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2 Ags taken in 2nd round of '86 NFL draft

Williams unexpectedly lasts until Jets' pick

Toney flying high after selection by Eagles

By Tom Tagliabue
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Seven offensive linemen were selected in the first round of the '86 NFL draft Tuesday, but the one name was surprisingly missing from that list — Texas A&M's Doug Williams.

Williams, the Aggies' All-Southwest Conference offensive tackle, was touted as one of the best linemen in the nation by several NFL teams. Pittsburgh, Buffalo, San Diego, Tampa Bay, the Los Angeles Raiders and the New York Jets all expressed interest in drafting Williams.

However, all those teams passed on Williams and chose other linemen in the first round.

But the Jets did not pass a second time.

New York selected the Aggies' 6-foot-6, 290-pound tackle with the 22nd pick of the second round, 49th in the overall draft.

In a telephone interview with *The Battalion* Tuesday night, Williams said he was pleased to be picked by the Jets, although he still felt uncertain of his fate.

"I'm really happy I got picked," Williams said. "I think everything is going to work out well. There's lots of trading going on.

Teams are trading two or three minutes before they pick. You don't know what's going to happen."

Williams, who watched the draft on ESPN with his parents in his College Station home, said the



Doug Williams

Jets called him several times Tuesday and told him to report to New York May 20.

He said he and his agent, Joe Courage, have already begun negotiations with the Jets, but did not disclose any contract terms.

Williams will compete for the Jets' starting tackle spot against veteran Marvin Powell and first-

round pick Mike Haight of Iowa.

ESPN's Paul Maguire, commenting during the network's draft coverage, explained why Williams' stock may have fallen in recent weeks.

"I think (Williams) going to the Senior Bowl hurt him," Maguire said. "His forte is drive-blocking. He was a mainstay on the (Aggie) offensive line."

Williams was rated a 17.4 on ESPN's 20 point rating scale. Williams rated a 4.4 of a possible 5.0 in two categories — quickness and pass blocking — and rated a 4.3 in both strength and run blocking.

Maguire, however, said he was surprised Williams was on the board until the second round was nearing an end.

Other Aggies who were drafted and will join Williams in working for a spot on an NFL roster are: Anthony Toney (RB), Philadelphia, second round; Matt Darwin (C), Philadelphia, fourth round; Domingo Bryant (DB), Pittsburgh, sixth round; and Wayne Asberry (DB), Washington, ninth round.

Darwin was drafted in the fifth round last year by the Dallas Cowboys, but never signed a contract.

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For Texas A&M running back Anthony Toney, Tuesday began with a knock on his Cain Hall door at 7:05 a.m.

By the time Toney had his eyes open, Tampa Bay was making Bo Jackson the No. 1 pick in the 1986 NFL draft.

With Toney lying on his bed watching ESPN's coverage of the draft, NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle approached the podium to announce the No. 5 selection.

"With the No. 5 pick, St. Louis takes Anthony Bell, linebacker, Michigan State," Rozelle announced.

"Your heart raced when you heard, 'Anthony,' didn't it?" someone asked.

"No, I knew I wasn't going that early," Toney laughed.

The phone rang as Kansas City was nearing its No. 7 pick. But it wouldn't be the Chiefs either.

At 10:40 a.m., the phone rang again — only A&M backfield Coach Jim Helms calling to check on the progress of the draft.

"I'll probably be waiting around until about the fifth or sixth round," Toney told Helms.

A&M backfield partner Roger

Vick came into the room wanting to hear some news.

"Nothing yet," Toney answered.

Next up were the Philadelphia Eagles with the No. 10 pick.

Sports Illustrated tabbed To-



Anthony Toney

ney as definitely going to the Eagles in the first round. The magazine said Toney was new Eagle Head Coach Buddy Ryan's "personal choice."

ESPN began speculating that the 5-foot-11½ Aggie running back just might be on his way to Philadelphia.

Fifteen long minutes later, Rozelle announced the Eagles' first-round choice, "Philadelphia takes Ohio State running back Keith Byars."

Was Toney disappointed? "I really wasn't surprised they took a back like Keith Byars," Toney said. "He was a good choice."

At 12:20 p.m., the phone rang for the fourth time since the draft began.

"Yes," Toney said on the phone. "Uh huh. OK. Thank you. Worked out all right. OK."

Covering the receiver, Toney turned to teammate Keith Woodside with a big smile and whispered, "It's the Eagles."

Toney, who was the Aggies' leading rusher last season with 845 yards, was the No. 10 pick in the second round, the 37th player selected overall.

"That's good," Toney told a roomful of A&M teammates. "That's a lot higher than I thought. They said if Byars' foot heals, they'd put me at tailback."

While waiting for Eagles' player personnel director, Lynn Stiles, to return to the phone, To-

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NFL clubs scramble after Bucs pick Jackson No. 1

NEW YORK (AP) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers made Bo Jackson the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft Tuesday and made it clear they would outbid baseball for him, while other teams tried to outsmart each other with a flurry of trades.

Jackson, Auburn's Heisman Trophy-winning running back, is considered one of the best pro football prospects ever, and a pretty fair out-bidder, too. The Bucs said they

would match any baseball team, dollar for dollar, for his services.

Bucs president Hugh Culverhouse vowed to make him "the highest-paid draft choice in NFL history." But Jackson was noncommittal, saying he would make no decision before baseball's June 2-4 draft of college and high school players.

The second pick behind Jackson also was a foregone conclusion —

nose guard Tony Casillas of Oklahoma by the Atlanta Falcons. Then the Houston Oilers took quarterback Jim Everett of Purdue, perhaps with an eye toward trading \$1-million-a-year incumbent Warren Moon.

Then came defensive end Jon Hand, taken by Indianapolis.

Indianapolis' pick was followed by the first surprise. St. Louis, which wanted Hand, took linebacker An-

thony Bell of Michigan State. He had been projected as a second- or third-rounder.

Of more immediate concern Tuesday was the draft pick maneuvering, particularly among four NFC teams with Super Bowl ambitions for 1986 — the Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants, San Francisco 49ers and Washington Redskins.

Dallas' move had the most immediate impact.

They traded up two places with San Francisco — which ended up trading downward four times in the first two rounds — to jump over the Giants and grab Mike Sherrard of UCLA, the fastest wide receiver in the draft.

"We were afraid the Giants would take him, so we had to do some-

thing," Coach Tom Landry said.

"He was exactly what we wanted."

The Giants ended up with Notre Dame defensive end Eric Dorsey and traded discontented cornerback Mark Haynes, to Denver, and the rights to USFL offensive lineman Gary Zimmerman, to Minnesota. They wound up with four second-round picks this year and an additional selection next year.

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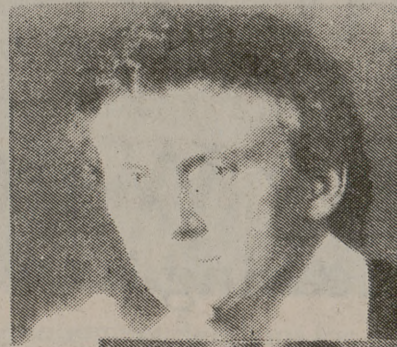


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