

# Dallas' Harris quits . . .

**United Press International**  
DALLAS — All-pro free safety Cliff Harris, a charter member of the "Doomsday Defense," Wednesday announced his retirement from the Dallas Cowboys, sending another shockwave through a Cowboy squad that on Monday may lose quarterback Roger Staubach.

Harris, 31, a 10-year veteran, advised the Cowboys at midafternoon that he would not return to professional football next year. He scheduled a news conference at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport for later in the day where the announcement would become official.

Fellow safety Charlie Waters, who was not given advance word of the retirement, rushed out to the airport when he received word in a vain attempt to talk him out of it. With reporters crowding around, the two talked about five minutes but Waters could not dissuade him.

"It's up to me, I'm going to talk him into coming back," Waters said. "But I'd rather find out from him where he's coming from."

"It came as a complete surprise to us," said a Cowboys spokesman. "We had no indication this was coming. None at all."

Last year the Ouahita Baptist College (Ark.) graduate was said to have had an off year with the Cowboys, intercepting only two passes and returning them a total of only 35 yards.

Harris during his career made 29 interceptions and returned them a total of more than 280 yards. In 1976 he led the Cowboys in tackles.

Harris, whose entire career was a Cowboy, played in five Super Bowls and appeared in five Pro-Bowls.

Staubach has scheduled a news conference for Monday to announce whether he would retire. Team officials, including coach Tom Landry, have indicated they expect Staubach to leave the team.

"Professional football has been a great world to be in, but it's not a real world and it can't last forever," he told reporters. "I have to think of my career and the rest of my life. I found something, not like football, but something I'll enjoy."

Harris said he was going to work

# ... Staubach may

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DALLAS — Dallas Cowboys Coach Tom Landry and General Manager Tex Schramm apparently don't expect quarterback Roger Staubach to return for another season.

Staubach, 38, has called a news conference at Texas Stadium for Monday to announce whether he will retire or play another season. Speculation has increased that Staubach will quit.

In a Dallas Times Herald column by Frank Luksa, Landry was asked if he would be surprised if Staubach, four times the NFL's leading passer, returned.

"Yes, I would be at this stage," Landry responded.

"His inking all the time was that he would retire. I haven't seen anything to say different to this point. But I don't know."

"Generally you don't call a press conference to announce you're going to continue to play," Schramm said. "I still have hopes he will consider playing another year because I think it's very important to the team and all Staubach fans, myself included."

Although his overall conditioning is considered excellent, Staubach has suffered several concussions in games in the past two seasons and has said he is concerned about his health. He underwent a series of tests during the winter to determine the effects of concussions.

Staubach also has indicated he would like to spend more time with his family.

If he does choose to retire he will perhaps choose to try his hand at broadcasting. A local report last week indicated CBS-TV was willing to hire Staubach at \$10,000 per game as an analyst for NFL games.

# 5th place, revenge belong to Rockets

**United Press International**  
HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets used a balanced scoring attack led by Moses Malone and Robert Reid with 19 points each Wednesday night to beat the San Antonio Spurs, 113 to 101, and move into fifth place in the Eastern Conference playoff standings.

The Spurs defeated Houston by 19 points Tuesday night in San Antonio. Three first-quarter fouls on Spurs' center John Shumate allowed Malone, who also grabbed 16 rebounds, to have room to spark the Rockets to a 19-point lead in the first half.

Five other Rockets scored in double figures with Rudy Tomjanovich adding 18 and Calvin Murphy scoring 16.

With the victory, Houston moved one-half game ahead of the New York Knicks in the playoff picture. Houston, 39-41, has two games remaining while the Knicks, 39-42, have one.

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