

49ers' Seifert retires; Cal coach takes reigns

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — George Seifert, who coached the San Francisco 49ers to two Super Bowl titles, is retiring today and will be succeeded by California coach Steve Mariucci.

"It's true," said defensive tackle Dana Stubblefield, who watched as Seifert walked through the 49ers' executive offices, saying good-bye to team personnel and thanking them.

The retirement of the coach with the highest winning percentage in NFL history was to come at an 8 p.m. EST news conference. The team would not disclose the

nature of the news conference, only to say the major announcement concerned "ownership and management."

However, Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre, who worked with Mariucci when the Cal coach was a Packers assistant, confirmed the hiring. Favre said he spoke with the coach's wife, Gayle.

"I think it shows that players like him and that's carried over in an organization that believes that he can relate to his players," Favre said from Green Bay, Wis., where his team is preparing for the Super Bowl. "Plus, he's a good offensive-minded coach."

Seifert, 57 next week, won Super Bowls in 1989 and 1994. He finished his eighth season as 49ers coach with a 35-14 NFL divisional playoff loss at Green Bay.

With a record of 108-35-0, Seifert is the franchise's all-time winningest coach and has a winning percentage of .755. He reached 100 wins faster than any NFL coach.

Mariucci, 40, has been coaching for 18 years. He finished his first season at Cal with a 6-6 record and a loss to Navy in the Aloha Bowl. He was an assistant for four years with the Packers, working with quarterbacks and getting much of the credit for turning Favre into a two-time MVP.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lady Ags to host youth clinic Saturday

The Texas A&M Women's Basketball Team will hold a free youth clinic for girls and boys in the first through eighth grade Saturday at 2 p.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Special guest Tanya Crevier, the World's Greatest Female Ballhandler, will be in attendance.

All those who attend will receive free tickets to the Lady Aggie versus Oklahoma State game at 7 p.m. that night.

Children attending are asked to bring their own basketballs.

Aggie swimmers host Volunteers

The 18th-ranked Texas A&M Men's Swimming and Diving Team face the second-ranked Tennessee Volunteers in a dual meet today at 4 p.m. at the Student Recreation Center Natatorium.

"Tennessee will provide a great challenge," A&M Men's Head Swimming Coach Mel Nash said. "They have some exceptional swimmers and they are a solid team."

"We're excited to be back in College Station and in our home pool."

White Sox sign free agent Drabek

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago White Sox, looking to shore up the starting rotation, have signed former Cy Young Award winner Doug Drabek to a one-year contract.

Drabek, who won the 1990 National League MVP award while with the Pittsburgh Pirates, has pitched the last four seasons with the Houston Astros, compiling a 38-42 record.

The deal signed Tuesday will pay him \$1.3 million, and he will earn another \$1.3 million in performance bonuses.

Drabek said he didn't care where he was positioned in the rotation. He said he couldn't point why his numbers have fallen off the last several years. He suggested that some of the problems may have resulted from the lack of movement on his sinker.

He was 9-18 in 1993, his first in Houston, and then finished 12-6 with a 2.84 ERA the following season.



Nash

Knicks beat up Spurs, 94-77

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Knicks didn't have much time to wallow in the misery of their failure from 24 hours before.

They had another game to play Wednesday night, and they bounced back from a 20-point loss to Houston on Tuesday by beating the San Antonio Spurs 94-77.

Allan Houston scored 20 points, including 13 in the third quarter, and the Knicks pulled away in the final period.

"I think we just wanted to come out and win," Houston said of the Knicks, who saw a four-game winning streak come

to an end the previous night. "It's a matter of pride. Last night we got embarrassed."

New York, which won for the fifth time in six games, had five players score in double figures. Patrick Ewing had 18 points and 11 rebounds, John Starks added 13 points and Charles Oakley had 11 rebounds.

"We knew they were going to play hard," said Chris Childs, who added nine points and five assists. "They have beaten Utah and some other good teams this season, so we knew we had to play hard to beat them."

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"It hurt a little bit not winning in regulation because we thought we had a really good chance of winning. The foul trouble changed everything with our situation. But we just wanted to go out and play hard for the next five minutes."

Barone said foul trouble combined with tired players were the deciding factors in overtime.

"We were dead tired — we were worn out," Barone said. "We were in foul trouble and we had kids like Tracy Anderson who had



Quesada

played 40-something minutes, so they were dead."

The screaming, sell-out crowd cheered the Aggies at every turn, and the hustling cagers did not disappoint.

"It was great," Quesada said of the crowd. "I would love to have that kind of crowd every single game. It really picks you up when you are down, whenever they make a basket to hear them cheering for you. It really helps."

A&M fought to the bitter end, matching the Horns shot for shot play for play. In the end, however, Barone said Texas just had too many weapons and was too good from the free throw line.

"Texas played well," Barone said. "I have no criticism of our kids. I thought they played as hard as they could possibly play. There's not much you can say. I thought they played their hearts out, and I can't criticize them."

FREE THROWS

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Texas was able to capitalize on free throws once again toward the end of regulation when Freeman hit two shots from the stripe to give Texas a 72-70 lead. A&M tied on its next possession to send the game into the extra session.

Throughout the game, the Aggies were forced to struggle for every point, getting to the foul line only 24 times where they converted on 15 of them.

Although A&M was able to fight through the fouls on the scoreboard, the calls eventually caught up with the Aggies on the floor when Davis and freshman guard Jerald Brown, who each played vital roles in the team's comeback, and junior center Dario Quesada all fouled out with the game on the line.

"Obviously we had 10 players, so we got tired," Quesada said. "But I think it was more of the foul problem."



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