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## Jones leaving?

Posted by CMJ - 2010/03/22 15:48

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## Re:Jones leaving?

Posted by TheTastyGreek - 2010/03/22 15:56

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I have a feeling that if Auburn was already reaching out to JJ, formally or informally... Someone on this forum would have heard it from somewhere other than a ULL fan on the Sun Belt forum.

If anyone (fan or employee or media) knew or heard anything other than that original article that mentioned JJ when the Auburn job first opened up, then they haven't told me about it.

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## Re:Jones leaving?

Posted by SUMG - 2010/03/22 18:37

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Charles Barkley was in town today.....but only to take advantage of the \$2.49 buffet special at Pizza Inn.

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## Re:Jones leaving?

Posted by CMJ - 2010/03/22 20:06

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Remember the heat Auburn took for passing over a black FB coach (Turner Gill) for a white one (Gene Chizik)?

Barkley really gave them crap over that. So, it wouldn't surprise me if they hired a black BB coach. And JJ is a good (and black) BB coach.

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## Re:Jones leaving?

Posted by NT03 - 2010/03/22 20:33

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I think the only influence that Barkley has is that Auburn knows he will raise hell if they do not hire a black coach. Is he near bankrupt with all of his gambling issues ? I really doubt he donates much ,if any , to the school.

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I love JJ , but I really think their alums & fans would not be happy with him being named the new head coach. Auburn needs a splash hire as they enter into their new basketball arena. Tubby Smith or Chuck Person are 2 the school will pursue very,very hard

Trust me guys , JJ will be around for at least another year

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### Re:Jones leaving?

Posted by CMJ - 2010/03/22 20:43

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Both of those are guys AU people seem to want. I'd also throw in UTEP's coach for good measure. Well, unless JJ is a helluva interviwee.

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### Re:Jones leaving?

Posted by CMJ - 2010/03/22 22:23

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### Re:Jones leaving?

Posted by TheTastyGreek - 2010/03/22 22:42

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### Re:Jones leaving?

Posted by CMJ - 2010/03/22 22:49

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I think they're referring to when he was at LSU. Coach Brown didn't have a squeaky clean reputation, and went on probation at least once.

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### Re:Jones leaving?

Posted by NT03 - 2010/03/23 07:00

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I think that was just a LSU fan saying that Auburn runs a dirty program and not a shot a JJ. He also probably doesn't want to see a LSU family member take over a rival school and turn them into a winner

We run too clean of a program.

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### Re:Jones leaving?

Posted by CMJ - 2010/03/23 10:12

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Well, going just off the fanbase reaction on several different messageboards/blogs -- the natives would rather have someone other than JJ. Of course that doesn't mean squat.

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### Re:Jones leaving?

Posted by Buford\_Julep - 2010/03/23 10:15

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Everyone remembers the allegations against Dale Brown and Johnny Jones by former LSU player Lester Earl, but the confession of telling lies and the apology by Lester Earl received about 2 cents worth of pub.  
The apology

Since Auburn's last head coach came from jobs at Tennessee Tech and Tennessee-Chatanooga I think it would be a big surprise for them to hire another coach with a mid-major background. The fans want a big name coach and Auburn can afford to pay whatever it takes.

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### Re:Jones leaving?

Posted by GrandGreen - 2010/03/23 23:06

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I don't see JJ getting the Auburn job or any high profile school at this time. It is nice to have a coach that is at least getting a glance at that level. It is sad, that in the forty plus years I have been following NT BB, not one coach has ever been lost due to success at NT.

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### Re:Jones leaving?

Posted by CMJ - 2010/03/23 23:24

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My big hope is that Vito's source close to the situation is the Dothan Eagle writer (Drew something?) who covers Troy and probably has a lot of Auburn contacts.

Maybe that guy and whoever his Auburn sources are have misread the situation or only know part of the story.

I really, really don't want to lose him now. If we lose him before he signs anyone in April and/or November... And Gillespie is hired by Houston... I don't know if there's an obvious answer out there who can give us a quick home run.

There are good candidates, but the April and November signees and next year's potential success could be the foundation for a huge, huge step up. If we're dealing with transition and the risk that comes with it at this critical, make or break (again) juncture in our basketball program... I just worry where we might end up.

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### Re:Jones leaving?

Posted by CMJ - 2010/03/24 00:07

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If we lose JJ, I actually would wanna take one of his assistants(Foy?) to keep the stability of the program.

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### Re:Jones leaving?

Posted by TheTastyGreek - 2010/03/24 00:18

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I'd love the promote-from-within hire, because that seems to be the key to long term sustained growth and success in non-Power 7 conference schools.

But it seems like Forrest is the main recruiting guy on the assistant staff, and I don't know if he'd stick around as an assistant here.

We need a bench coach who knows this team to get the most out of them next season, and we need a guy who has already done a lot of recruiting work to address our needs next year.

Scott Cross would be my second choice behind Gillispie, assuming we went with an outside hire.

If we promote from within, I think the only way I'd really feel confident about it is if we had Foy AND Forrest locked in for sure. If we couldn't keep them both, I'd be anxious about whether promoting from within is really the best move.

That's no disrespect to Coach Leonard, either. Ideally, they'd all stick around and JJ would hire a whole new staff at Auburn. But given that Leonard has already followed JJ through a couple of stops, I would expect him to be a part of JJ's Auburn staff, too.

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### Re:Jones leaving?

Posted by CMJ - 2010/03/24 00:25

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### Re:Jones leaving?

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Posted by TheTastyGreek - 2010/03/24 00:30

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Head Coach Foy, Assistant HC Forrest, someone new as the second assistant, and Quincy Williams cutting his teeth as our third assistant?

That's a staff I think I could get pretty excited about.

Also- sorry to everyone that's hearing me repeat myself over on Go Mean Green.

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## Re:Jones leaving?

Posted by CMJ - 2010/03/24 00:38

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Heheheheh, I just posted the entry over there. I figured I'd discuss it more here.

I respect Vito, but I still have to think this is far from a sure thing. That said, all we can do is speculate. I wouldn't think that JJ would expect all the guys to follow him to Auburn, so I could easily see someone from "the family" staying behind to build on what Jones started. Villereal and JJ have a great relationship from all reports, so I would even think JJ would wanna help out his former boss(not to mention the kids) if he could.

I think Foy is a real possibility.

I sincerely doubt we'd get Cross away from UTA. The only way you pull him away from there is a Power 6 job(still not quite throwing the A10 in with the big boys) --- especially now that he's finally gonna have a facility there.

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## Re:Jones leaving?

Posted by CMJ - 2010/03/24 10:15

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Not sure if it's just internet fodder(probably is), but a couple of Auburn guys seem to think it's going to be Mike Anderson of Missouri.

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## Re:Jones leaving?

Posted by CMJ - 2010/03/24 12:40

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Vito's latest update

<http://meangreenblog.dentonrc.com/archives/2010/03/johnny-jones-auburn-update.html>

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## Re:Jones leaving?

Posted by CMJ - 2010/03/24 19:49

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We dodged the Auburn bullet.:ohmy:

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