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Buck Showalter has been fired as the manager of the Texas Rangers after four years with the club. He was informed of the firing late last night at a dinner at Rangers' owner Tom Hicks home. General manager Jon Daniels was also in attendance.

Showalter still has three years on his contract at \$2 million.

As reported:

After the meeting late Tuesday, a clearly dejected Showalter would not confirm that he'd been fired but said he had "some things to think about."

There are plenty of candidates for a new manager. Should Daniels and Hicks opt for an experienced, veteran manager, Dusty Baker, Lou Piniella, Felipe Alou and Frank Robinson are available.

Other potential candidates include Rangers bench coach Don Wakamatsu, Rangers hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo, former Rangers farm director and current Nippon Ham Fighters (Japanese Pacific League) manager Trey Hillman, and former Rangers first base coach and current Boston Red Sox third base coach DeMarlo Hale.

Before coming to Texas, Showalter's record in seven years as a major league manager was

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563-504. Excluding his first season in both New York and Arizona (which was an expansion team), he had had winning records each year.

The Rangers have scheduled a press conference for later today.

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