

Oilers draft lineman

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HOUSTON — The Houston Oilers Tuesday added some beef to a busy offensive line, using their first two choices in the NFL draft to select big, fast linemen.
"In order to move the football you need to have somebody block for you," said head coach Bum Phillips. The team finished 26th in rushing last season.
Morris Townes, a 6-4, 275-pound tackle from Missouri, was the Oilers' first pick in the first round. Then, when other teams depleted the draft list of top wide receivers, Houston picked George Reinhart, a 263-pound offensive guard from Kansas State.

Phillips spoke to newsmen after the first two picks and he said wide receivers and offensive backs would be the top priorities in the next few rounds.
Houston's opportunity to select offensive linemen opened up when a much talked about trade of quarterback Dan Pastorini to Los Angeles for five draft choices was never consummated.
Phillips looked enviously at the deal which the Seattle Seahawks made. Seattle gave up the second choice in the draft to Dallas for four draft choices.
"We needed some depth, also,"

Phillips said. "That's the whole reason this thing with Pastorini came up."
Phillips said he had not talked with Los Angeles in the past week.
Townes, a three year starter for Missouri, was the third offensive lineman selected in the draft after New York Jets selected Marvin Powell and Atlanta took Warren Bryant. Phillips said Townes was No. 1 on his list of linemen.
Townes appears to have a history of good health. Contacted at Columbia, he said his only serious injury occurred on the first day of spring practice during his sophomore year at Missouri.

"I was a noseguard as a freshman, and they moved me to the offensive line the first day of spring practice," Townes said. "That first day I got teed off at a defensive tackle across the line and when I took a swing at him he ducked and I hit his helmet. It fractured my arm."
Oilers offensive line coach Joe Bugle disputed claims Townes allowed a sprained ankle to slow him significantly the past season and said he expected him to start his first season.
"Missouri Coach Al Onofrio said the kid played every game like he was a sophomore this last season," Bugle said. "Al said that Morris knew the difference between pain and injury."

Browns like Jackson

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CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Browns chose middle linebacker Bert Jackson of Texas A&M University, whom they considered the best athlete available, with their 17th pick in the first round of the NFL draft yesterday.
Jackson was the third highest rated athlete by our scouting staff, said Vice President Nate Wallack. "Only Tony Dorsett and Andy Bell were rated higher. We delighted to have chosen him."
The Browns had been expected to pick a lineman but changed their minds when they found Jackson was available.
The 6-1, 230-pound defensive ace made 143 tackles last season — more than 10 per game — to lead the Aggies' resurgence to college football. One hundred of them were assisted.

He recovered one fumble, had three quarterback sacks, and returned one interception 38 yards.
Named to the UPI All-America team, he played with the South team in the Senior Bowl against the North, coached by Brown's Coach Forrest Gregg.
"He has 4.65 speed in the 40-yard dash," said Wallack. "He has the speed to play any of the linebacking positions although we chose him for the middle."
In the middle for the Brown's last season, when they racked up a 9-5 record, were veteran Bob Babich of Miami-Ohio and second-year man Dick Ambrose of Virginia. Babich has NFL experience playing outside linebacker as well.
The Browns still were expected to give high priority to choosing a lineman in the rest of the day's selections.

