

# Crowe resigns after Citadel loss

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FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Jack Crowe quit Sunday as head football coach at the University of Arkansas, one day after the Division I Razorbacks suffered an embarrassing 10-3 loss to The Citadel, a Division I-AA school.

Defensive coordinator Joe Kines, an assistant coach for 28 years, was named Crowe's successor.

Crowe, 44, was starting his third year as head coach. He was hired Jan. 22, 1990, after Ken Hatfield left Arkansas for Clemson. "It is obvious the program is not where we want it to be and not where it should be," Crowe said. "Razorback fans deserve better than that. I believe it is in the best interests of all concerned that the head coaching responsibility be turned over to someone else."

Kines, a former linebackers coach for the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers, was credited with dramatically improving a weak defensive unit in 1991, his first year at Arkansas.

His resume includes coaching stints at Jacksonville State, Clemson, Florida and Alabama.

"I promise you day to day, one day at a time, that the state of this ship will float in the right direction," Kines said. "Any changes that are made will be slow and subtle. I don't think there will be any wholesale jerking around."



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Wilbert Biggens races down the field on a 34-yard reception in the second quarter. Biggens had 50 receiving yards total.

## Associated Press Top 10

How the top 10 teams in the Associated Press' college football poll fared Saturday:

- 1. Miami (1-0) beat No. 23 Iowa 24-7. Next: Florida A&M, Sept. 19.
- 2. Washington (1-0) beat Arizona State 31-7. Next: Wisconsin.
- 3. Notre Dame (1-0) beat Northwestern 42-7. Next: No. 6 Michigan.
- 4. Florida State (1-0) beat Duke 48-21. Next: at No. 13 Clemson.
- 5. Michigan (0-0) was idle. Next: at No. 3 Notre Dame.
- 6. Florida (0-0) was idle. Next: Kentucky.
- 7. Texas A&M (2-0) beat LSU 31-22; Next: Tulsa, Sept. 19.
- 8. Penn State (1-0) beat Cincinnati 24-20. Next: Temple.
- 9. Alabama (1-0) beat Vanderbilt 25-8. Next: Southern Mississippi.
- 10. Syracuse (1-0) beat East Carolina 42-21. Next: No. 25 Texas.

## Offense

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"We just wanted to keep them both happy," Toledo said. "We thought it might be interesting if we used them both in the same backfield. With it (the formation), we can run the sweep, run the zones, and both of them are pretty good blockers."

Slocum said he feels the talent of both backs will help A&M make the move it has wanted towards a more diverse offense.

"Using them both in the backfield at the same time gives us more flexibility with what we're doing offensively," Slocum said. "Not only are both of them great runners, but both are pretty good blockers, too, which adds to our game."

Thomas, who ran for 98 yards

on 19 carries against the Tigers, said grabbing some time in the limelight was not as important to him as helping his team earn its first victory in "Death Valley" since 1975.

"I've waited for this day for a while, not to get more carries but to get the chance to compete," Thomas said. "I just want to do my part to help this team win games, and if I can do that, that's what makes me happy."

Thomas, who tries to tone down his performance with an unselfish attitude that stresses the team first, provided one of the offensive highlights for the Aggies early in the fourth quarter as he split through the middle and broke a tackle from the LSU safety on his way to a 22-yard touchdown run which proved to be the game-winner.

"I looked through the hole, and it looked good," Thomas said. "I have to give credit to my blockers, because we have a good offensive line."

## Aggies

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Hallman said he felt the opening drive was a key to A&M's success, and said his team needed an early jump to win the game.

"I've got to congratulate R.C. and his men. They have a fine football team," Hallman said. "I thought we had to put ourselves in a position to win the game in the fourth quarter, that was the goal. We had to come out of the chute with the opening kickoff, and we didn't do that."

A&M could not, however, break the game open until the last quarter as the Tigers continually fought back from deficits.

Tailback Robert Davis provided the biggest spark for LSU, as the freshman from Birmingham, Ala. rambled for 134 yards on 15 carries. More than half of those came on a 76-yard run midway through the second quarter that set up the Tigers' first touchdown.

Davis broke several tackles, then cut to the right side with only LSU blockers in front of him. A&M cornerback Aaron Glenn managed to come across the field and catch Davis from behind at the eight-yard line and prevent the touchdown.

"Actually, I was shaking when I was running because the crowd was getting into it so much," Davis said of his run. "I just got to running, kept my legs moving and kept bouncing off tacklers."

On the next play, LSU quarterback Ryan Huffman rolled around the left side into the end zone to tie the game at seven.

LSU recovered from a first half deficit by opening the third quarter with an eight play, 76-yard touchdown drive.

The Aggies took a 17-14 lead late in the third quarter on a 44-yard field goal by Terry Venetoulas, and never surrendered the lead after that point.

"I think using myself and Greg at the same time will improve our offense because it gives the opponent another backfield and another formation to worry about," Thomas added.

A&M fullback Doug Carter said he felt using Thomas and Hill together not only put the talents of both on display against the Tigers, but also helped A&M wear the LSU defense down.

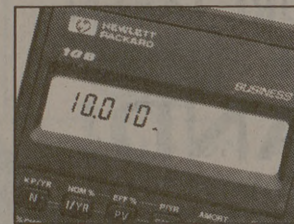
"I think by the fourth quarter, they were tired," Carter said. "Using Rodney and Greg helps wear the defense down, and I think it paid off."

Carter said the complete offensive unit would capitalize from the new formation, and said he felt it was time to win a game in less-than-traditional A&M fashion — with the offense.

"I believe it was the offense's time to win," Carter said. "Last week (against Stanford) the defense won it for us. This week was a debut of a brand new offense."

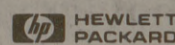
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loss to the Hurricanes, there will be no looking past Tulsa. Missouri on the road could present a problem simply because the game is in Columbia. Even though Louisville gave 17th-ranked Ohio State a run for their money Saturday, the Cardinals have to play in Kyle Field come November.

As for the conference schedule, the tough teams come to College Station (Texas Tech, Baylor, Rice). And after this week, A&M has already shown that they have the talent to beat any SWC foe, and beat them handily.

In fact, given the sorry state of affairs, it would almost be a disappointment if the Aggies lost any of their SWC games. Talk about pressure.

But for now, A&M should take pride in their accomplishment. They've gone on two hard road trips. They've played two good teams. They're 2-0. Welcome home.

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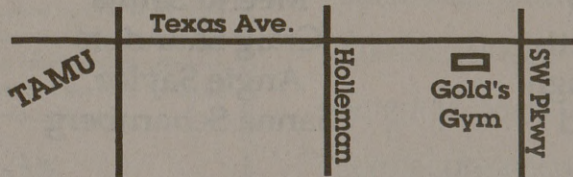
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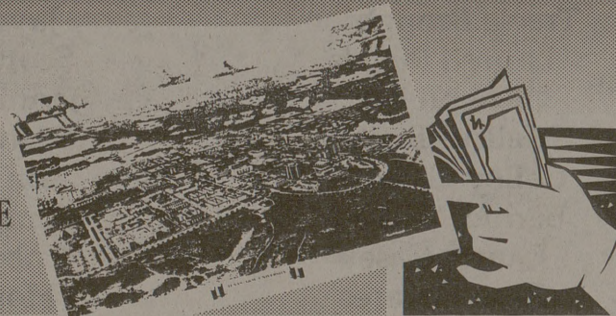
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