

'Pokes Tab Roger No. 1 Quarterback

Morton Asks to be Traded

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DALLAS (AP)—Dallas Coach Tom Landry, handling an unpleasant task on his 49th birthday, tabbed scrambling Roger Staubach as his No. 1 quarterback Tuesday and promised veteran Craig Morton a trade to another team if Morton so wishes.

The somber Landry, dressed in a smart maroon suit, said, "It was a very tough decision. Not many teams are blessed with two good quarterbacks. I respect Craig Morton tremendously as a person. I've watched him mature as a man over the last nine years. I told him I would try to see what I can do right now."

Morton said, "I think it's time to go somewhere else. I want to

be traded. I will do the best I can while I'm at Dallas, but I know I'm a winner. I can win. I respect the decision that Coach Landry made for the team.

"I had the very best pre-season I could have had, and yet it did no good."

Morton completed 67 per cent of his passes during a 4-2 pre-season compiled by the Cowboys.

The quarterback said he was "upset and disappointed" because he has still yet to iron out details of his new contract with the Cowboys.

"There are some things in the contract that they should have done something about that they have not touched," said Morton, who is being paid under terms of an old two-year contract.

"I didn't want to say anything about it because I felt things would be worked out, but it never happened," Morton said.

Landry said two conditions would have to be met in a Morton trade: "I'm not opposed to trading a player if I can place him in a position to benefit him as a starter and we can get value."

Landry said he made the deci-

sion to go with Staubach to "clear the air so each week we know and don't speculate about the quarterback. It's upsetting to the team to a large extent not to know and that's the reason I made the selection. I won't hesitate to use Craig, but you needn't ask who the starting quarterback will be the next week. Roger is the starter unless I say different."

It was the third time Landry has tabbed Staubach as his No. 1 quarterback in decisions over Morton. He told them of his decision Sunday.

"The reaction was just what you'd expect . . . I don't expect players to compete for something they want badly and not be disappointed," Landry said. "I won't go into the merits of why I had to make the choice."

Staubach and Morton split time during the exhibition season with neither establishing a superior statistical edge. Staubach completed 62.3 per cent of his passes and Morton 67.3 per cent. Staubach threw five touchdown passes and Morton three. Both were intercepted three times.

He said Rodney Wallace would start for John Niland at guard should Niland not play in the wake of a disturbance at a northeast Dallas home Monday night. It took five policemen and two security guards to overpower Ni-

land after a man and woman said Niland tried to break into their home. Officers said Niland was "incoherent" and refused to obey police orders.

Niland underwent a psychiatric examination Tuesday.

AP Gridiron Poll Picks 'Huskers 2nd

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—Nebraska moved up to the No. 2 spot behind defending national champion Southern California in The Associated Press' first regular-season football poll Tuesday, but Coach Tom Osborne was far from ready to stake any kind of claim to a third national title in four years for his Cornhuskers.

"We appreciate the honor but at this time of year it's rather nebulous," said the first-year head coach, successor to Bob Devaney.

"We have played one game so I guess there's a little bit to go on. But I don't believe it means a lot until we've proven ourselves. The only rating that's meaningful is the one at the end of the season."

Early scheduling gave Nebraska the jump on other potential title contenders and the Huskers made the most of national television exposure by subduing UCLA 40-13 Saturday. It moved Nebraska from fourth in pre-season balloting, to second, and dropped UCLA from 10th to 16th.

Southern Cal, which opens Saturday night against Arkansas, easily retained first place, receiving 49 first-place votes from the

61 sports writers and broadcasters participating in the poll.

Ohio State and Texas, displaced by Nebraska, dropped a notch to third and fourth, respectively. Rounding out the Top Ten in order were Michigan, Alabama, Penn State, Notre Dame, Tennessee and Colorado.

The Top Twenty with first-place votes in parentheses and total points. Points tabulated on basis of 20-18-16-14-12-10-9-8-7 etc.:

Rank	Team	Points
1.	So. Cal.	49 (1,168)
2.	Nebraska	8 (1,121)
3.	Ohio State	2 (838)
4.	Texas	1 (819)
5.	Michigan	1 (683)
6.	Alabama	1 (616)
7.	Penn State	1 (571)
8.	Notre Dame	1 (436)
9.	Tennessee	1 (433)
10.	Colorado	294
11.	Oklahoma	248
12.	Auburn	237
13.	Arizona State	228
14.	Florida	133
15.	Louisiana State	85
16.	UCLA	84
17.	N. Carolina St.	81
18.	Houston	68
19.	N. Carolina	26
20.	Texas Tech	25

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