Jim Tatum Says He's Through As Maryland's Football Boss

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NEW YORK—(NEA)—There are going to be some changes in the Southern Conference.

Regardless of whether he is asked to coach North Carolina, Jim Tatum is through as Maryland athletic director and football foreman.

Big Jim Tatum insists he will enter business rather than return to College Park for a seventh season.

Snively is finished as North Carolina's football czar, and a post in the Physical Education Department comes as a relief to the veteran, who had much brighter years at Buckirel, Cornell and Carolina.

Following fight along with Tatum, or a bit ahead of him as a candidate for the Tar Heel pigskin portfolio is George Barclay, who this year left the head coaching post at Washington and Lee to help Snively install the split-T formation in Chapel Hill. Another is Jim Gill, a line coach who first became a staff member at Carolina in 1946 after starting his coaching career in '32 at Missouri, his alma mater. Others mentioned are Wally Butts, Georgia and Paul Brown of the professional Browns, whose name nearly always pops up when a big job is open.

Because of the general dissatisfaction with his far-flung pattern, a letdown when Tatum advised here that there would be no more trip.

Being kicked out of the conference is not the squad's collapse to travel as a North Carolina spokesman said a month ago. Tatum, who has been a cinch for the Tar Heel applied so much tackle at Chapel Hill and coached there, would have the weariness of the long-distance jaunts. Tatum attributes to Jack Searbath, joining the Navy's athletic department, but that he easily may have talked himself out of it.

One North Carolina group is dissatisfied with what George Barclay did with this year's line. Jim Gill and Art Guepe are popular. Paul Brown, coached North Carolina Pre-Flight during World War II.

Anyway, North Carolina is to remain in the Southern Conference.

JIM TATUM . . . he sees no future

the 17-school Southern Conference may be split up at its Clemson meeting, Dec. 12-14.

There long has been talk of the institutions that are strongest athletically taking its Virginia and forming a vastly more-compact eight or nine-school league. Such a move would call for colleges of the Southeastern Conference, especially Georgia Tech, and Georgia, joining members of the Southern, starting with North Carolina and Duke.

Getting back to the coaching situation, Tatum feels that he no longer can build at Maryland.

Tatum tells intimates that Dr. H. C. Byrd is going to run for governor, suspects there would be vastly fewer athletic scholarships with the new president.

There is no question but that a cleavage developed between Dr. Byrd wanted the $150,000 or so that Maryland defying the conference to snack Tennessee in the New Orleans Sugar Bowl last New Year's Day.

Tatum informs friends that Dr. Byrd wanted the $140,000 or so that goes with the upcoming edition of the Sugar Bowl game.

Tatum explains that this would have meant another year's suspension, and he wasn't willing to hope of Maryland lining up a satisfactory new alignment of colleges.

The Maryland players wanted to appear in a Bowl, and there was

Child Causes Fatal Wreck

MEDFORD (AP) — An infant grabbed the steering wheel of an automobile Sunday night, and was thrown to her death in the ensuing wreck.

Walter L. McPherson of Eagle Point, his 14-month-old daughter and Frances Ann Hoffman, 16, were in the car as he drove over a bridge across Jackson Creek. The car overturned, and Frances was thrown into the stream. Her body was recovered downstream later.

McPherson, and two other children were with their mother and father. One of the children was slightly injured. All the others escaped unhurt.

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