UA defection causes 'Red Scare' for remaining conference schools

ALLAS (AP) — Arkansas' defecto the Southeastern Conference Wednesday was a telegraphed nch that left no Southwest Con-

ence official surprised. The Hogs' departure did create eculation Texas and Texas A&M ght follow, the Cotton Bowl might independent, and the SWC could ake an alliance with the Big Eight onference.

SWC Commissioner Fred Jacoby

he is involved in a discussion ven the vith another conference "that is too sitive" to comment about. The VC would dearly love to have Okoma, a charter member of the gue, back in the fold.

"Obviously, Oklahoma is a very atthe conference," Jacoby said. "We could engthen ourselves by what has

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

Dr. James Vick, SWC president, d there could be a meeting early month between officials from h leagues, including Jacoby and rl James, Big Eight commissioner. Texas and Texas A&M, should ey decide to leave, could have buble with the Texas Legislature. everal lawmakers have said they ould fight any abandonment of the

WC by the Longhorns and Aggies. Texas A&M president William lobley said, "We want to stay a part the league as long as it is a viable nference. We're traditionalists and re members of the Southwest nference.

Texas has "game planned" Arsas being gone. Athletic director DeLoss Dodds

Recruits

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whatever happens the Aggies

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 an-

other 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 confer-

There was a "good riddance" atti-tude 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 Davalos 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 situa-tion, 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

SMU head football coach and athletic director Forrest Gregg said Ar-kansas' leaving "isn't like losing oxy-gen 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

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

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

"We couldn't find anyone bet-

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. "No-body 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 Wednes-day'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.

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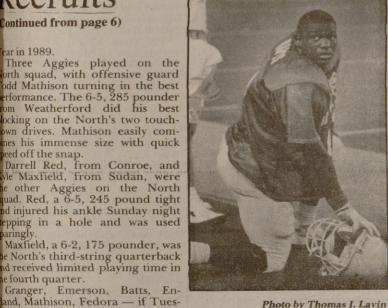


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Golf club admits black; prompts two tour pros' charge of 'tokenism'

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 tourna-'You need a tub of water and you

get a teardrop and you're satisfied," Owens said. "No, it didn't go far After Shoal Creek announced Tuesday that it was admitting Birmingham businessman Louis Willie

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

"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

"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

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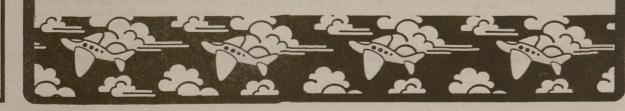
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