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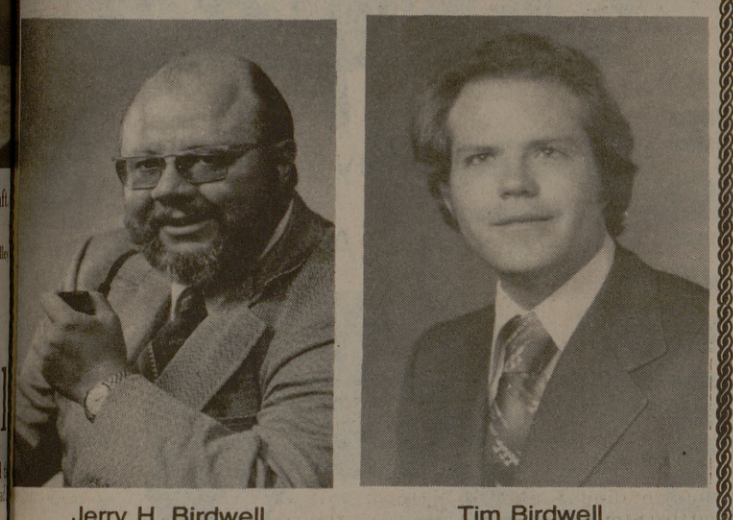
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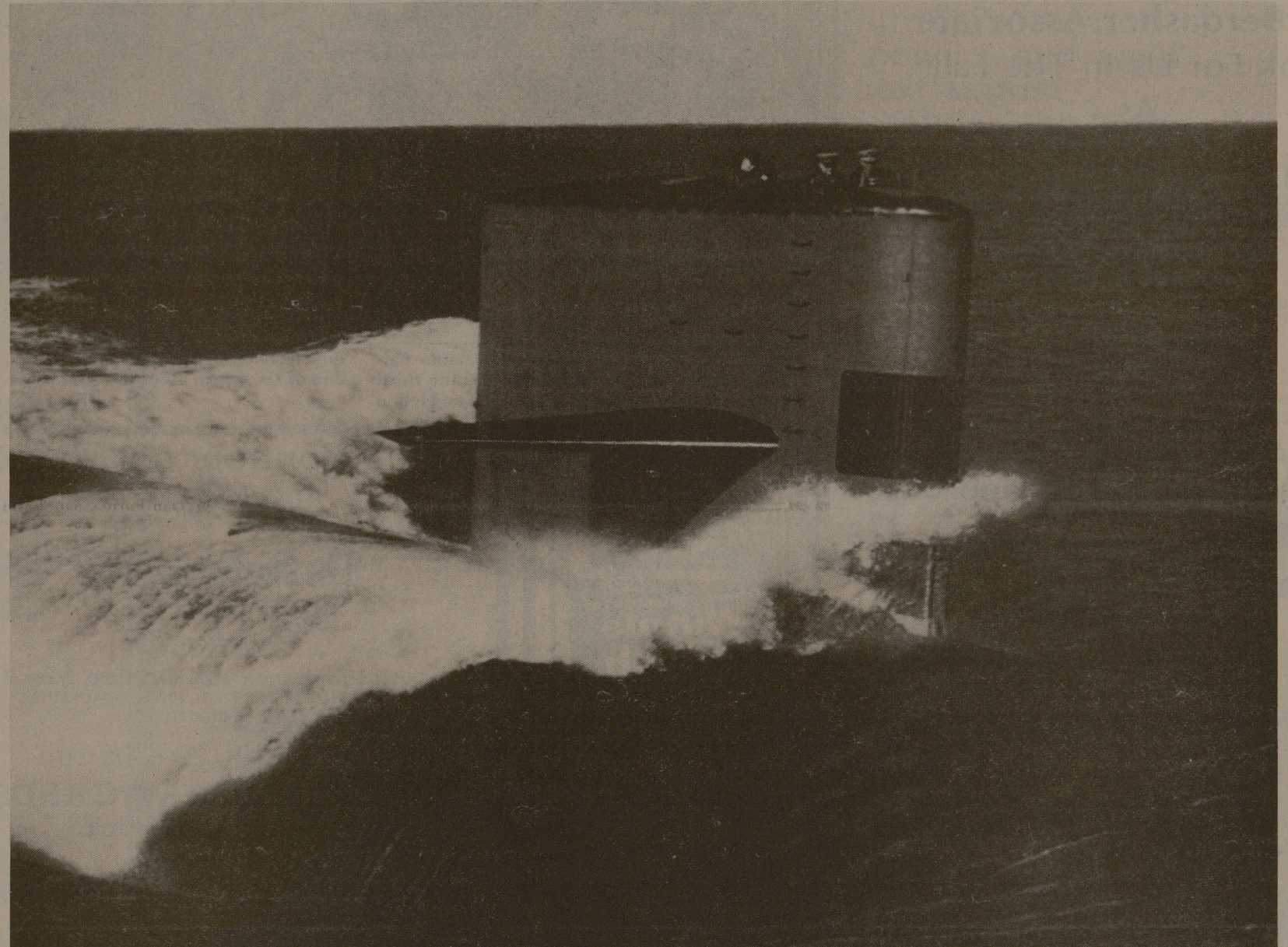
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