## THE BATTALION Page 8 **Pro officials causing stir**

League officials remained under fire Tuesday for a continuing string of controversial calls that have affected

will," said Davis, an influential member of the NFL's competition committee.

The criticism began a month ago when St. Louis defeated Washington call was to Washington. in overtime after tying the game in Mel Gray that was ruled no catch by one official and a touchdown by another. It took a lengthy conference by the team of officials assigned to the grame before the TD was car. the game before the TD was certified

After the game, Washington Coach George Allen complained bitterly, especially after viewing re-plays of the tying TD. A group of Redskins' fans even tried to sue to have the game result overturned.

Washington, meanwhile lost another the postseason playoff picture dra-matically. The latest complaints were from Al Davis, boss of the Oakland Raid-ers, who popped off in the wake of his club's last-second loss to Houston on Sundari

Sunday. "We have to get rid of the incom-petent officials in the league and we now be 9-4 and they would be tied with Dallas and St. Louis for first place in the National Conference

East. That's how important that single

Meanwhile, the AFC East race

But officials ruled the ball was dead, erasing the turnover, and then

Associated Press NEW YORK — National Football eague officials remained under fire uesday for a continuing string of three of the next four games. The Cardinals went on to clinch a playoff berth, winning three of the next four games. The Dolphins moved from three of the next four games. The Dolphins moved from three of the next four games. The Dolphins moved from three of the next four games. The Dolphins moved from the Dolphins moved from the next four games. The Dolphins moved from the Dolphins moved from the next four games. The Dolphins moved from the next four games. The Dolphins moved from Buffalo's playoff hopes

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a fine from Commissioner Pete Rozelle. If that happens, Wilson will have help paying it from Carroll Rosenbloom, owner of the Los Angeles Rams. "When a man gets robbed like that, he must give me part of the action. I know the feeling. I have lost two playoff games because of bad officiating. I suffered in si-lence and I wound up with a coronary

Bowl. The Bills tell behind early and then rallied to close the gap to 24-21. Momentum seemed to be going Buf-falo's way, especially when John Skorupan recovered an apparent fumble by Mercury Morris deep in Miami territory. But officials mulad the bell unce

bounds.

Widely circulated replays ap-peared to show Moore landing in the end zone producing what would have been a TD.

All should be barred from football. nyone that incompetent should not e allowed to officiate." That kind of talk is likely to lead to from form Commissioner Pate sive tackle in motion on the play. If

sive tackie in motion on the play. If the catch had been ruled good, the play would have been called back." Still, clubs have kept up a stream of criticism against the officials. Be-sides Davis, Wilson and Rosenbloom, who have complained from the current level works from the ownership level, coaches have also questioned the efficiency of the officiating. Among the critics have been Bud Grant, the usually

Landry worries little on playoffs

DALLAS — Dallas Coach Tom face Minnesota first. Landry said Tuesday he didn't care who the Cowboys met in the National Football League playoffs but it might as well be Minnesota because "we'd have to face the Vikings sooner

"They have drafted well and Chuck Foreman is the most productive back in the league next to O. J. Simpson."

Minnesota and Los Angeles are

win Saturday, then wild card Datas plays at Minnesota next Sunday. Should Los Angeles beat Pittsburgh and the Vikings lose to Buffalo, Dallas would play in Los Angeles Saturday. Should both teams win, Minnesota has the com-plicated tie-breaker edge over Los Angeles Angeles.

'If we play Los Angeles I'm sure they'll remember September like we remembered August," Landry said. Los Angeles humiliated Dallas in an Aug. 9 exhibition game, then was ambushed Sept. 21 in a season opener in Dallas. Sive performance against Washington with another good one against the Jets." Landry added: "I'll tell you one

play in sunshine as opposed to freez-ing weather," Landry said. "But the opponents really don't make that Saturday.

much difference. We might as well

Landry said he wouldn't bench injured quarterback Roger Staubach tional Football League playoffs but it might as well be Minnesota because "we'd have to face the Vikings sooner or later anyway." Landry said flatly: "Minnesota is the team to beat." "Minnesota is very solid," he said. "They have drafted well and Churk

"There's a certain risk involved," admitted Landry. "But I don't believe you ought to

Minnesota and Los Angeles are tied with 11-2 records. If both teams win Saturday, then wild card Dallas plays at Minnesota next Sunday. Chould Los Angeles heat

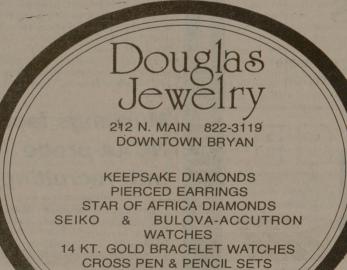
Landry said the Cowboys will go

their beating of the Redskins. "If you go into a game relaxed, that's when you get hurt," Staubach said "If you go into a game relaxed, said. "If you go in there moving and hitting, you don't get hurt. Our main goal is to follow up our solid defen-

There's no question we'd like to thing — the confidence factor on this young team is up after the Washington game. We grew up

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