

# Crowe's days numbered after loss to Citadel

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — All around Razorback Stadium, Arkansas football fans were complaining. They were stung by a 10-3 loss to The Citadel.

Fire Crowe, they said. Upstairs, on the fourth floor of the pressbox, Jack Crowe looked like a man in trouble. But he still prepared for his television show. And he was talking with his co-host about changes he wanted to make in the future.

There was no inkling that he would be out of work one game deep into a new five-year contract. Saturday night, athletic director Frank Broyles met with some of the Arkansas hierarchy. The subject was Crowe and the football program.

The meeting resumed at 7:30 a.m. Sunday and continued until noon. Associate AD Wilson

Matthews was present. So was senior associate AD Terry Don Phillips, associate AD Bill Gray and Razorback Foundation president Chuck Dicus.

"We discussed the options that we had to play for the rest of the season," Broyles said. "I think the primary focus ... was if we were going to make a decision, whether it be in the middle of the season or at the end of the season, then the program would be much better off if we made it now to let the new coach have a full season to accomplish his goals. We were either going to make it now or at the end of the season."

Arkansas was 3-8 in 1990 and some people wanted Crowe's scalp before the 1991 season ended, the Razorbacks' last in the Southwest Conference before starting play this season in the Southeastern Conference.

The hard core didn't want to hear that Arkansas was 5-2 before

quarterback Jason Allen tore up his knee. After three straight losses, there was talk that Crowe would be canned if the Razorbacks didn't handle Rice. They did, 20-0, and wound up in the Independence Bowl against Georgia.

Still, there were grumblings. Arkansas hired Greg Davis as offensive coordinator and switched to the one-back offense with promises of pro-type passing and excitement.

More than once, the Arkansas offense was mentioned in the same breath with that of the Washington Redskins.

During the summer, Broyles said the Razorbacks were in the offense of the 21st century.

On Saturday, against a Division I-AA opponent, the Razorbacks made 287 yards. They completed 11 of 23 passes and their wide receivers caught one ball.

Early Sunday afternoon,

Broyles and Crowe talked.

At a news conference with reporters, he handled questions without giving a clue that his tenure was over. Afterward, the announcement was crafted — the company line was that Crowe had stepped down.

Crowe said it in 65 words; Broyles in 52.

"It is obvious the program is not where we want it to be and not where it should be," Crowe said in his one-paragraph statement. "It is in the best interests of all concerned that the head coaching responsibility be turned over to someone else."

"Jack Crowe and I have discussed the status of the football program during his tenure as head coach and I agree with his assessment," Broyles said in his statement.

A couple of hours later, Broyles introduced Joe Kines as interim head coach.



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# Sabatini ousted by Fernandez in U.S. Open quarters

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NEW YORK — Mary Joe Fernandez, taught a painful lesson she never forgot in a U.S. Open loss to Gabriela Sabatini two years ago, reversed roles Tuesday and charged into the semifinals.

Fernandez, seeded No. 7, upset the fourth-seeded Sabatini 6-2, 1-6, 6-4 with the same net-rushing, aggressive style that Sabatini used to win the 1990 Open.



Fernandez

Fernandez rushed the net, risking winners, forcing the action and Sabatini staying back. Fernandez took the lead at the critical moment and kept it, 7-5, 5-7, 6-3 after leading the first set 4-1, 40-15.

Fernandez broke Sabatini at love in the final game of the third set, on the attack all the way to the last point — a backhand approach that Sabatini drove long.

The 21-year-old Fernandez, runner-up to Monica Seles in the

Australian Open this year, reached the Open semis for only the second time in eight years. Sabatini had not lost any other Grand Slam event before the semifinals this year.

"I'm taking advantage of it now. I'm playing aggressively," Fernandez said. "This was a tough match. Even the first, it looked like I was winning it easy, but it wasn't that easy."

"She's definitely been a great example for me."

Fernandez's reward for winning is a match against Seles, the defending champion and No. 1 seed, a 6-1, 6-2 winner over Patricia Hy.

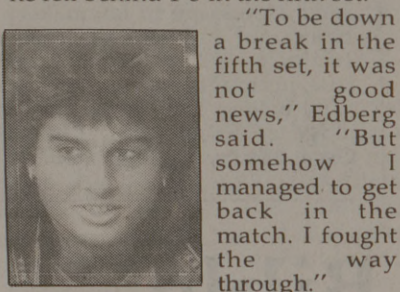
Stefan Edberg, the defending men's champion and No. 2 seed, got all he could handle from No. 15 Richard Krajicek before winning 6-4, 6-7 (6-8), 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 to reach the quarterfinals.

"When you push yourself for four hours, you always feel a lot better the next day, even if you are sore," Edberg said. "You are really feeling that you are hitting the ball well. I am sure that is going to be the case tomorrow. You need those, because it is not the same thing practicing for four hours. Playing a match like this, it

is like 20, 30 hours of practice."

