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Miami's Davis denies rumo

Six-season Hurricanes coach maintains Florida commitme

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Miami coach Butch Davis doesn't mind having his name mentioned year after year with just about every coaching vacancy in the country.

He considers it a compliment even though the rumors make it look like he will someday leave the Hurricanes.

Davis seemingly put those to rest Wednesday. He emphatically said he is staying at Miami, ruling out the Alabama job as well as any other college or pro coaching position.

"I'm not going to any other job," said Davis, who is 50-20 in six seasons with the Hurricanes. "I took this job with the idea that this would be the last coaching job that I would take, and nothing has changed today, in the last 48 hours or the last six years."

Just days after leading Miami (10-1) to its ninth consecutive win and its first Big East title in four years, Davis met with Houston Texans owner Bob McNair and talked to Alabama athletic director Mal Moore about their respective coaching vacancies.

But Davis said neither job would lure him away from Miami, which has offered a five-year contract extension worth about $1.3 million annually. Davis, 49, is in his fourth year of a seven-year deal that pays him about $900,000 annually.

He has begun negotiations with Miami athletic director Paul Dee on the new contract.

"I hope to get something done with Miami in the very near immediate future," Davis said. "This isn't going to be a deal for one year and then jump ship. Ten years from now, maybe. I don't know. Maybe if I get tired from college coaching. Who knows?"

Davis, who was named the Big East coach of the year Wednesday, turned around Miami's program after it was hit with numerous NCAA violations that resulted in 31 lost scholarships over a three-year period.

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His success provided him with several coaching opportunities in recent years, including LSU, South Carolina, Oklahoma and Arkansas. He also had been mentioned as a candidate for several NFL jobs, including New Orleans, Green Bay and most recently with the Texans.

"I never had a doubt that he was staying," said offensive tackle Joaquin Gonzalez. "He hasn't gotten the job done that he wanted to yet. ... We haven't won the national championship here. He's done a great job here. What he's instilled in our minds is that he's here for the long run."

Added quarterback Ken Dorsey: "We grateful that he's going to be here. He's best coaches in the country, which is ent in everyone wanting him."

Davis denied any possibility that he stay in Miami for another season and the Texans, an NFL expansion team that play in 2002. Houston has no firm dea naming a coach.

"The Houston job is somewhat intrigu the standpoint that it's a fresh start, there atives," Davis said. "But I put six years enormous amount of effort and energy mi. We have an outstanding football rently, we've got a terrific football team back next year and we're having a great ing class."

Davis did see a downside to the Texans "They don't have an ocean, they don't beach, they don't have 85-degree weat said. "This is a good job. This is a very, job. I like it here, my wife likes it here likes it here."

Davis showed less interest in Alabama Tide are looking to replace ousted coach M Bose following their worst season since They finished 3-8 after being ranked as high 3 in preseason polls. The program also midst of an NCAA investigation.

"I listened to what he had to say and litely told him Mr. Moore I'm flattered. has a rich tradition and I'm sure it's a good I'm not interested in interviewing," Davis didn't even let him talk about money. I said want to know."

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Longhorns snare themselves a Holiday in Southern California

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Holiday Bowl has hooked the Texas Longhorns for its game Dec. 29.

Or, as Texas coach Mack Brown sees it, the 'Horns hooked the Holiday Bowl.

"I feel the Holiday Bowl is really excited about this team, but they can't be more excited about us than we are about going," Brown said after the Longhorns accepted the Holiday Bowl's invitation Wednesday.

The No. 12 Longhorns (9-2) have a lot to look forward to on their first trip to San Diego, which happens to be the hometown of Ricky Williams, who won the Heisman Trophy at Texas in 1998.

The Longhorns wanted to play in this game not only for the chance to play a top 10 team from the Pacific-10 Conference and hopefully finish in the top 10 themselves, but also for recruiting exposure in Southern California.

"They really, really want to be here," Holiday Bowl executive director John Reid said.

The Holiday Bowl would like to bring in No. 5 Oregon State (10-1), but the Beavers remain in the Bowl Championship Series picture. If the Beavers receive an invitation to a BCS game on Sunday, the Holiday Bowl will invite No. 9 Oregon (9-2).

Regardless of the opponent, Brown got a head start on scouting.

"I got the Oregon-Oregon State film out today and started watching it," he said during a conference call. "I figured that's about all we can do between now and Sunday."

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> Texas football coach

The Longhorns are on a six-game winning streak going into their third straight bowl game under Brown, and their 40th overall.

"We are so excited about this trip because I think it fits our year," Brown said. "The opponent fits our need to play somebody really good in the end to continue to get better because we've talked about fighting to get in the top 10 the last three years."

Texas is coming off a 43-17 win over Texas A&M in which sophomore quarterback Chris Simms, the son of former New York Giants quarterback Phil Simms, had a breakout game with 383 yards passing and three touchdowns.

Simms started the last two games in place of Major Applewhite, who has a sprained right knee. Brown said the Longhorns will know more about Applewhite's status next week when they start running some passing drills around study sessions for final exams.

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Knight sounds

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Knight says he has not c much since he was fired by University. He does, howeve coaching and would love to to the bench someday.

"That's what I've always Knight said. "This is the fir since the fall of 1962 that I had a basketball team.

"Coaching, teaching, is challenge, and I miss that." told Indianapolis television WISH in a report broa Wednesday. "I want to have portunity to do it, but I want an opportunity to do it in the kind of atmosphere that exis Indiana the first 23 or 24 was at Indiana."

Knight described that phere as one where people stood and cooperated with other. Knight was fire September after 29 years violating a zero-tolerance po tablished by the school.

"I'm not going to get in but the last five or six year been a totally different atmos than I experienced through 24 years I was there," he sa

Knight believes he can fi type of environment ag though he declined to say wh might go.

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