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# Casting for cash

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by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



# Davis went through tough season

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Both Davis and Athletic Director John David Crow let it be known from the outset that a quick turnaround was not the main goal — a slow and steady rebuilding process was expected.

Davis and his new staff started losing players before the season even got underway. All totaled, Davis lost 12 players in one year, leaving him with seven scholarship players by the end of the team's 8-21 season.

That, coupled with an extensive media blitz thrust upon the program after the Syracuse Post-Standard published a two-part series alleging misconduct in both the Syracuse and A&M basketball programs, made keeping focus on building a solid program even more difficult.

Davis said he holds no bitter feelings toward the University, even after the results of A&M's internal investigation forced him to resign six days ago. The report listed eight NCAA violations in the Davis program.

"I think they're (the violations) minor in substance," Davis said. "Some happened inadvertently. We didn't know we were breaking rules violations. I think the past experience with the NCAA affected the decision that was made."

"But that's the situation that Dr. (William) Mobley had to deal with, and I respect his decision."

Davis said his relationship with reported New York player broker Rob Johnson led to his resignation: Speculation began to run rampant that Davis was using Johnson to recruit illegally.

"If you could turn back the clock and we could know what we know now about Rob Johnson, we wouldn't have gotten involved," Davis said. "He presented himself as a good person, then we found out later about his background and the speculation about him."

"That's what created so much hype — his reputation — and the fact that we knew nothing about it just fueled the fire."

The wild accusations eventually were found to be false, but Davis said they figured in his decision not to take legal action and fight for his job.

"You go back and look at all the old articles, look at the report and those points have been found untrue," Davis said. "I think, though, with all the speculation and that cloud over the program, it would have been very difficult for our staff to continue as coaches."

"The media created such a splash all over, it would have been difficult."

Aside from ever being associated with Johnson, Davis said he had two other regrets about the way things have turned out.

"I regret that I don't think the student body really saw the quality of basketball that we could have provided for them over the next four or five years," Davis said. "But mainly, I regret that the University's name was dragged through this."

"It's not good for the school, it's not good for the athletic department or the basketball program."

After those three things, Davis said he'd rather not focus on the bad things that happened during his stint as Aggie coach. He'd rather talk about the positive things he'll leave behind, and the good memories he'll take with him.

There are three people, however, that could show what Davis could have accomplished — early signees Corey Henderson, Kevin Barker and

Damon Johnson. "I hope all three guys will continue to come to A&M and do well on the court," Davis said. "Those guys are all honor roll students and all guys that are going to be very good players here."

He is also optimistic about next year's team. Davis will meet with team members individually starting today, and he said he will advise them all to stay at A&M.

Another legacy Davis will leave at A&M is a revamped home schedule, something that long has been a thorn in the building of fan support. Auburn and Alabama both will travel to College Station in 1992. The Aggies also will start a home-and-home series with Missouri next season, and with Colorado later.

Davis, who said he will leave College Station after he's had time to completely think out what he wants to do, wants to remember the good things about A&M.

"The good memories are definitely the people that my wife Betty and I have met, which are people we'll stay in contact with for a long time," he said. "Finding out about A&M's great traditions was probably the most intriguing thing. Also, our relationships with the players and watching them grow and respond to our teachings is something special."

Davis said he's not sure when life will lead him now, but he's confident he and his family will persevere.

"Whether or not I end up coaching basketball, I feel that I'll be successful," Davis said. "I really want to coach, but I don't want to rush things. I need to make sure it's the right situation and that it's what I want to do."

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# Phoenix Suns stump Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — Xavier McDaniel scored 24 points and Tom Chambers added 22 Wednesday night as the Phoenix Suns rolled to their club-record seventh consecutive road victory, beating the Dallas Mavericks 110-96.

Jeff Hornacek contributed 20 points and Kevin Johnson had 15 points and 12 assists as the Suns won for the 10th time in their last 11 games.

Dallas went 3:46 without scoring down the stretch until Derek Harper's basket with 2:34 to play narrowed Phoenix's lead to 101-92. But Hornacek's three-pointer on the Suns' next possession ended the hopes of the Mavericks, now 2-6 in their last eight games.

Herb Williams led Dallas with 30 points and Derek Harper added 23.

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