure did create speculation Texas and Texas A&M might follow, the Cotton Bowl might be independent, and the SWC could make an alliance with the Big Eight conference.

SWC Commissioner Fred Jacoby said he is involved in a discussion with another conference "that is too sensitive" to comment about. The SWC would dearly love to have Oklahoma, a charter member of the league, back in the fold.

"Obviously, Oklahoma is a very attractive school as far as we're concerned," Jacoby said. "We could strengthen ourselves by what has happened."

Oklahoma officials say they have been contacted "formally or informally" by the SWC.

Dr. James Vick, SWC president, said there could be a meeting early in the month between officials from both leagues, including Jacoby and Oklahoma's Big Eight commissioner.

Texas and Texas A&M should decide to leave, could have trouble with the Texas Legislature. Several lawmakers have said they would fight any abandonment of the SWC by the Longhorns and Aggies.

Texas A&M president William Hobby said, "We want to stay a part of the league as long as it is a viable conference. We're traditionalists and we're members of the Southwest Conference."

Texas has "game planned" Arkansas being gone.

Athletic director DeLoss Dodds said whatever happens the Aggies and Longhorns, arch rivals on the

"We shouldn't go out and slit our wrists because Arkansas is leaving. It's really not that big a deal."

—Spike Dykes, Texas Tech head coach

field, "will be together" whether they remain in the SWC or move on.

The Cotton Bowl executive committee held a meeting to discuss options. The Cotton Bowl traditionally has reserved an automatic bid for the SWC champion.

Jim Brock, executive vice-president of the Cotton Bowl, acknowledged that Arkansas' leaving "could have a big impact on us."

CBS-TV is looking into its options after Arkansas ended its 76-year affiliation with the SWC beginning in the 1991 season.

"We could go one of three ways," Brock said. "We could realign with another conference, stay where we are or go independent."

Should the Cotton Bowl follow an independent course, it would be in the same position as the Fiesta Bowl, which has no conference ties.

"There are certain advantages being independent," Brock said. "We hate to see Arkansas go but we've enjoyed our association with the SWC. Maybe things will get better. We'll just have to see. We don't want to rush into anything."

The Cotton Bowl has been affiliated with the SWC for 50 years.

"As long as Texas and A&M stay in the league it will be a strong conference," said Cotton Bowl president John Stuart. "The addition of another strong member would also help the situation."

CBS Sports and the SWC have a six-year agreement. However, CBS has said it could lower rights fees with Arkansas gone from the conference.

There was a "good riddance" attitude from some SWC officials and coaches about Arkansas leaving.

"Who cares?" asked Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes. "Good luck to 'em but we don't want anyone in this conference who doesn't want to be here. Don't let the door hit 'em on the way out."

Houston athletic director Rudy Dalalos said, "I'm glad the game playing is over. We'll survive."

Baylor's Grant Teaff, the dean of SWC coaches beginning his 19th season, said, "Who is the SEC anyway? I just know we've got a unique situation, it's special and good. We've paid the price for it, and we've had enough abuse. We're not going to take it. We'll come out slugging if we get any more."

SMU head football coach and athletic director Forrest Gregg said Arkansas' leaving "isn't like losing oxygen or water. We'll live."

SMU has been contemplating moving some of its games back to Texas Stadium for bigger gates. Ownby Stadium only seats 25,000.

A&M coach R.C. Slocum said, "It might make it harder for A&M to leave than Arkansas because what would happen to the rest of the conference because of our decision may be crucial."

Slocum added, "It's not the end of the world and it's not a panic situation for the rest of us."

Texas coach David McWilliams said he thought it was sad to see the Hogs go.

# Herzog fired, Torre hired, Cards march on

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Joe Torre was hired Wednesday to replace Whitey Herzog as manager of the last-place St. Louis Cardinals, his first managerial job since 1984.

"Surprise, surprise," Cardinals general manager Dal Maxvill said at a news conference to announce that Torre signed a two-year contract with an option for a third year.

His salary was not disclosed. "During the selection process, I interviewed a number of very good candidates," Maxvill said. "But I kept coming back to Joe Torre."

"We couldn't find anyone better on earth."

The 50-year-old Torre will be in the dugout for Thursday's game at Philadelphia. He hasn't managed since being fired by the Atlanta Braves in 1984, and has been working as a broadcaster for the California Angels.

"When you leave the booth after the game you're never sure if you won or lost," Torre said. "Nobody calls you at 2 a.m. and you don't have to read in the papers how dumb you are. But winning is the greatest feeling in the world and losing with a chance to win is the next-best thing."

Torre said he will retain his coaching staff for the rest of the year and will use the time to evaluate the team, which was 13-10 under interim manager Red Schoendienst before Wednesday's game against the Phillies.

Herzog, who had been in his 11th year with the team, resigned July 6. Torre was one of seven finalists for the job, but he always stood at the front of the pack as far as Maxvill, a longtime friend, was concerned.

# Recruits

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Year in 1989. Three Aggies played on the North squad, with offensive guard Todd Mathison turning in the best performance. The 6-5, 285 pounder from Weatherford did his best blocking on the North's two touch-down drives. Mathison easily combines his immense size with quick speed off the snap.

Darrell Red, from Conroe, and Kyle Maxfield, from Sudan, were the other Aggies on the North squad. Red, a 6-5, 245 pound tight end injured his ankle Sunday night stepping in a hole and was used sparingly.

Maxfield, a 6-2, 175 pounder, was the North's third-string quarterback and received limited playing time in the fourth quarter.

Granger, Emerson, Batts, Engand, Mathison, Fedora — if Tuesday night is any indication of the future, names such as these should start popping up on all-conference teams in the next couple of years.

Photo by Thomas J. Lavin

A&M recruit Marcus Batts received defensive MVP.

**Golf club admits black; prompts two tour pros' charge of 'tokenism'**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Blacks golfers Lee Elder and Charlie Owens accused Shoal Creek country club of tokenism Wednesday for admitting an honorary black member to avoid protests at next week's PGA Championship.

Elder and Owens also criticized civil rights groups for calling off their plans to protest at the previously all-white club in Birmingham, Ala., when it hosts the tournament.

"You need a tub of water and you get a teardrop and you're satisfied," Owens said. "No, it didn't go far enough."

After Shoal Creek announced Tuesday that it was admitting Birmingham businessman Louis Willie as an honorary member, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference canceled plans to demonstrate during the event, which starts next Thursday.

The NAACP also said it would advise its members not to protest at the event.

"I felt that we should go to the very end with this thing," Elder said at a tournament in Charlotte. "An honorary membership doesn't mean anything."

"We get one guy in there and everything's going to be lovey-dovey," Owens said. "I don't think they went far enough."

However, SCLC president Joseph Lowery said Shoal Creek's acceptance of a black member is "an excellent beginning."

"We didn't get everything we would like, but compromise is a part of negotiations," Lowery said. "We hope it's the beginning of the end of racial exclusion in golf as a sport and in golf as a business."

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