

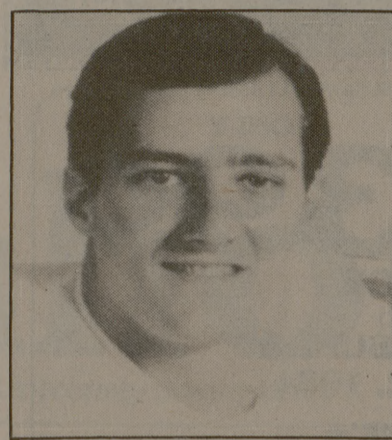
Bates' 'style' remains in '84

United Press International
THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — The thing that keeps turning over in Bill Bates' mind is the speed with which it has all happened.
"It's been so fast," he said. "It seems to have been so quick."
It was about this time a year ago that Bates was being mentioned by Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry as a player who had caught his eye.
Bates, signed as a free agent defensive back from Tennessee, seemed to be in on almost every tackle during rookie scrimmages and when the veterans reported to the Cowboys training camp, he continued to shine.
He won a spot on the roster, was an instant hit around the National Football League and eventually won the first ever special teams award given by the NFL Alumni Association.

Now he is back at Thousand Oaks, having come in with the rookies again with the anticipation that he will be the Cowboys' starting strong safety this year.
But even if a year has gone by since Bates first made his mark with the Cowboys, his style of play has not altered.
"No matter who you are how long you have been in the league, you have got to prove it to everybody again," said Bates. "It's that way with everybody."
So during workouts unsuspecting rookie receivers have found themselves being clobbered by Bates. Just because the play is over does not make an offensive player immune from a Bates attack.
It was that way in 1983 when Landry, delighted with what he was seeing, said that Bates, "likes to hit everything that moves."

"There were about 110 rookies lined up out there last year," Bates said, "and all I wanted to do was make a quick impression. I didn't know if it would be with the press or the coaches or whoever, but I just wanted to make an impression."
"I wanted to make a big hit as fast as I could and during that first week I guess I made a lot of them."
His enthusiasm for the game is seldom seen in this age of big-money contracts and even though his comments might appear corny in print, they sound exceptionally sincere when heard from his own lips.
"It is a great honor to play for this team," said Bates. "A lot of people dream about playing for the Dallas Cowboys. I dreamed it, too. But I never anticipated it would happen."
"And while I am here you are always going to see me giving it everything I have. I would hate it for the

rest of my life if I didn't make the most of it while I had this chance. I don't want to look back and say I wished I had worked harder."
"Bill Bates is going to work as hard as he can while he is playing," Bates seems to work hard at everything. He is a fierce competitor and one of his teammates tells the story of Bates breaking a golf club this summer after a particularly wayward shot.
"I guess that's the way I am," Bates said. "I think like (Olympic and University of Indiana basketball coach) Bobby Knight — nothing good comes from losing. I like the triumph of winning."
"I'll play anything and try to win at it."
Bates became something of a cult hero in Dallas last year, but as the season went on he began receiving letters from all over the country.



Bill Bates

"I had young people writing me and telling me they wanted to grow up and be just like me," he said.
"Sure, that makes you feel good. But it is also a big responsibility to have people thinking about you like that. I think all of us have to keep in mind that we are role models."
That is the kind of thinking Landry enjoys having on his team.

Gold names 'Mouse' Davis head coach

United Press International
DENVER — Denver Gold owner Doug Spedding introduced his new head coach, Darrel "Mouse" Davis, to Colorado Wednesday with a promise to fans they would never leave a game disappointed.
The USFL team might not always be a winner, but with the run-and-shoot offensive attack that Davis has made his trademark, it always will provide excitement, Spedding said.
His comments came at a news conference where he formally announced the selection of Davis, former offensive coordinator of the Houston Gamblers, as new head coach of the Gold.

Spedding took verbal aim at the other football team in town, the NFL Denver Broncos, in his comments regarding the new coach. Davis replaces former Bronco quarterback Craig Morton, who was fired as head coach of the Gold at the end of this past season.

"When's the last time this city had a football team that could play offense?" asked Spedding, who has been searching for a new coach since he dumped Morton last month.

"I've been here 15 years and never seen it. But I will now. I like a guy whose team can score 600 points a season. If you get beat 44-1, you walk out of the stadium and don't even feel bad."

Davis signed a two-year contract with the Gold that gives him full control of all team personnel moves.

"He doesn't even have to tell me what he's doing," said Spedding. "But I've asked him to let me know what's going on so everybody stays happy."

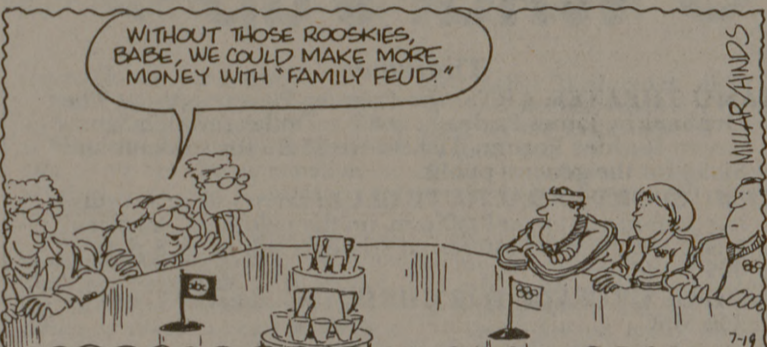
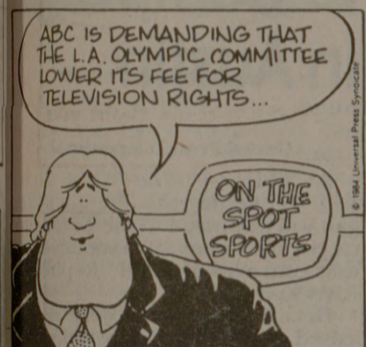
Davis, 51, the author of the "run-and-shoot" offense, served as offensive coordinator for Toronto in the Canadian Football League in 1982 before joining the Gamblers.

