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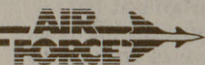
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Baylor coach offered CBA coaching job

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Oklahoma City Cavalry of the Continental Basketball Association has contacted Baylor basketball coach Darrel Johnson about the team's head coaching position.

Chip Land, president and principal owner of the Cavalry, has spoken to Johnson by telephone about the job, the Houston Chronicle and Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Tuesday. Former Cavalry Coach Henry Bibby was fired after three seasons.

Johnson coached at Oklahoma City University, where he won back-to-back NAIA titles, before moving to Baylor in 1992.

Land said he and Johnson have not scheduled a face-to-face interview, but such a meeting would not be out of the question.

"Yeah, I think there's interest (on Johnson's part)," Land said, adding that he could sense Johnson was frustrated by the Southwest Conference investigation into Baylor's basketball program and therefore was willing to consider the CBA job.

Bump, set, SPIKE!



David Birch/The Battalion

Chris Perry, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, spikes the ball on "Keathly Beach."

Rangers fall to Jays, Astros blank Cubs

The Associated Press

Blue Jays 13, Rangers 3
TORONTO — Carlos Delgado and Joe Carter hit three-run homers and the Toronto Blue Jays got a season-high 17 hits Tuesday night in routing the Texas Rangers 13-3.

Toronto won its third in a row and Texas lost its third straight game.

Delgado connected for his league-leading eighth homer in the fourth inning, capping a five-run burst that made it 11-2.

Carter drove in four runs with two hits. He hit his sixth homer in a four-run third inning.

Juan Guzman (2-1) allowed two runs, one of them earned, on seven hits in seven innings. He struck out eight and walked one.

Kevin Brown (0-4) tied Ken Rogers' team record by giving up 10 runs. He lasted only 3 1/3 innings and lost his career-high fifth straight start over two seasons. Brown allowed 12 hits, and his ERA climbed to 11.63.

Astros 3, Cubs 0

CHICAGO — Greg Swindell won his third straight start and the Houston Astros hit three solo homers to beat Chicago 3-0 Tuesday night, keeping the Cubs as the only major league team without a win at home.

The Cubs, now 0-7 at Wrigley Field, matched the second-worst home start in team history. The club went 0-8 in 1957 and 0-7 in 1944.

Swindell (3-0), who retired the first 12 batters, extended his scoreless streak to 17 innings, allowing four hits in seven innings. He came out to pitch the eighth, but after throwing one pitch was replaced by reliever Shane Reynolds.

Swindell left with stiffness in his left shoulder. Reynolds pitched the eighth and Mitch Williams worked the ninth for his second save.

Jeff Bagwell, Andujar Cedeno and Steve Finley homered leading off the second, third and eighth innings, respectively, off rookie Steve Trachsel (1-1).

Baseball

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seventh. SFA rallied off of Parker touching him for two runs on two hits in one inning of work, yet Parker was able to hold on to earn his third save of the season.

The teams were scheduled to play a doubleheader which is why the first game only went seven innings. However, rain prevented the second game from being played.

Johnson said that it was unfortunate that the second game was canceled.

"We needed to play, we needed to get some guys out there," Johnson said. "Some guys didn't get to play between conference games and that's disappointing."

The Aggies have two days off before embarking on a three-game series with Baylor this weekend.

Knight leads Spurs past Rockets

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Negele Knight scored 11 of his 15 points in the fourth quarter Tuesday night, helping the San Antonio Spurs clinch the homecourt advantage in the first round of the playoffs with a 90-80 victory over the Houston Rockets.

Knight made a 20-foot jumper to give the Spurs the lead for good at 78-76 with 3:00 left, and after San Antonio stopped Houston on three straight possessions, Knight buried a 3-pointer with 1:14 left to extend San Antonio's lead to 81-76.

David Robinson, who led San Antonio with 22 points, hit six free throws in the final minute and Dennis Rodman added a 3-pointer at

the buzzer.

Terry Cummings added 16 points, and Rodman had 11 points and 21 rebounds for San Antonio, which snapped a three-game losing streak.

Hakeem Olajuwon paced Houston with 25 points and 11 rebounds, while Otis Thorpe and Robert Horry scored 16 each and Vernon Maxwell 11. Houston's loss allowed Seattle to clinch the homecourt advantage through the Western Conference playoffs.

Robinson and Olajuwon, the two leading candidates for the MVP award, both had trouble offensively. Robinson hit 6 of 24 shots, while Olajuwon made just 11 of 32.

San Antonio shot 43 percent, but Houston was even worse at 37 per-

cent.

The game attracted a crowd of 32,807 to the Alamodome, the 10th time in 41 home games the Spurs have drawn at least 30,000.

The Rockets, who set an NBA record Sunday for most 3-point shots in a season, were cold this time, hitting only 3 of 15 from long range.

Both teams started slowly, hitting 36 percent in the first quarter. Terry Cummings came off the bench to hit three late baskets to give the Spurs a 22-19 lead after one quarter.

The Spurs closed the second quarter with a 6-2 run to take a 44-40 halftime advantage. J.R. Reid nailed two long jumpers and Rodman added a steal and a dunk during the spree.

Draft

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return punts (he led the nation last year) makes him a prized commodity.

Defensive lineman Sam Adams, who left A&M as a junior, is also a certain first-rounder. He led A&M down linemen in tackles this past season and, at 292 pounds, has excellent speed. There have never been any questions about his ability, but he has been criticized for lack of consistent effort. If his desire ever matches his talent, he will be a force in the NFL.

As for Eric England, Steve Solari, Greg Hill, Jason Atkinson and other Aggie seniors, not being selected in the early going could be a blessing in disguise. The chances of making the team

are slimmer as a middle to late round pick, but the pressure to play well immediately is not as great, either.

Being drafted in the early rounds is an indication of pro potential, but it is absolutely no guarantee of success. Perhaps the hardest attribute to measure in a player is his desire to play, his heart, his "want-to," whatever you want to call it. It is what separates the great players from the good ones.

Attitudes are hard to change and if a player occasionally does it as a collegian, he will likely do it as a pro.

John Roper is a former Aggie who illustrates this last point perfectly. Roper, who played linebacker from 1985-88, was a part of the "Blitz Brothers" who helped A&M to three consecutive SWC titles. An All-American his junior year, he totaled 138 tackles and 15 quarterback

sacks as a senior. He appeared headed for NFL stardom despite his penchant for spotty play.

He played four desultory seasons with the Chicago Bears, seeing some part-time starting duty, but for the most part he was the leading reserve linebacker. In 1993, he was traded to the Dallas Cowboys, where he was quickly let go from the team after falling asleep during a film session. A once promising career is now not looking so bright.

The challenge that awaits each and every one of Texas A&M's draftees (and May graduates, for that matter) is to realize that college was simply a dress rehearsal. The NFL is the big show. For these young men, this is the chance of a lifetime: To make money doing what they love. There are millions of people who would give their right leg for that opportunity.

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