

# Flutie

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over Texas A&M, but he says he knows exactly what the Eagles are facing.  
"The players feel that we're going up against a strong team," Flutie said. "A&M's going to be ready for us. We have a very confident squad and we feel this

is a chance for us to get some recognition.  
"We feel we have just as good a chance as the Aggies do to win. Last year, we did beat them, but two years ago when Boston College went to A&M, we got blown out (37-2 in 1978). We've always won a lot of big games at home,

but never on the road.  
"Knowing that the Aggies have the same team personnel-wise," Flutie said, "we feel we have a good shot to win."  
During the Eagles' victory in 1981, Texas A&M gained 302 yards to Boston College's 269, but Flutie doesn't know whether

this season's game will be a low-scoring game or an offensive one.  
"I really don't know after last year, with it being a defensive game," Flutie said. "I'd like to say it's going to be an offensive game, looking at A&M's strong offense. We have a lot of offen-

sive starters back.  
"We feel we have a good offense and that we're ready for them. Our offense is set and the polishing is done. We're ready and it's just a matter of execution. Over the course of the year, I feel we'll be scoring a lot of points."

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# NFL roundup

## Steelers waive Greenwood; Colts cut Simonini

United Press International  
 There will be no more "curtain" calls for the Pittsburgh Steelers' championship teams of the 1970s.  
 Defensive end L.C. Greenwood, a 14-year veteran and the only remaining member of the team's "Steel Curtain" line, was waived Tuesday by the Steelers.  
 The Steelers also waived eight-year veteran defensive end and tackle John Banaszak and traded four-year veteran linebacker Zack Valentine to the Baltimore Colts for a draft choice.  
 Greenwood, who will be 36 Sept. 8, did not say if he would retire.

"I'm not going to say anything," he said. "I didn't come in talking and I'm not going out talking. That's the way it goes."  
 Greenwood, a six-time All-Pro, was the oldest player on the roster and the last remaining player from the first team coached by Chuck Noll in 1969. Drafted that year in the 10th round from Arkansas A&M, Greenwood became a starter in 1971, a position he maintained during the Steelers' four Super Bowl championship seasons in 1974, 1975, 1978 and 1979.  
 Greenwood played most of those years with defensive end Dwight White and defensive tackles Joe Greene and Ernie

Holmes to form the "Steel Curtain," one of the most productive defensive front fours in NFL history.  
 Holmes was traded after the 1977 season and eventually retired. White retired after the 1980 season and Greene retired this past winter.  
 Hampered by chronic knee and ankle injuries, Greenwood started only five games last year, although he played in 14.  
 He and Banaszak both were injured and missed the first two weeks of training camp, during which the Steelers introduced a new 3-4 defense and new tackling techniques.  
 Greenwood's best years were 1974 and 1975, during which the Steelers won their first two Super Bowls. Against Minnesota in Super Bowl IX, he batted three passes by quarterback Fran Tarkenton and helped the defense hold the Vikings to 17 yards rushing. In Super Bowl X, Greenwood sacked Dallas quarterback Roger Staubach three times.  
 To meet Tuesday's 60-player roster limit, the Steelers also waived rookie free agent cornerback Sam Washington from Mississippi Valley State.

The Steelers also lost second-string quarterback Cliff Stoudt for three to four weeks. He suffered strained ligaments in his left knee on the last play of practice.  
 In other training camp news Tuesday:  
 — The New Orleans Saints cut veterans Tinker Owens and Benny Ricardo and seven other players to trim their roster to the

60-player limit and placed second-year linebacker Glen Redd on injured reserve.  
 — The Seattle Seahawks placed former starting middle linebacker Joe Norman and second-year linebacker Greg Gaines on reserve status and waived five rookie free agents, reducing their active roster to 57 — three under the NFL limit.  
 — The Cleveland Browns trimmed eight rookies and placed two others on injured reserve to reduce the roster to the NFL limit. Two of those cut were tight end Van Heflin and running back Ricky Floyd.  
 — The San Francisco 49ers waived five players, including safety Ricky Churchman.  
 — The Houston Oilers placed defensive end Wes Roberts on injured reserve and cut two players to reach the roster limit.  
 — Matt Cavanaugh will be the starting quarterback for the New England Patriots this season. Coach Ron Meyer announced. Cavanaugh, a five-year veteran from Pittsburgh, had been battling last year's starter Steve Grogan for the No. 1 spot.  
 — The Dallas Cowboys cut their last two punters, again leaving the punting chores to quarterback Danny White. Free agent punters David Finzer of DePauw and Tom Striegel of Southern Illinois were among the 10 players trimmed.  
 — The Baltimore Colts cut eight players, including veteran linebacker Ed Simonini, traded one player and placed another on injured reserve to pare their roster to 60.

# Ryan's two-hitter leads Astros, 4-0

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