

Saban agrees to coach at LSU

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Nick Saban has a list of things to do—hire a new staff, start recruiting, win a national championship.

The new LSU coach will have to do exactly that to convince disgruntled fans he's worth the \$1.2 million a year he'll be paid to turn things around for the Tigers.

"I think of guys that play hard. I think of relentless competitors. I think of great defense," Saban said. "I think of a lot of good things and I can promise you that it will be our goal an objective here at LSU to have that kind of a football team, that kind of a football program. I think we should always be in the Top 25, and that's certainly our first goal."

That was welcome news at a school that just finished 3-8, its second straight losing season. The Tigers won just one conference game.

"I think he will make an immediate impact," athletic director Joe Dean said. "I think he's a guy our team and fans can rally around. He's got a reputation that will attract a lot of young players."

LSU lured Saban away from bowl-bound Michigan State on Tuesday with a five-year contract that will make him one of the top-

paid coaches in the country, along with Bobby Bowden of Florida State, Steve Spurrier of Florida and Phillip Fulmer of Tennessee.

Saban earned \$697,330 a year at Michigan State. His contract at LSU calls for a base salary of \$250,000, with the balance coming in radio, TV and Internet appearances, plus other pay.

"Security is always something that's important to you and to your family," Saban said. "But it's not the reason I came here."

Saban succeeds Gerry DiNardo at football-mad LSU. After three winning seasons, DiNardo was fired with a game left when his teams fell to 4-7 and 3-8 the last two years.

"I liked the challenge of this football program," Saban said. "I think there is great tradition. I think the Southeastern Conference is a very competitive, outstanding football conference. There's a challenge to being part of that conference that kind of intrigued me."

A former NFL assistant, Saban guided No. 10 Michigan State to second place in the Big Ten. The Spartans are headed to the Florida Citrus Bowl, their first Jan. 1 game since the 1989 Gator Bowl.

Michigan State's associate head coach, Bobby Williams, was chosen

Tuesday as interim head coach and will lead the Spartans at the Citrus Bowl.

Saban, with tears in his eyes and his voice shaking, recalled speaking to his Michigan State players earlier in the day—an event he called the hardest thing he'd ever done professionally.

"I like college football because when I talked to my team today, the effect that you have on some of the players, their lives, means something," Saban said.

LSU is redesigning its stadium, raising its capacity to 91,700, making it the fourth-largest on-campus arena in the nation.

At LSU, Saban will run the state's top college football program. At Michigan State, he always stood in the shadow of the University of Michigan. "At Michigan State we were never No. 1," Saban said. "That was always Michigan. It was always UM this or that. If I'd gone to Ohio it would have been Ohio State, Indiana it's Purdue, Chicago it's every other school in the Big 10, in the East it's Penn State. Wherever you go you're looking at someone else when you're recruiting, trying to catch up, trying to convince someone you're up there."

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The men's lacrosse team hosted a tournament in early November that brought the University of Maryland, the University of Virginia and Calvert College to Greenville. Maryland won the tournament over Virginia while ECU fell to Calvert in the consolation game.

The Tae Kwon Do club traveled to Polytech University in Pomona, California for the National Collegiate Championships where John Manson returned with a bronze medal.

Other club teams that hosted games at ECU include the men's soccer club who fell to NC State 4-1 while the women's volleyball team held a four team tournament.

This season also marked the inaugural year for the bowling, roller hockey, and women's field hockey clubs. Bowling traveled to Atlanta for an invitational in which they placed 18th out of 28 teams.

The roller hockey club placed third in their first ever tournament.

Club teams are open to all students and faculty. Anyone interested in joining a club team can get information from the Student Recreational Center or by contacting Gray Hodges at 328-6387. You can also visit the rec center's web site at www.recservice.ecu.edu.

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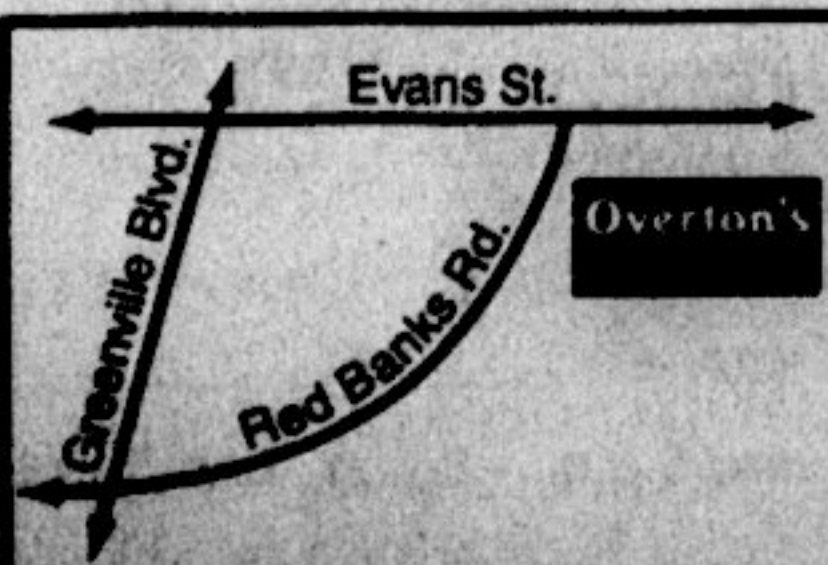
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