Reeves, Parcells could have taken different teams to Super Bowl berths

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — A ar ago, Bill Parcells was watching a nebacker named Pepper Johnson ork out at the NFL's evaluation mp for college seniors when he med around and saw Dan Reeves inding behind him.

You've got a pretty good eye for ent. I just want to watch who u're watching," Reeves told him.

The coaches in next Sunday's Sur Bowl aren't exactly strangers to ch other. In fact, were it not for a nd of toss-of-the-coin twist of fate, eves might be coaching the New ork Giants in next Sunday's Super wl and Parcells might be coaching linebackers at New England?

Parcells' Giants, who arrived Sun-, began their workouts for the FL championship game at the Los ngeles Rams' training complex in illerton on Monday.

the afternoon from Denver, after a celebration and pep rally at Mile High Stadium on Sunday.

But Reeves also could have arrived from New York.

It goes back to 1979, when the Giants were undergoing a complete housecleaning and George Young had just taken over as general manager. He narrowed down the search for a coach to two young offensive coordinators — Ray Perkins of San

Diego and Dan Reeves of Dallas. Young chose Perkins and Reeves, who had undergone nearly eight hours of interviews in New York went back to Dallas, worried that he might never get the call. "Don't worry, you will," Young told him and he did — two years later, when he replaced Red Miller as the Broncos coach.

Parcells, meanwhile, was the line-Reeves' Broncos arrived later in backers coach with the New England

Patriots and joined the Giants as defensive coordinator in 1981. When Perkins quit at the end of the 1982 season to take the head coaching job at Alabama, Parcells was promoted

to head coach. Meanwhile, Parcells and Reeves have become friends who chat on the phone about once a week. Last spring, they agreed to have their assistant coaches meet in Denver to discuss and share scouting reports common opponents from the AFC West and NFC East, a practice that some of those opponents thought was a bit too chummy.

"It was just an exchange of information to facilitate both of our schedules," Parcells said. "We hadn't played those teams in three years and we were unfamiliar with some of the players so we exchanged some information on them. We didn't talk about each other in any way, shape

or form.

Their relationship may also help Denver against the Giants Sunday. Parcells had the first laugh when the Giants drafted Johnson, the linebacker both were ogling, but Reeves may have the last.

Midway through the season, the Broncos had been through two punters and Reeves was discussing his problem on the telephone with the Giants coach.

"Why don't you look at this Horan Parcells told him, meaning Mike Horan, the former Philadelphia punter who had been cut by the Eagles in training camp.

So when Reeves brought a group of punters in for a workout, he included Horan, who was signed the next day and averaged 41.2 yards on 21 kicks — almost two yards better than either of his predecessors, Jack Weil and Chris Norman.



McWilliams to shoot or No. 1 ranking at UT

g competitive is not enough, he ants to compete for the No. 1 spot college football.

McWilliams, a former player and sistant coach at Texas, returned as ead coach for the 1987 season after e year at Texas Tech, where he

McWilliams, 44, replaced Fred kers, who was fired after 10 years d later became coach at Purdue. McWilliams said simply being mpetitive would not be enough him next season.

"That's not quite strong enough me just to say I want to be comtitive," he said. "I want to win, win much as I can, or all of it right

McWilliams' first test at Texas mes on national signing day Feb. l, and he said that despite getting a start because of the coaching

Hogs' coach

to miss week FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) -University of Arkansas basketball oach Nolan Richardson will not be ith the team this week because of ne condition of his 15-year-old aughter, UA Athletic Director rank Broyles said Monday.

Richardson's daughter, Yvonne, s leukemia and is hospitalized in ulsa, Okla. A spokesman at St. rancis Hospital told a reporter for ne *Tulsa World* that Yvonne began emorrhaging and that the family ad requested that her condition not e released.

