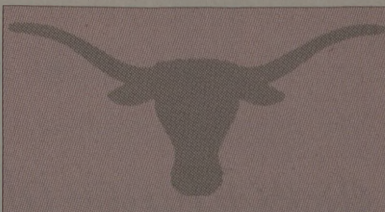


# Barnes fixes "Pender-bender"

## Texas hires Clemson's Rick Barnes to fill head coaching vacancy left by Pender



### Quick Facts on Rick Barnes

#### Birth

Born Richard Dale Barnes on July 17, 1954 in Hickory, N.C.

#### Education

Graduated from Hickory High in Hickory, N.C. in 1973; graduated from Lenoir Rhyne College with a degree in Health Physical Education in 1977.



Barnes

#### Coaching Experience

- ◆ Assistant Coach at North State Academy (1977-78)
- ◆ Assistant Coach at Davidson for 2 seasons (1978-80)
- ◆ Assistant Coach at George Mason for 5 years (1980-85)
- ◆ Assistant Coach at Alabama for 1 year (1985-86)
- ◆ Assistant Coach at Ohio State for 1 year (1986-87)
- ◆ Head Coach at George Mason for 1 year (1987-88) 20-10
- ◆ Head Coach at Providence College for 6 years (1988-94) 108-76
- ◆ Head Coach at Clemson for 3 years (1994-present) 56-34

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Clemson's Rick Barnes was named basketball coach at Texas Sunday, replacing Tom Penders, the Longhorns' winningest coach who resigned after a player revolt.

Barnes met with Clemson players in South Carolina late Sunday and was to be formally introduced at a news conference in Austin Monday afternoon.

His hiring, announced Sunday night in a faxed press release from the university, and ends a search that began when Penders resigned April 2.

The search had focused on Utah's Rick Majerus until Sunday morning, when negotiations broke down with the Utes' coach, according to two university sources who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

But Majerus had always been a difficult target because he makes roughly \$1 million at Utah, and Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds had said that the basketball coach would not make more than new football coach Mack Brown, who earns \$750,000 annually.

Penders made \$550,000 per year. Barnes, 43, met with Texas officials Thursday in Atlanta and then again in Dallas on Friday, and he impressed screening committee members with his hard-nosed, defense-minded approach.

Dodds has said he would like a coach who stresses defense.

He also fit Dodds' financial criteria, making just under \$700,000 per year at Clemson.

Last year, Barnes spurned big offers from Ohio State and Tennessee, signing a contract with Clemson worth at least \$668,000 a year and another \$125,000 in bonuses.

An automatic \$25,000 bonus for making the NCAA tournament this year meant that Barnes' base salary next year at Clemson would have been

\$693,000. He had a \$100,000 buy-out clause in his contract.

Barnes, who was 74-48 in four years at Clemson, was popular with Tigers fans.

He earned a reputation as a colorful personality by doing remote radio standups from Clemson fan tailgate parties before football games and by handing out hot chocolate and pizza to students who camped out for tickets to then second-ranked Clemson's game against No. 4 Wake Forest last year.

He also earned a reputation as a fiery competitor by getting in the face of North Carolina coach Dean Smith two years ago, accusing Smith of unfairly badgering Clemson players with criticism during a regular-season game.

The Tigers set a school mark with their third consecutive NCAA appearance this year.

But it was not the year expected. The Tigers started ranked fifth in the country, but injuries and inconsistency dropped them out of the rankings shortly after New Year's.

Bad foul shooting and nagging injuries to point guard Terrell McIntyre led to eight Atlantic Coast Conference losses by five points or fewer.

After winning three of their final four games, the Tigers carried a lot of confidence into the NCAA tournament. But they were upset in the first round by Western Michigan and finished 18-14.

Barnes was to be without several key players next season with the departure of senior and leading scorer Greg Buckner, the transfer of junior Tony Christie and graduation of red-shirt junior Iker Iturbe.

After next season, Barnes would have had five players to replace, including starters McIntyre, Harold Jamison and Tom Wideman.

The Tigers reached tournament's round in 1997, losing in double to Minnesota, which won the Final Four.

Barnes' overall mark is 134, including one year as coach at George Mason and six years at Providence.

Barnes inherits a Texas team that is in disarray. Four young starters, including freshmen Luke Axtell, Milhm and Bernard Smith as sophomore Gabe Smith met with Dodds on Monday and said they had lost Penders and his program.

The meeting began a controversy that includes the pension of Axtell for his sons; the release of Axtell's radio station; and the decision of Penders, who received a payment package of roughly \$1 million.

Muoneke, who transferred, has said he will leave Texas. Axtell, the second scorer on this year's team, received his release to transfer is reportedly considering Texas Tech.

Penders had a record of 110 in 10 seasons at Texas, including the Longhorns' national championship in 1989.

The Texas coaching staff included Washington State's Phil Ford also was interviewed for the job until he dropped out of consideration after interviews with Longhorns officials.

North Carolina assistant coach Wake Forest's Dave Grasso declined to interview with

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