In another fourth-round match, Wayne Ferreira beat Emilio Sanchez 6-2, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

Edberg blew a chance to wrap up the match early when he sloppily slapped two volleys into the net at the end of the tie-breaker, and he looked like a loser when he fell behind 1-3 in the fifth set.



Sabatini

And he had a little help from Krajicek, who let one ball float by that virtually cost him the match.

Krajicek was serving at 30-40, up a break at 3-2 in the fifth set, when he boomed a serve to Edberg's backhand. Edberg leaped almost horizontally to the court, stretching his racket and body as far as possible, and softly popped a windblown return. Krajicek had

come in behind his serve but he had plenty of time to backpedal and put the ball away with an overhead. Instead, thinking it was going long, he let it drift over his head and watched dumbfounded as it landed 6 inches in from the corner.

That break-point was all the encouragement Edberg needed. He held at love to go ahead 4-3, and after an exchange of services, Edberg holding off two break points, he watched Krajicek make another crucial mistake — an easy forehand volley into the net at match point.

# Canseco HRs; Rangers take Red Sox, 6-1

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ARLINGTON — Jose Canseco hit his first home run for Texas and Kevin Brown won his 19th game as the Rangers beat the Boston Red Sox 6-1 Tuesday night.

Canseco, playing his fifth game since being traded from Oakland to Texas, hit a two-run shot in the seventh inning. It was his 23rd homer of the season. Dean Palmer also hit a two-run homer for the Rangers, his 24th.

Brown (19-8) became the second American League pitcher to reach 19 victories this season. Chicago's Jack McDowell won his 20th game earlier Tuesday.

Brown, a winner in his last three starts, yielded five hits and struck out seven before Kenny Rogers pitched the ninth.

The only run off Brown came in the sixth.

# Davis

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people who love the game. Earlier in this century, baseball was faced with an image problem and hired their first commissioner to solve it.

In the 1919 World Series, a superior baseball team, the Chicago White Sox, lost to the lesser Cincinnati Red Legs to the delight of many gamblers and the dismay of baseball insiders who spread the rumor that the Sox had intentionally thrown the series for money.

The next year saw a messy and well-publicized trial that found the eight accused players, which included potential Hall of Fame outfielder "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, innocent of accepting bribes.

But once again payoffs were rumored, this time to jurors.

Baseball had a full blown crisis on its hands and was rapidly

losing fans. In desperation, the owners turned to a federal court judge, Kenesaw Mountain Landis, to clean up the game.

Landis conducted his own investigation into the "Black Sox" scandal and acting "in the best interests of baseball," Landis banished the eight players from the game for life.

The American public took notice and the image of the game drastically improved as fans returned to ballparks in throngs with the confidence that games were not "fixed."

For 24 years until his death in November of 1944, Landis was the steward over baseball's Golden Age which saw names like Ruth, Gehrig, Young and Hornsby grace lineup charts.

And with an iron hand, Landis saw to it that there were no scandals.

Seven commissioners have now come and gone since Landis ruled the game. Each one doing some things right, and others wrong, but none wielding the kind of power that Landis demanded and received.

Today's baseball owners don't desire a higher conscience in the commissioner's office any longer. They want someone who will let them make a buck any way it can be had.

Vincent naively expected that fans and the game they love were more important than billion dollar television contracts and lockouts, and ran his office accordingly.

He finally decided to bow out gracefully after a scathing vote of no-confidence last week and earlier promises that he would finish his term whether he was wanted or not.

In his final statement before resigning he said that he was avoiding a lengthy and acrimonious court battle "in the best interests of baseball."

Pay attention to anyone who uses that phrase ever again. The owners are at this moment out looking for a "yes" man.

September 7, 1992 could have been the last time you ever heard the phrase, "in the best interests of baseball," uttered by someone who meant it.

# Lady Aggies Offense

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placed second in the University of Texas-Arlington Asics Tournament, upsetting 20th-ranked Georgia in the process.

The Bobcats (3-1) won the Southland Conference championship and the conference tournament, which earned them a trip to the NCAA tournament.

This year, the Bobcats have been picked to repeat as conference champions by a poll of the league's coaches. The Bobcats only loss this season came at the hands of the nationally-ranked University of Texas squad.

Givens hopes that his team will draw more fans this season, and promises that they won't be left wanting.

"Just come one time, and I guarantee you that they won't be disappointed because our players will give it all, and they will leave it all on the floor," Givens said.

"We have great ambassadors for Texas A&M, on the court as athletes, in the classroom as students and in the community as people."

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"He was a leader on the offensive line, and one of the linemen is going to have to step up and take his spot. He was our senior on the line, and he really motivated the team."

A&M offensive coordinator Bob Toledo said losing Ellisor would be tough on the team, but he felt the time the reserves gained during the starter's absence in spring practice would help the Aggies get through this time.

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