

anmon's in first round

Three Aggies picked so far in draft

Associated Press
NEW YORK — Running backs led the opening round of the National Football League draft and Leroy and Dewey of Oklahoma's All-American pact, both were picked by the Boston Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Selman was the draft's No. 1 pick, then Tampa reunited the pair by selecting Dewey as the choice of the draft's second pick.

Tampa opened the draft by picking Leroy, Seattle, the NFL's expansion club, picked defensive lineman, Steve of Notre Dame. Then the team took over, with a half-dozen chosen through the remainder of the first round.

Among the quality rushers picked were Chuck Muncie of Iowa, who went to New Orleans, Oklahoma's Joe Washington, drafted by San Diego, Mike Pruitt of Iowa, drafted by Cleveland, and a Bean of Texas A&M, who went to Atlanta, and Lawrence

Gaines of Wyoming, picked by Detroit. All of them went in the draft's first 16 selections.

Two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin of Ohio State was the sixth and final running back chosen in the first round, drafted by Cincinnati. He was the 24th player selected.

Tampa Bay chose Selmon quickly, then introduced the huge Oklahoma tackle, complete with a Buccaneers' uniform shirt equipped with his name and the number 1 to indicate his draft position.

"Being chosen No. 1 has to be the highlight of my college career," said Selmon. "Playing for an expansion team will be a good experience. There's a lot of work involved, but that's what life is all about."

Tampa Coach John McKay of Tampa said Selmon will "be the cornerstone of our defensive line for many years to come."

While Tampa was celebrating the Selmon selection, Seattle used almost all of its 15-minute allotment before making Niehaus the draft's No. 2 pick.

"We feel we have an excellent football player," said Seattle Coach Jack Patera. "He was our top-rated pick. He moves very quickly off the ball with excellent pursuit."

New Orleans took almost as long as Seattle before going for Muncie, who was regarded as the nation's best running back by most observers. Then San Diego followed with another running back, choosing Washington, a teammate of Selmon's at Oklahoma.

New England then used the first of its three opening round choices to draft defensive back Mike Haynes of Arizona State. The Patriots' other first-round choices were center Pete Brock from Colorado and defensive back Tim Fox of Ohio State.

The next pick belonged to the New York Jets and home team anticipation buzzed through the packed gallery where fans watched the draft procedure.

One group of fans offered some unsolicited advice to the Jets, holding up a sign that said: "Jets Don't Blow It. Take Todd In The 1st."

The reference was to Alabama quarterback Richard Todd, and when NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle announced that the Jets had, indeed, drafted the Alabama signal caller, the fans roared their approval.

Todd said that the Jets told him he had been recommended to them by their long-time quarterback, Joe Namath.

Todd was the only quarterback selected in the first round.

Then Cleveland picked Pruitt and Chicago grabbed tackle Dennis Lick from Wisconsin. After Bean went to Atlanta, Detroit selected Grambling defensive back James Hunter. Cincinnati then picked wide receiver Billy Brooks, the third Oklahoma

player selected among the first 11 draft picks.

The next two choices came from Colorado, with the Patriots taking Brock and the New York Giants going for a sleeper in defensive end Troy Archer. Two guards went next. Kansas City taking Ron Walters of Iowa and Denver going for Tony Glassie of Virginia.

Detroit then took the first round's fifth running back in Gaines. Miami owned two of the next three picks and went for linebackers, choosing Larry Gordon of Arizona State and Kim Bokamper of San Jose State. Those picks sandwiched Buffalo's selection of defensive back Mario Clark of Oregon.

Baltimore then chose defensive tackle Ken Novak of Purdue, and after New England took Fox, St. Louis went for Mike Dawson, a defensive tackle from Arizona. Green Bay then took the third Colorado player to go in the opening round, tackle Mark Koncar. Then Cincinnati took Griffin and Minnesota went for defensive tackle James White of Oklahoma State.

Los Angeles selected linebacker Kevin McLain of Colorado State and Dallas picked defensive back Aaron Kyle of Wyoming. Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh completed the first round by choosing tight end Bennie Cunningham of Clemson.