The Razorbacks play Baylor in aco on Thursday night and Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — New head coach avid McWilliams of the Texas onghorns said Monday that just bethe real top players that are in the

state. He also said he felt Texas, 5-6 last season, has "a good nucleus coming back both offensively and defensively,

Asked if bad publicity about SWC as selected Southwest Conference recruiting violations was chasing good recruits out of state, McWilliams said, "Last year that was true a good bit. This year, I haven't noticed it being quite as strong.

> One plus for Texas, he said, is the addition of 1977 Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell to the University of Texas administrative staff.

> "I think recruiting is something that you use every type of strength that you have for your university, and I think Earl Campbell is a strength for this university

> Williams said Campbell will probably be used as an on-campus re-

Conner leads U.S. boat to America's Cup finals

FREMANTLE, Australia (AP) — A ripped sail couldn't stop Dennis Conner from sewing up
That last problem cost Dickson another trip to the America's Cup finals as he steered Stars & Stripes to a one-minute, 29-sec-

ond victory Monday over once unbeatable New Zealand. The Kiwis had won 37 of their first 38 races and 28 straight before they ran up against Conner, the world's most experienced 12meter skipper. In the best-ofseven Challenger finals that

ended Monday, the U.S. boat whipped them 4-1. "Thirteen years beat 13 months experience," said New Zealand's 25-year-old skipper, Chris Dickson who was in bis Chris Dickson, who was in his first America's Cup campaign.

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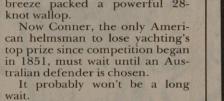
30 seconds as the rules required him to reround the buoy. Conner's lead, down to nine seconds before New Zealand hit the buoy, was up to 39 seconds after it went

breeze packed a powerful 28-knot wallop.

Kookaburra III notched its

fourth consecutive easy victory over Australia IV, winning by 1:13 Monday and taking a 4-0 lead in their best-of-nine series.

around it again. Stars & Stripes, strong going into the wind, pulled away on the final leg, a windward beat, as the



Giants' McConkey relishes role as self-promoter, media darling

COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) — Phil McConkey is not letting Super Bowl XXI pass him by, especially not all McConkey's presence here for the hoopla.

"McConkey has moved up to the No. 1 self-promoter on the team,' New York Giants Coach Bill Parcells said. "He's passed (Jim) Burt, (Leonard) Marshall and, of course, (Sean) Landeta. In Parcells' mind, McConkey is

getting more attention than even punter Dave Jennings got in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Assistant coach Andy Stoglin, who key, who for \$1,500 is writing a firstperson column on his Super Bowl experience for a New York newspaper, has appeared on numerous radio interviews and is always available for talks with the media.

tive," the 29-year-old said. McConkey's presence here for next week's NFL championship in Pasadena against the Denver Broncos tends to defy all odds. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Mc-Conkey flew helicopters for four years before being allowed to leave the service because he suffered from seasickness

In 1983, he tried out with the Giants, but the Navy called him back to for an undisclosed draft pick complete his five-year commitment, and the team put him on a military "You have to take advantage of reserve list. The 5-foot-10, 170-hat's put before you," said McCon- pound wide receiver and kick returner was back again in 1984 — this said Benson. time making the team with an aver-age amount of talent and a lot of our country flying for the Navy and hustle

cords at Navy and was the most valu-able player in the 1978 Holiday Bowl.

After catching 33 passes in his first two seasons with the Giants, Mc-Conkey was released on the final cut this season and signed by the Green Bay Packers. However, when Lionel Manuel went down with an injury and New York's punt return game floundered early on, the Giants acquired McConkey from the Packers

Benson said jokingly that McConkey has been difficult to be around. "We went to the city (New York)

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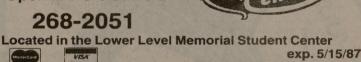
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as filled in for Richardson at two ames this year, will serve as head bach this week.

Richardson has the full support of athletic department, Broyles aid. "Our thoughts are with him."

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'You have to have fun doing it,

Conkey, who set several football re-

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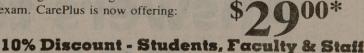
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