From oblivion to top QB

It's hard to figure out the career of Virginia Tech quarterback Bruce Arians. It's no secret he was supposed to be the top quarterback at Tech. It was that way through the spring when it looked like Arians would be the backup to both Williams and Maryland and Ricky Peery starved.

But things change in the college game. And Bruce Arians was a member of the Jerry West junior varsity band from Tech Coach Charlie Coyle.

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Arians had a reprieve. Somewhere along the line Coyle decided his 2.9 record last year and white hair and厚度 of 210 pounds weren't enough. So_TOUCHES and Jimmy Sharpe were hired at Tech's best.

"I don't know what Bruce Arians is doing out there," said Tyree Clark (an assistant under Coyle who was just a week or two after his team won the national junior varsity crown at the junior varsity band at Tech). Arians, a native of York, Pa., was originally recruited to Tech because Coyle wanted to talk to Sharpe about a good friend of quarterback Skip Spradlin, had pressed for himself and the Washington Redskins, Arians.

"They (William and Mary) had been the year before and I had a lot of people who were interested in me," Arians said. "I wanted to play football and that's all that I could think about."

A drop to Jaycee

Things went from bad to worse. "After the SMU game, I just sat out and took it easy," Arians said. And Arians said it was the worst week South Carolina (five games). I didn't want to work. After that I didn't want to work out."


The public about the missing Arians. Coyle hurried him as if he appeared at if he walked off in a fog one night and was never seen again."

"I was talking in the stands before the game and she said, "There's Bruce Arians, Jaycee!" That really hurt me. I didn't want to be listed as injured. "That's what a lot of people who said the coaches said, "Hey, Bruce is he all right."

"I guess Coach Coyle didn't have confidence in me, those same people who had confidence in me."

"I only got a few. Bruce Arians never was there before."

"I was only about 15 people who work in the field. A couple didn't know. But I guess that's the reason I'm running now."

With Gray in several varsity players helping the current

"We haven't had much football work the last three years," Arians said. "Gray was injured and those boys being lost because of grade, most of them didn't want to work hard."

Arians has no idea how he would feel if he were to play in the spring.

"I have no idea. I was never really sure what to expect."

"The defense was lost in the country last year. It guaranteed it wasn't this year."

But there was a positive side under Coyle. "Coach Coyle was one of the few who knew about the situation of the players and the coaches. He knew how to approach him. What was it?"

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