

Cannon's short NFL stint SHOE may be Cowboy history

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Former A&M standout Billy Cannon (above) may have his NFL career cut short by a spinal injury suffered last season.

DALLAS — The profession football career of Dallas Cowbo second-year linebacker Billy Cann Jr. may have been ended by a sp injury, team officials say.

Cowboys' Coach Tom Landry Cannon, a former All-Sou Conference performer at A&M, Tuesday that he has ceived medical clearance to pla the National Football Leagu this season.

CO A congenital spinal condition of complicated during the 1984 sease when Cannon tackled New Orlea Saints running back Wayne Wilso Cannon was knocked unconside and suffered brief paralysis in arms and legs before being help from the field.

"Billy is very down, as you may expect," Landry said. "This was Carolyne very tough decision for us. But w Health Car can't pass him when these dotter show us the extent of the injury. It just too bad that he got hit the tr tion, said M pital expe oared at a om 1973

percent in ment chang A few days after the injury, do tors discovered spinal damage a tal bills. now fear Cannon could be para The hos by another head-on collision en expect is not "out think it obv

"The reports we received for the neurosurgeon just aren't go Landry said. "I don't think he w able to play. That could change we kind of doubt it. Of course 60 not saying anything is impos But as long as we get the negativ ports, there isn't much we can de suff

Cannon, the Cowboys' 1984 No draft pick, could not be reached comment.

Texas, Florida favored to win NCAA swimming, diving title

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Long-horns hope the home pool advan-tage in the 1985 NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships will be as kind to them as it was in 1981.

Stanford is the nation's No. 1 ranked team by Swimming World magazine going into the three-day meet starting Thursday. Defending champion Florida Gators are strong grain but Tevas has already reagain, but Texas has already re-ceived a confidence booster.

Texas' Lady Longhorns earned the women's NCAA swimming and

diving title last week. And the Longhorn men will be swimming in the same pool where they earned the national title in 1981 While Stanford boasts the greatest

number of individual champions,

The 1985 championships return all but one of last year's individual champions.

Texas Olympian Rick Carey re-tired from collegiate swimming, even though he was only a junior. Olympian Pablo Morales of Stanford, last year's individual high point winner, heads the list of returnees. Morales is the defending champion in three events including the 200yard individual medley and the 100-

and 200-yard butterflies. Other returning champions in-clude George DiCarlo of Arizona (500-yard freestyle), Tom Jager of UCLA (50-and 100-yard freestyles), Mike Heath of Florida (200-yard freestyle), John Moffet of Stanford (100-and 200-yard breaststrokes), Ricardo Prado of SMU (400-yard individual medley), and Jeff Kostoff of Stanford (1,650-yard freestyle).

Time trials and finals begin Thursday at the ultra swift University of Texas pool in the 500 km freestyle, 200-yard individual me ley, 50-yard freestyle, 400-yard me ley relay and preliminaries, semi nals and finals will be held in the sid, more d

one-meter diving. Randy Reese of Florida spokeau press conference on Wednesday and tried to take some of the heat off the covered the Gators.

"Just because we are going form third championship in a row doss" \$20,000 a ye mean there's any special dom nance," said Florida's Reese. "The fithe student nance," said Florida's Reese. "In fithe student meet is far from over. There are set eral other teams who could will standing loar standing loar and Stanford is my pick." Eddie Reese of Texas agreed ha \$3 billion by t

Stanford will be tough. "Stanford has the most raw speed MX need of any team that has ever been in the NCAAs," said Texas' Reese. scarey how fast they are. I time them in workouts today and they were something.

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the new NCAA rules allowing for 16 scored places in the finals may favor the depth of the Gators and the Horns.

Texas Coach Eddie Reese said, if he had to bet, he'd put his money on his brother and the defending champion Gators.

The Gators are coached by Randy Reese, Eddie's brother. Florida boasts five '84 Los Angeles Olympi-

"They are tough because of their depth," said Texas' Reese. "It will be hard for any team to stay with them for three nights

UCLA, Cal-Berkeley and USC also will field strong teams.

"The last time Texas won they were at home in their own pool and it really gives them a big edge," said SMU Coach George McMillion.

There also will be a foreign flavor to the meet.

Jon Sieben of Alabama, who won the gold medal for Austrialia in the '84 L.A. Games, is the current world record holder in the 200-meter butterfly

Jens-Peter Berndt, the East German who was ruled eligible by the NCAA in late February, has qualified in three events for Alabama.

Berndt defected in the Oklahoma City Airport in January. He will swim in the 400-and 200-yard indi-vidual medleys and the 200-yard backstroke.

Mark Stockwell, a junior from Brisbane, Australia who won two silver medals and a bronze in the '84 Summer Games, will be swimming for Florida in the 50-and 100-yard freestyles.

Texas Diving Coach Mike Brow said there was tremendous talent in the diving events.

'I'd say from top to bottom the field here is better than the one z WASHIN the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, Speaker Tip (Brown said. "Anyone in the field of opened the fin 12 could win."

Eddie Reese said the Horns prot ably would "get a big lift" fro swimming in their own pool.

"Other teams get excited abor swimming here and it probably get the homecrowd advantage and hope it helps us a lot. We'll need it.



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