

Alford Takes Iowa Coaching Job

Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Steve Alford was hired as Iowa's basketball coach on Monday after guiding Southwest Missouri State to its best showing in the NCAA Tournament.

The former Indiana star replaces Tom Davis, whose contract was not renewed.

With a record of 269-140, Davis had the most victories of any coach in Iowa history. He coached the Hawkeyes to NCAA Tournament wins against

Alabama-Birmingham and Arkansas before a 78-68 loss to Connecticut in the West Regional semifinals last Thursday.

In Alford, Iowa is getting a coach that also took his team to the round of 16. Southwest Missouri State, a No. 12 seed, beat Wisconsin and Tennessee, but lost 78-61 to top-ranked Duke on Friday to finish the season 22-11.

"It's very exciting to be back in the Big Ten," Alford said.

"Any way you slice it, he's a winner," Iowa athletic director Bob Bowsby said. The 34-year-old coach built a 78-48

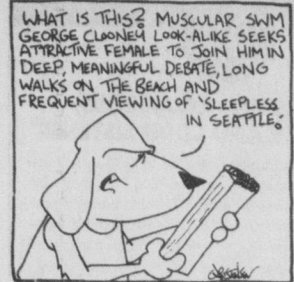
record in four years at Southwest Missouri State.

Before coaching the Bears, Alford guided Manchester College to a 31-1 record in 1995 and a second-place finish in the Division III playoffs. Alford has a 156-77 coaching record in eight years.

When he played at Indiana from 1983-87, Alford earned All-American honors twice and was the Hoosiers' second career-leading scorer.

He was the 26th pick in the 1987 NBA draft, playing four seasons for Dallas and Golden State.

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THE Daily Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Gossips
 - 5 Flooded
 - 10 Greening of "The Simpsons"
 - 14 Unemployed
 - 15 Park, NJ
 - 16 Swear
 - 17 Excessively acid
 - 18 Poolside area
 - 19 Anderson of "WKRP in Cincinnati"
 - 20 Kilmer poem
 - 22 Mars
 - 24 Rap sessions?
 - 26 Powell's co-star Myrna
 - 27 "Hud" co-star Patricia
 - 28 Easily rattled
 - 33 Work unit
 - 35 British chap
 - 37 Relative by marriage
 - 38 "Jabberwocky," e.g.
 - 40 Mr. T's outfit
 - 42 Identical
 - 43 Imam's religion
 - 45 Ocean motions
 - 47 Elevator cage
 - 48 Skillet material
 - 50 Shallow notch
 - 52 Golfer's box
 - 53 Public transport

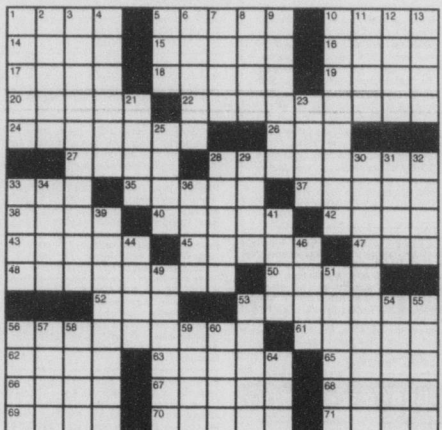
- 56 Alien's permission to work
 - 61 Actress Verdugo
 - 62 Leo's bellow
 - 63 Contemptible cads
 - 65 Young guys
 - 66 Otherwise
 - 67 Beginning
 - 68 Part of the eye
 - 69 Garden invader
 - 70 Prepared
 - 71 Small whirlpool
- DOWN**
- 1 Essences
 - 2 Show devotion
 - 3 Precision fliers
 - 4 Cool as a cucumber

- 5 Electric meas.
- 6 Dresses in
- 7 Pot starter
- 8 Lost traction
- 9 To-do
- 10 Kuala Lumpur populace
- 11 Stratford's river
- 12 Color variation
- 13 Foolish individual
- 21 Sign of healing
- 23 Mischievous Norse god
- 25 Scatter Fitzgerald
- 28 Quantity of yarn
- 29 Main part of a bust
- 30 Pirate Edward

- Teach
- 31 Himalayan monk
- 32 Water pitcher
- 33 Classic saga
- 34 Diva Ponselle
- 36 von Bismarck
- 39 Was crucial
- 41 Program choices
- 44 Demeanor

- 46 Plat division
- 49 Church of England priest
- 51 Highland bread
- 53 Said further
- 54 Dismantled
- 55 Impudently bold
- 56 Cultivated
- 57 Actor's part
- 58 Loosen up
- 59 First-rate

- 60 Tabula
- 64 Barnyard structure



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North Carolina senior Sarah Hawkins was the only Tar Heel to fall in singles as UNC crushed Furman on Monday. Hawkins dropped her match to Sara Rosenblum 7-6, 6-3.

Tar Heel Netters Pound Paladins

By ADAM POHL
Staff Writer

With three victories in a row against top-30 opponents and No. 2 Duke totting its 109-game ACC winning streak in to Chapel Hill on Wednesday, North Carolina's women's tennis team could have overlooked Furman.

Women's Tennis	Furman2
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But that wasn't on UNC's agenda. From top to bottom, the Tar Heels savored the role of favorite by blistering the Paladins 7-2 to extend their winning streak to four matches.

"The girls enjoy being the favorite," UNC coach Roland Thornqvist said.

The match was clinched in singles play, as the Tar Heels (9-3) snagged five of six matches.

UNC freshman Caroline Hill defeated Megan Dunigan 6-2, 5-7, 7-5 at No. 2 singles to earn UNC's fifth point of the match and clinch the Tar Heel win.

Hill came out of the blocks hot, winning the first set handily and leading 4-0 in the second set. But Dunigan would not go down easily, going on a momentum-shifting run that captured the second set 7-5.

But the match's crucial moments took place with the two players tied at 4-4 in the final set. Dunigan's critical double fault set up a break point for Hill, and Hill capitalized.

But Hill could not secure the victory as Dunigan broke serve, fighting off a match point in the process to even the

set at 5-5.

The resilient Hill broke serve again, claiming a 6-5 lead she would not relinquish as she made easy work of Dunigan in her second attempt to serve for the match.

"I wasn't feeling very well out there," Hill said, "but the key for me was mental not physical."

Hill was suffering from a strep throat virus that caused her to sit out her scheduled doubles match.

UNC's top-positioned player Jessica Zaganczyk didn't have an easy time with Furman's Meredith Moore, finally discarding her 6-4, 7-5.

"Jessica didn't have her top game today, but she fought through it," Thornqvist said. "Her opponent never allowed her to gain momentum."

Zaganczyk's power from the baseline ran Moore silly in the match's final games, wearing her out to secure the win.

In other singles matches, UNC's No. 4, 5 and 6 players — junior Cena Hackler, Courtney Zalinski and Jeni Burnette — dominated Furman without surrendering a set.

Furman's lone win came at No. 3 singles, where Sara Rosenblum defeated Sarah Hawkins 7-6, 6-3.

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