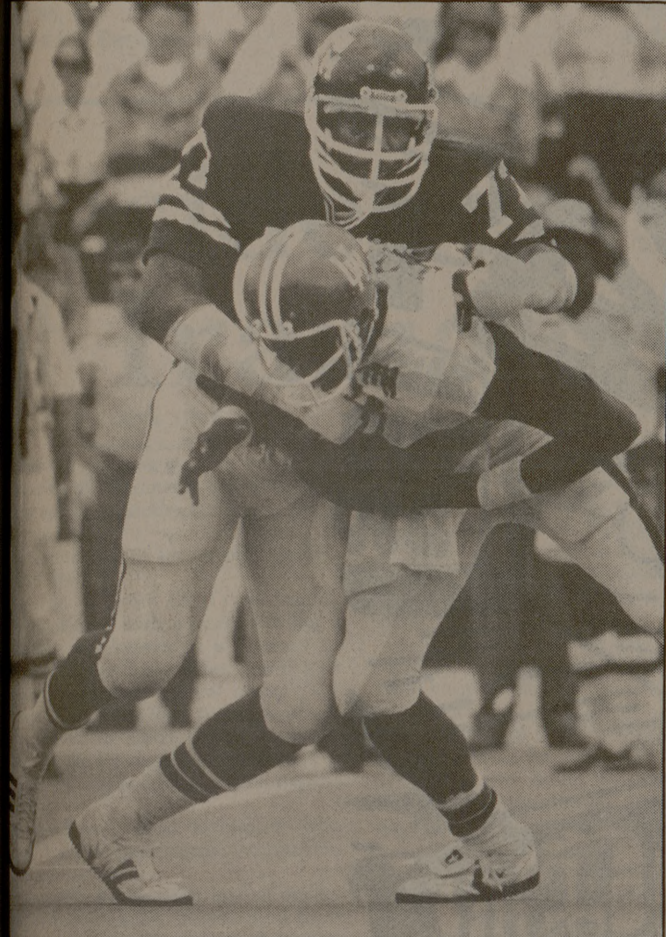


Dickey, Green picked 5th, 10th in draft



Jacob Green, left, and Curtis Dickey, above, were both selected in the first round of Tuesday's NFL college draft. Dickey was picked fifth by the Baltimore Colts, and Green was picked 10th by the Seattle Seahawks. Six SWC players were selected in the first round of the draft, a record number. The draft continues today.

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Curtis Dickey and Jacob Green, the two catalysts behind Texas A&M University's football teams for the past four years, were swooped up in the first round of the 1980 NFL football draft Tuesday.

Dickey was picked fifth by the Baltimore Colts, and Green 10th by the Seattle Seahawks, who traded their first and third round picks to acquire him.

Dickey and Green left immediately after the announcement of the picks to Baltimore and Seattle, respectively, to meet with team officials and the press.

Dickey, the second all-team leading rusher in SWC behind the Oilers' Earl Campbell, may be used as a receiver due to the probable exit of the Colt's veteran receiver, Roger Carr.

Texas A&M head coach Tom Wilson said Seattle will keep Green on the defensive line.

"I spoke with Seattle this morning, and they plan to use him at left defensive end," he said. "That's the position where Jacob is most comfortable, so that's good."

Green, in an interview with The Bryan Eagle before he left, said he was happy to go to the Seahawks.

"Oh, yeah, I'm really happy with the pick," he said. "Seattle has a fine team which already is winning and just on the verge of being a playoff contender."

"I'm going to Seattle now just as a public relations thing. I'll meet with the press. I won't start any contract negotiations for a couple of weeks yet."

Wilson was optimistic about the players' chances.

"Of course, we're really excited to have two football players from our organization be selected in the first round. Curtis Dickey has a bright future in the NFL. He's a very talented football player."

"I'm very excited about Jacob. The thing about Jacob is he loves the game of football. There's a lot of people with a lot of ability, but you rarely find someone who loves the game as much as he does."

Dickey, a Bryan High School gra-

duate, becomes the second Texas A&M graduate on the Colts. Aggie Hall-of-Famer Ed Simonini is currently a linebacker on the team.

Green, from Houston Kashmere, is considered in many scouting reports to be one of the better pass rushers in the nation.

"I'm flattered they chose to trade Buffalo for the pick to get me... They told me they did that because they didn't know if I'd still be around by the 17th pick."

Dickey was unavailable for comment.

Six SWC players go in first round

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AUSTIN — Six Southwest Conference players — including three from Texas — were selected in the first round of the NFL draft Tuesday, the best representation ever by the league during preliminary selection. Wide receiver Johnny "Lam" Washington was the second player taken in

the draft, by the New York Jets.

The Los Angeles Rams selected Texas safety Johnnie Johnson 15th.

Earlier, the Colts took running back Curtis Dickey of Texas A&M as the fifth selection; they also selected Derrick Hatchett of Texas as their 24th pick. Dickey's teammate, de-

fensive end Jacob Green, was the draft's 10th pick, going with the Seattle Seahawks.

San Francisco used one of its first round picks to select running back Earl Cooper of Rice, although the husky speedster played on the SWC's worst team.



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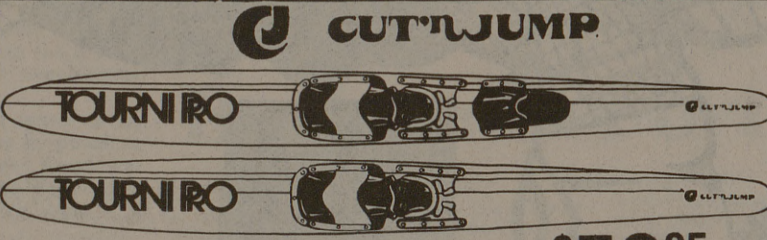
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