

No surprise: Earl picked first

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NEW YORK — Earl Campbell, the No. 1 pick in Tuesday's NFL draft, said in his typically quiet manner that he has set no goals for his first year in professional football other than working hard to fit in as a member of the Houston Oilers.

"I'm going to be Earl and not try to be anything more or less," said the Heisman Trophy winning fullback from the University of Texas. "I'll try to get my job done and go out of my way to mix in with my teammates so they'll accept me as a person as well as a player. I like people. I don't like to be alone."

Houston officially made Campbell the top selection when the draft began at 9 a.m. CDT. The Oilers had acquired the right to choose first last week in a trade with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for tight end Jimmy Giles, a No. 1 and No. 2 pick this year and a No. 3 and No. 5 selection next year.

Campbell, the nation's leading rusher and scorer last season, was the second straight running back picked first in the NFL draft, but only the third in the last 10 years. Southern Cal's Ricky Bell was chosen by Tampa Bay last year, the first running back picked No. 1 since another Trojan back, O.J. Simpson,

was chosen in 1969 by Buffalo.

Campbell, after posing for pictures with a pale blue No. 34 Houston jersey enscribed with his name, held a brief news conference before catching a plane to Houston with his agent, Mike Trope, to formally sign a \$1.4-million long-term contract. Campbell was to be flown by helicopter from the Houston airport to the Oilers' practice field for the signing.

Campbell, 6-0 and 225 pounds, said he would enjoy playing in the same backfield with Anthony Davis, who was acquired by Houston from Tampa Bay Monday.

"I think Anthony can really help me out," he said. "The biggest adjustment for me is that the pace of pro football will be a lot faster. I've got to learn that everyone who plays pro ball is on the same level or better than you. But I don't think I'll have any problems."

Asked whether he has modeled his style after a particular player, Campbell, who was a linebacker until his senior year in high school, mentioned Simpson, Jimmy Brown and Franco Harris.

"Why? Because they can run, block and catch the football. They're well-rounded and that's the kind of back I'd like to be."



Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

Pokes pick Bethea

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DALLAS — The Dallas Cowboys made a move Tuesday to fill out their already ominous defensive line, using their No. 1 choice in the NFL lottery to draft a large, fast, enthusiastic lineman from Michigan State — Larry Bethea.

Bethea seemed to be the most surprised person around.

"I still don't believe it," Bethea said when he was summoned to the telephone for a chat with the Dallas media. "Someone is going to have to convince me this is Dallas that drafted me."

The Cowboys were the team I wanted to play for most and the team I least expected to get me.

"Are you sure this is Dallas?" Bethea, a 6-5, 258-pounder who played six positions in high school and was a tight end during his

freshman year at Michigan State, will probably be given a shot at the tackle position to go alongside tackle Randy White and ends Harvey Martin and Ed Jones.

"He is not a gamble," said Cowboys personnel director Gil Brandt. "He is a solid pick."

But because Dallas, as a result of its Super Bowl victory, had to wait until the 28th spot to pick, coach Tom Landry was not ready to put a "can't miss" tag on the team's No. 1 pick.

"He's not a cinch," said Landry. "If he was he would obviously have gone in the first seven or eight picks because that's where your cinches go. But he has a good chance because he is a good athlete."

"We won't really know his mental traits until he gets to camp."

Campbell 1st, Little 15th

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NEW YORK — The first round of the 1978 National Football League draft today:

Houston — Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell of Texas.

Kansas City — Art Still, the 6-7, 245-pound defensive tackle from Kentucky.

New Orleans — Wide receiver Wes Chandler from the University of Florida.

New York Jets — Tackle Chris Ward of Ohio State.

Buffalo — Terry Miller of Oklahoma State.

Green Bay — Stanford wide receiver James Lofton.

San Francisco — Tight end Ken MacAfee of Notre Dame.

Cincinnati — On a choice obtained from Philadelphia, Notre Dame's Ross Browner.

New York Giants — Gordon King, a tackle from Stanford.

Detroit — Notre Dame defensive back Luther Bradley.

Seattle — Keith Simpson, a cornerback from Memphis State.

Cleveland — Linebacker Clay Matthews of Southern California.

Atlanta — Offensive tackle Mike Penn of Michigan.

San Diego — John Jefferson, a speedy wide receiver from Arizona State.

St. Louis — Kicker Steve Little of Arkansas.

Cincinnati — Its second pick of the first round, selected Blair Bush, a 6-3, 245-pound center from Washington.

Tampa Bay — Grambling's Douglas Williams the first quarterback selection of the draft.

New England — 6-5, 275-pound guard Bob Cryder of Alabama.

St. Louis — On its second pick of the first round, drafted defensive back Ken Greene of Washington State.

Los Angeles — Cleveland's pick by way Chicago, running back Elvis Peacock of Oklahoma.

Minnesota — Defensive end Randy Holloway from the University of Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh — Defensive back Ron Johnson of Eastern Michigan.

Cleveland — On a choice from Los Angeles, took wide receiver Ozzie Newsome of Alabama.

San Francisco — On a choice from Miami, 6-3, 235-pound linebacker Dan Bunz of Long Beach State.

Baltimore — Tight end Reese McCall of Auburn.

Green Bay — Michigan linebacker John Anderson.

The AFC champion Denver Broncos — Defensive tackle Don Latimer of Miami, Fla.

World Champion Dallas Cowboys — Defensive tackle Larry Bethea of Michigan State.

Aggie notes

The Texas A&M men's golf team finished seventh in the Southern Intercollegiate in Athens, Ga., last weekend. A&M had 895 while champion Georgia had 862.

Freshman Richard Cromwell led the Aggies with 221. Tim Carlton had 224, Dave Ogrin 226, Biff Alexander 227 and Jay Kent 236.

Texas A&M finished second in its annual women's softball tournament last weekend. The Aggies lost to TWU 2-0 in the championship game.

Sami Evans pitched a 3-hitter to lead A&M past Texas Wesleyan 4-0 in the semifinals. In Friday's pool play, A&M beat Baylor 7-2, Stephen F. Austin 1-0, Angelo State 7-2 and UT Arlington 4-3.

A&M is now 20-8 for the season and competes in the regional tournament Friday and Saturday in Denton. If the Aggies place first or second in this tournament, they advance to the national tournament in Omaha, Neb.

Headed for Houston

It came as a surprise to few that the University of Texas' Heisman Trophy winner, Earl Campbell, was picked No. 1 by the Houston Oilers in Tuesday's opening round of the NFL draft. Campbell is seen here performing against Texas A&M last fall.

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