

# Atlanta's star rusher will undergo surgery

William Andrews is used to being flat on his back because the running back gets tackled often enough. But Wednewday morning could prove to be most painful experience in his ca-

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Andrews, the most productive rusher-pass receiver in the NFL over the past five seasons, suffered a knee injury in an Atlanta Falcons' practice Tuesday and will undergo surgery Wednesday

"We don't know the extent of the injury at this time," Falcons spokes-man Bob Dickinson said. "We don't know how long he'll be out, but ob-viously he won't be in the lineup for the start of the season."

Andrews was cutting off the right side during a running play and was tackled by rookie linebacker Thomas Benson of Oklahoma. Observers said his leg apparently remained stiff as he was hit.

The sixth-year veteran was carried off the field and rushed to Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta where he underwent extensive X-rays. The decision to operate came several hours later and doctors said they would be unable to tell how badly the knee was injured until they oper-

Andrews, a third-round draft choice out of Auburn University in 1979, rushed for an average of more than 1,000 yards per year over the previous five seasons (including a strike-shortened one) and caught an average of more than 50 passes per year. For the five years, he totaled 8,382 yards in rushing and pass receiving

Last season, the 6-foot, 213-pounder rushed for a team-record

### Chicago trounces Houston

#### **United Press International**

CHICAGO - Jody Davis crashed out of a 1-for-17 batting slump by driving in four runs with a two-run homer and bases-loaded single Tuesday to lift the Chicago Cubs to an 11-5 triumph over the Houston Astros.

Davis' bases-loaded singled capped a three-run explosion in the third against Mike Scott, 5-11, and in the fifth inning the Cub catcher belted his 18th homer of the year off reliever Joe Sambito to cap a second three-run inning

Dennis Eckersley (7-7) worked the first seven innings for his fourth straight victory. Tim Stoddard and Lee Smith pitched the final two in-

nings. The Cubs took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the first after Houston shortstop Craig Reynolds bobbled Keith Moreland's grounder, allow-ing Bob Dernier and Ryne Sandberg to score. Dernier and Sandberg had opened the inning with back-to-back singles.

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1,567 yards and caught 59 passes for 609 yards to become only the second player in NFL history to twice have ne over 2,000 yards in rushing and receiving combined. In other training camp devel-

opments:

- Franco Harris, who was placed on let go by the Pittsburgh Steelers Monday, became a free agent when he cleared waivers. The 13-year veteran running back is just 363 yards of Jim Brown's all-time NFL rushing record. Harris did not report to training camp this season and he now free to sign with any NFL club.

The Steelers also traded wide receiver-running back Greg Haw-thorne to the New England Patriots for an undisclosed future draft choice. The former first-round pick out of Baylor caught 19 passes last season

- Mat Mendenhall, a Washington Redskins defensive end on the injured reserve list, was charged with drunken driving in Leesburg, Va.'s Loudoun County and faces a Sept. 6 court date. Mendenhall, 27, of Vienna, Va., was arrested Saturday morning.

- Eight-year NFL veteran cor-nerback Walk Wiliams and line-backer Calvin Atkins were among 10 players released the Chicago Bears. Other players cut were kicker Vince Abott, quarterback Bob August, de-femive back Willie Hogan, wide receiver Chris Jensen, punter Eric Kafes, wide receiver Sylvester Moy, and punter George Reynolds.

<sup>0</sup> — The San Francisco 49ers waived linebacker Kurt Garl and de-fensive lineman Motranay Taylor.

The Detroit Lions obtained veteran linebacker Terry Tautolo from the Miami Dolphins for past considerations and released rookie linebacker Chris Renaldo to make room for him on the 60-man roster. — The Green Bay Packers cut

linebacker Byron Braggs and offen-sive guard Leotis Harris, both starters last season. Wide receiver Lenny Taylor was also cut.

- The Denver Broncos waived veteran linebacker Stan Blinka and defensive tackle George Small. They also placed Rob Swanke on injured reserve.

- The Dallas Cowboys placed holdout defensive tackle Randy White on the "did not report" list. Cowboys president and general manager Tex Schramm said he had no indication that the deadlock between the club and the Pro Bowl defensive lineman could be resolved soon.

In addition to cutting seven play-ers, Dallas also placed offensive line-man Chris Schultz on injured reserve list and listed veteran running back James Jones as "physically un able to perform.

## Cowboys make final roster cut

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DALLAS - The Dallas Cowboys Tuesday placed holdout defensive tackle Randy White on the "did not report" list as one of a series of roster moves that enabled them to trim their squad to the 60-player limit.

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"The status is quo," Schramm said.

while, who is asking for a salary in the neighborhood of \$1 million a year, did not show up at the Cowboys' training camp this year, and because of that the team is now able to remove him from the roster without fear of losing White to another dub.

If and when White signs he can immediately be added to the Cowboys' roster.

The Cowboys placed offensive lineman Chris Schultz on the injured reserve list because of a continuation

Colorado, running back Mike Revell of Bethune-Cookman, receiver Mike Tolliver of Stanford and punter John Warren.

All but Warren were rookies.

Warren started the 1983 season as the Cowboys' punter, but suffered a freak injury while running downfield after a punt against the Los An-geles Raiders on Oct. 23. Dallas then signed veteran Jim Miller to replace Warren and with Warren's depature Miller becomes Dallas' punter for 1984

With only 11 cuts left to be made, Dallas still has 19 first-year players on its roster.

The Cowboys final exhibition game will be a nationally televised contest with the Houston Oilers Sat-urday night and Dallas Coach Tom Landry said he expected backup quarterback Gary Hogeboom to see action.

Hogeboom suffered a mild elbow injury in the team's second preseason game and sat out last Saturday night's 20-10 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

when Bill Doran led off the game with his third homer of the year.

Sandberg keyed a three-run third for the Cubs with a one-out single. Gary Matthews singled him to third and Sandberg scored when Durham smashed a single off third baseman Denny Walling's glove. One out later, Ron Cey walked to load the bases. Davis then singled up the mid-dle scoring Matthews and Durham to give the Cubs a 6-1 lead.

Chicago's three-run fifth was triggered by Matthews' leadoff homer, his ninth of the year. Durham walked, but Moreland grounded into a double play. Cey singled and scored ahead of Davis' homer into the left center field stands.

of the knee problems that plagued him a year ago and they listed touryear veteran running back James Jones as "physically unable to perform.

Jones did not pass his physical exam at training camp because of a knee injury that has reduced his playing time the past two seasons. League rules now forbid Jones from working out with the team until Oct.

In addition the Cowboys cut seven players - quarterback Mark McKay of San Diego State, defensive back James Newton of San Jose State, defensive back Fred Nichols of SMU, offensive lineman Vince Rafferty of

"I would think he would play two quarters," said Landry, Hogeboom and Danny White began training camp in a battle for the starting quarterback job.

This (Hogeboom's injury) leaves it just the way it has been all year," said Landry. "Danny is the starter until something happens to move him out."

Does that mean White will start the Cowboys' opener against the Los Angeles Rams?

"I) can't say for sure that he will be," Landry said. "But there is a good indication at this point because of the lack of playing time for Hogeboom.

