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JIMMY SHARPE, one of the two recommendations of Alabama head football coach Paul “Bear” Bryant to Virginia Tech athletic director Frank Moseley as a replacement for Charlie Coffey, may be named Virginia Tech’s new head football coach Monday.

Sharpe reportedly is headed for Blacksburg Monday and all indications point to his signing a contract with the Gobblers.

A three-year letterman under the Bear at 'Bama, Sharpe was co-captain with All-American Lee Roy Jordan of the Crimson Tide’s 1961 national championship team. He has been a member of the Alabama staff since 1963.

A native of Montgomery, Ala., Sharpe prepped at Sidney Lanier High.

If Tech hires Sharpe, he will become the second Bryant aide to be lured away as a head coach this season. Pat Dye left 'Bama to become East Carolina’s head coach.

In other developments at Tech, Dan Henning reportedly has been offered the position of offensive coordinator at Florida State and Carl Ellis may be offered a position at Tech. Henning and Ellis were two of Coffey’s top aides.

Jimmy Dunn, offensive coordinator at Florida, was never granted an interview at Tech. Among those interviewed have been assistants from Alabama, Nebraska, Toledo, and Tech.