

No Newhouse at Dallas camp

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THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Veteran Dallas Cowboys fullback Robert Newhouse did not report to the team's training camp Sunday because of an illness in his family and speculation increased that he might retire.

Coach Tom Landry said he excused Newhouse from reporting.

Newhouse told Landry he would decide by Thursday on whether he would come to training camp or retire.

If Newhouse does end his career he would be the fifth veteran to have retired since the end of the 1984 season — joining offensive tackle Pat Donovan, tight end Billy Joe DuPree, defensive end Harvey Martin and wide receiver Drew Pearson.

Cowboys' quarterback Danny White, his job possibly in jeopardy, arrived at training camp Sunday and said he was glad his competition with Gary Hogeboom could finally begin.

"Usually the off-season goes by in a hurry," said White. "But this one seems to have gone on forever. It has been a long off-season."

Not only did White have all that time to think about his upcoming duel with Hogeboom for the starting quarterback role, he had to face assault charges leveled at him by a high school student.

Those charges came to trial last month with White being acquitted.

White promptly left Dallas and spent the last two weeks of his time off resting in Colorado and British Columbia.

He came directly from Canada and arrived at the Cowboys train-

ing site late Sunday without knowing that receiver Drew Pearson had officially retired.

"I've been in the woods," said White. "I had not heard. We will miss him a lot."

As to his showdown with Hogeboom, White said he had tried to prepare himself mentally for the challenge and for the constant questions which will come during camp.

"I'm glad to have it here and starting again," said White. "Now I can start doing something about it. I have tried to prepare myself for it as best I can."

"I am going to cooperate (with the media) as much as I can. I don't know what else can be written or said that hasn't been written or said."

Hogeboom arrived at the Cowboys' practice site about an hour before White and he, too, said he was looking forward to competing for the No. 1 job.

"I'll do everything possible I can to be the No. 1 quarterback," said Hogeboom, who last January asked coach Tom Landry to be traded from the club.

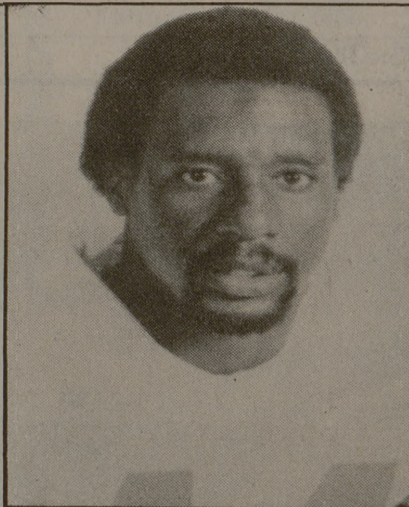
"I just want to do everything I can. What it takes will be found out in this training camp."

With the arrival of the first wave of veterans to training camp, the Dallas Cowboys trimmed their huge corps of rookie free agents by 16 Monday.

That group included Kentucky quarterback Randy Jenkins, who left camp on his own.

Veteran quarterbacks, wide receivers and running backs took their physical exams Monday after reporting to the campus of California Lutheran College Sunday afternoon.

The veterans went through a



Robert Newhouse

light workout Monday before starting the full rigors of training camp Tuesday morning.

Those cut from the roster Monday included defensive backs Daniel Clarke of Virginia Tech and Tony Fudge of Montana; fullbacks Doug Wilkening of Nebraska and Walt Goffigan of Wyoming; and wide receivers Gregory Hobbs of Southwestern Louisiana and Donald Johnson of Newberry.

The waiver list also contained defensive linemen Calvin Johnson of Morris Brown and Brad Rowland of Northern Arizona; linebackers Howard Peace of Richmond and Karl Watson of Texas Southern; kickers Scott Wedell of Texas-El Paso and Oscar Speer of Southwestern Louisiana; offensive linemen Henry Ramelli of San Jose State; running back Kerry Smith of Michigan; and quarterback Lee McKinstry of Northwestern Iowa.

Their departures left 92 rookies and first-year players in camp. The first mandatory cut under NFL bylaws comes on Aug. 14 when league rosters must be no more than 70 players.

McEnroe, Connors eye U.S. Open title

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ATLANTA — Following an intense schedule during the last few months of almost non-stop tennis, John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors both welcome a few weeks off for quiet reflection.

Despite the unreasoning judgment of a computer that places him behind Ivan Lendl, McEnroe unquestionably has proven himself to be the world's outstanding player. His two singles victories in the 5-0 sweep of Argentina in this past weekend's Davis Cup quarterfinal series lifted his record for 1984 to 56-1.

In addition to protecting his precarious position on top, McEnroe also is engaged in a vigorous campaign to project himself in a new image. At this point in his career, when he's being compared to the past greats of tennis, he'd like to ensure that he is remembered by history for his talent rather than his temper.

For Connors, himself a former "bad boy" who has seen his own image improve markedly in recent years, his next big objective, following the vacation he so desperately needs, is defense of his U.S. Open crown. Connors has won this championship five times, none more gallantly than last September, when he overcame leg and stomach problems in the final to sweep the last 10 games from Lendl.

McEnroe, of course, also has his eyes on the Open, which would provide a tidy bookend to the Wimbledon championship he captured a week ago Sunday. Between them, Connors and McEnroe have shared the last six Open titles.

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Connors is to be part of a champion Davis Cup team, a patriotic fever that started to burn late in his career.

"It's important to me," said Connors, who like McEnroe won both his singles matches against Argentina in straight sets. "I've never been on a winning Davis Cup team, but then I've never committed for a full year before. I'd like to be on the team that brings the Davis Cup back to the United States."

In contrast, McEnroe is the winningest player ever to represent the United States, with a record of 32-5 in singles competition and 14-0 in doubles.