He also was offensive coordinator and later head coach at Portland State University which led the nation in passing and total offense for six consecutive seasons while he was there.

Spedding said the selection of Davis was somewhat of a gamble since he has never been a head coach at the professional level.

"But I feel good about it," he insisted. "There were a lot of more experienced guys on my list, but because Mouse has never had the chance, I really think he's going to give it hell. He wants this chance."

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Newhouse leaves Cowboys

United Press International
THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Dallas Cowboys fullback Robert Newhouse, a 12-year veteran known for his bullish runs, called coach Tom Landry Wednesday night to say he had decided to retire.
The decision was not unexpected since Newhouse has asked for a leave of absence during the early portion of the Cowboys' training camp. Newhouse had earlier told Landry he would decide by Thursday whether he would play another year.
Newhouse is the fifth veteran to retire from the Cowboys since the 1983 season. In addition, the Cowboys traded away veteran wide receiver Butch Johnson to the Houston Oilers during the off-season.
Newhouse and Johnson join offensive lineman Pat Donovan, defensive end Harvey Martin, tight end Billy Joe DuPree, and wide receiver Drew Pearson on the missing list for this year's season.
Those six had a combined 68

years experience with the Cowboys.
Newhouse totaled just less than 4,800 yards during his decade of service with the Cowboys. But during the last three seasons he has seen only limited action since being replaced in the starting lineup by Ron Springs.
His best season came in 1975, when he gained 930 yards on 209 carries.
Newhouse, who played his colle-

giate ball at University of Houston, enjoyed his finest moment in Dallas' victory over Denver in Super Bowl XII. He took a pitchout from quarterback Roger Staubach and then threw a 29-yard touchdown pass to Golden Richards to seal the victory, 27-10.
Newhouse, at 34, was the oldest remaining player on the team and his time as a key member of the offensive unit began to dwindle in the 1979.
He suffered a stress fracture in his left leg in the season opener of that year and wound up gaining just 449 yards for the season. He averaged 3.6 yards per carry that year, and in every season previous to that he had gained at least 4 yards per carry.
Despite his limited playing time over the past three seasons, Newhouse volunteered to take part on the special teams and often drew praise from Landry for his ability to bring down opposing punt and kick-off returners.

Texas Baseball

Mets edge Astros on 2-run homer

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HOUSTON — Keith Hernandez' two-run homer, the first of his career at the Astrodome, sparked the New York Mets to a 3-1 victory over the Houston Astros Wednesday night.
Hernandez' homer came off Houston starter Nolan Ryan to highlight a three-run fifth inning for the Mets. It was Hernandez' 175th at-bat in the Astrodome over his nine seasons in the National League.
New York starter Walt Terrell (8-7) allowed seven Astro hits, struck out one and did not walk a batter over 6 1/3 innings to claim the victory. Jesse Orosco pitched

the final 2 2/3 innings for the Mets and recorded his 19th save of the season.
Ryan (7-6) lost his fourth straight outing on the mound, despite allowing just three hits and striking out seven batters.
The Astros took a 1-0 lead first in the fourth, when Jose Cruz singled with one out and scored on a triple by Jerry Mumphrey.
The Mets countered for three unearned runs in the fifth. Ron Gardenhire led off with a base hit to centerfield and then stole second. With two out, Danny Heep grounded to Astros first baseman Enos Cabell, but Ryan dropped the throw at first and Gardenhire scored to tie the score 1-1.

Meacham lifts Yanks past Rangers

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NEW YORK — Bobby Meacham singled up the middle in the fifth inning scoring Brian Dayett from second base with the go-ahead run and Ron Guidry allowed five hits in eight innings in leading the New York Yankees to a 3-1 victory over the Texas Rangers Wednesday.
"It feels much better to know that I was able to contribute in some way to the win," Meacham said. "When I can deliver like I did today, it puts me a lot more at ease."
With the game tied 1-1, Dayett singled to left field and moved to second when Omar Moreno drew a walk off Ranger starter Mike Mason (6-8). Meacham then singled for his first game-winning RBI of the season. On the play,

Rangers center fielder Billy Sample overran the ball and that enabled Moreno to score all the way from first on the error.
"I guess I just messed up all around," Sample said. "The outfield was wet and I was trying to overcompensate. It was just a screwup on my part."
After rain delayed the start of the game by 40 minutes, Texas scored first on a solo homer by Ned Yost in the second inning on a 3-2 pitch from Guidry for his fourth blast of the year.
Guidry allowed one walk and struck out three to bring his record to 8-7.
"It's fine with me when I don't have to complete every ballgame," Guidry said. "I can use the rest and save the wear and tear on my arm."

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