The opening round took 3 hours, 37 minutes, compared to last year's 2:05. The selections were evenly divided, with 14 offensive players and 14 defensive players chosen. The Big Eight Conference had seven players picked and there were six players chosen from the Big Ten.

Dallas picks Kyle - Aaron Kyle - Who?

Associated Press
DALLAS — Super Bowl runner-up Dallas, known for its surprise selections in the National Football League draft, outdid itself Thursday, picking unheralded 5-foot-11 cornerback Aaron Kyle of Wyoming in the first round.

It was the first time in the 16-year history of the franchise the Cowboys selected a defensive back as their first choice.

The announcement of Kyle posed an immediate question: "Who is he?"

Well, we're delighted to have him and he has the ability to start for the first year," said Cowboys coach Tom Landry. "I watched films of him in the East-West, Blue-Grey, Senior Bowl games and didn't know him back off from anybody. He weighs 180 pounds or so but he can attack you."

Kyle, who is from Detroit, Mich., was the top tackler on a team that finished 2-9 last year.

"We got a lot of respect for Coach

Landry and the Cowboys are my team," Kyle said. "Besides my mother likes 'em. She watches all the time when they play on television."

The Cowboys, who also need depth at running back and linebacker, took Kyle as their top pick because of the uncertainty of veteran Mel Renfro's career.

"I have every reason to believe Mel will come back and have another good year for us but Kyle will give us the depth we need at the position," Landry said. "He's not big but those people some times tend to make better cornerbacks. He's fast and a good competitor."

Landry said Kyle has 4.6 speed in the 40 and added, "He's as good a cornerback as I saw last year in the colleges."

Cowboy super sleuth Gil Brandt said Kyle was rated in Dallas' top 10 players so the club was actually getting a bonus in the 27th position.

"I'd put him in the class of Randy White first round pick in 1975," Brandt said. "There's no question in my mind Kyle can play."

Bubba Bean picked up by Atlanta in first round

Associated Press
Running back Bubba Bean of Texas A&M was picked as the ninth player in Thursday's National Football League draft — the first Southwest Conference player to be selected.

But although Atlanta chose the hard-running Bean over Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin, the most prolific rusher in Texas A&M history was not the first Texas chosen.

That honor went to Joe Washington of Oklahoma. The All-American from Port Arthur, Tex., was picked fourth by San Diego.

The 10th player selected was defensive back James Hunter of Silsbee, Tex., and Grambling who went to Atlanta.

The second round saw two

more Texas Aggies selected: defensive back Pat Thomas by Los Angeles and offensive guard Glenn Bujnoch by Cincinnati.

Other Texans to go as high as the second round included tight end David Hill of Texas A&I to Detroit; Charles Philyaw, a Texas Southern defensive end to Oakland; and tight end Mike Barber of White Oak, Tex., to the Houston Oilers.

"I didn't think I'd go that high," said the elated Bean from Kirbyville, Tex. "It really didn't matter which team drafted me."

Atlanta said picking Bean over Griffin was a "tough decision."

"Pro football is my dream," said the 6-foot-3 Hunter, who can run a 4.4 in the 40. "I was most willing to go to Detroit."

Reds trounce Astros 1-5 in season opener

Associated Press
CINCINNATI — Tony Perez gave the Reds a four-run comeback when Gary Nolan won his first season opener in seven years, propelling the world champion Cincinnati Reds to an 11-5 victory over the Houston Astros in the National League opener Thursday.

An all-time regular-season crowd of 52,949 turned out, and the Reds bopped with mid-season form, scoring six Houston pitchers for 15 runs.

Perez had a two-run double, a scoring groundout and a bases-loaded walk.

Nolan's run-scoring single helped the Reds get off to a 3-0 lead in the second inning. Dave Concepcion's single drove in the first run and Pete Rose, who had three hits, capped the inning with a triple that scored Nolan.

The Reds, runaway winners of the National League West Division pennant last year, buried the Astros in the sixth with a five-run outburst. The big inning came after Houston had narrowed the score to 6-4 on consecutive homers by Cesar Cedeno and Bob Watson.

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Barlow	1	1	0	0	0	1
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