By virtue of its success against Argentina, during which it dropped only one set in five matches, the United States advanced to the semifinals against Australia, which earned its berth by beating Italy.

The Australians probably will be by their new star, 19-year-old Pat Cash, who claimed three singles players at Wimbledon before losing to McEnroe in the semifinals.

The semifinals will be played at Portland, Ore., Sept. 28-30, and this will be the 40th meeting between the two countries, with the United States enjoying a 22-17 edge. The Americans have won the Davis Cup 21 times, the last one in 1982.

"I'm looking forward to playing Australia," McEnroe said. "They have a good team, but if we play we have a good shot at winning against them."

Connors added, "They're pretty good, but we're a solid team. Anything can happen. The only way we can prove we're better is to win it." Arthur Ashe, the American team captain, said, "I expect Australia will be very tough. You saw Pat Cash playing in the semifinals at Wimbledon."

Before then, and before the Open, both McEnroe and Connors are looking ahead to some vacation time, interspersed with exhibitions. Both expect to resume competition with the Canadian Open at Toronto starting Aug. 13.

McEnroe has been troubled in the last two weeks by tendinitis in his right hamstring, and he was ready to give up his place to Jimmy Arias Sunday's final singles. However, he agreed to play if Clerc, bothered by stomach muscle tear, also consented to play in the opening singles.

As for Connors, he admitted, "I'm exhausted. I'm going to stay away from tennis for a little bit, just long enough to keep in shape."

Jim Mora proud of his Stars dominance over Wranglers

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TAMPA, Fla. — Jim Mora is bullish on the Philadelphia Stars.

Now that the Stars have tucked away a 19-2 record and the U.S. football League championship after beating Arizona 23-3 in Sunday night's title game, Mora, their coach, was talking like a proud papa.

"I'm not sure we have the best talent (in the USFL), but we have darn good talent or we wouldn't be where we are," Mora said at an early Monday morning media conference before he and the Stars rushed back to Philadelphia for a noontime victory parade. "We couldn't have beaten a Super Bowl team, but compared to this league, we're a pretty good football team. We could survive in the NFL."

Under Mora, a former NFL assistant who became head coach of the Stars last year just two weeks before they went to their first pre-season camp, Philadelphia, 16-4 in '83, has had the best record in both USFL seasons.

"We're going to keep doing what we've been doing," said Mora. "Everything is not peaches and cream in this organization, it never is, but we've been quietly solving our problems as they occur."

"The good thing about this team is it is a very young football team. It's going to get better and better. We're going to try to improve by the draft and other means, but even if we don't, we'd be better next year. We don't have many players who have yet reached their prime."

The 20-point margin in Sunday's game was misleading in view of the Stars' dominance. They outgained the Wranglers 414 yards to 119 while controlling the ball for more than 43 minutes and had several scoring opportunities blunted by turnovers.

"I didn't realize we'd dominate like we did," said Mora. "But when they (the Stars) set their mind to it, they are capable of playing real well. We dominated the last three teams and none of the three games have been close. I didn't feel we'd be able to do what we did against them."

Mora had said all along that the Stars had been gunning for this year's USFL championship after letting the first one get away in the 24-22 loss to Michigan a year ago.

He said Monday that reaching the goal won't make the Stars any less anxious to repeat in '85.

"Winning won't hurt my motivation," he said. "We'll just work that

much harder. I didn't think it was possible for this team to win 15 games again (like it did during the regular 1983 season) and we won 16."

The quarterback duel between Philadelphia Chuck Fusina and Arizona's Greg Landry went to Fusina hands-down Sunday night.

Fusina, who spent three years with the NFL's Tampa Bay franchise, completed his first 10 passes and scored on a bobbled snap en route to being named the game's Most Valuable Player.

"The ball was wet and I just missed it," Fusina said of his scoring play. "The ball was supposed to go to (fullback) David Riley. Fortunately, I held on to it and was able to get in."

As for the game itself, Fusina said, "We were moving the ball down there at will, but with those turnovers (two fumbles and an interception), we started saying to ourselves, 'We'd better watch it, we've got to get it together.'"

"One of our best qualities as a team had been that we don't panic," said Fusina. "Fumbles? Interceptions? We forget about it and go after them again."

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Seattle to host Final Four in 1989

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SEATTLE — Seattle once again will host the NCAA's Final Four basketball tournament, this time in 1989 to coincide with Washington state's 100th birthday.

King County Executive Randy Revelle announced Friday that Seattle beat out Denver for the 1989 tournament, although the Colorado city will get the nod for the 1990 event.

Revelle called Seattle's selection the result of "the super job that was done by everyone in 1984." Seattle hosted its first Final Four tournament this March and got rave reviews from visitors and participants alike.

Announcement of the Final Four award came Friday morning from

the NCAA basketball committee, which is meeting in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Revelle and University of Washington athletic director Mike Lude made a presentation to the committee Wednesday, including a videotape highlighting the Final Four activities in the Seattle-King County area last March.

"The NCAA likes the Kingdome," Revelle said. "They especially like the way it was managed. And they like our business leadership and friendly residents."

The county executive said he would cite Seattle's second selection as a Final Four city when he makes a case for the Kingdome to be chosen

as the site for the 1990 or 1991 Super Bowl.

While the final decision came down to a choice between Denver, Seattle, Revelle said he believes Seattle was chosen because the state delegation emphasized the desire to have the tourney during the state centennial celebration.

Revelle said another edge Seattle had in its favor was the size of the Kingdome, which offered 38,000 seats for the Final Four compared to 17,000 available at Denver's McNichols Arena.

He said the event will have a "tremendous" impact on the local economy, noting that Final Four visitors spent more than \$20 million last year.

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