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## Four quarterbacks taken in 1st round

NEW YORK (AP) - The NFL draft became a quarterback auction Tuesday as teams seeking help at football's most critical position reached for question marks in hopes of pulling another Joe Montana or Dan Fouts out of a thin talent pool.

Four quarterbacks were chosen on the first round, the most since the talent-laden 1983 draft. But only Heisman Trophy winner Vinny Testaverde of Miami was considered a sure NFL star.

The other three — Kelly Stouffer of Colorado State, chosen by St. Louis; Chris Miller of Oregon, taken by Atlanta, and Jim Harbaugh of Michigan, taken in a shocking move by the Chicago Bears — all had serious question marks about them.

There was a higher premium on skill players in the first round. Three wide receivers went in the first round and so did six running backs — including Alonzo Highsmith of Miami to Houston and D.J. Dozier of Penn State to Minnesota in two of the nine deals which made the first and second rounds seem like a trade

Linebacker Chip Banks went from Cleveland to San Diego, which moved the Browns from 24th to fifth in the first round and netted them linebacker Mike Junkin of

Fouts and Montana were third-round picks — Fouts by San Diego in 1973 and Montana by San Francisco

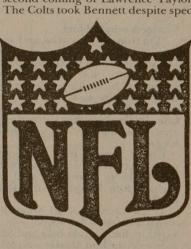
Chicago Coach Mike Ditka de-fended the choice of Harbaugh, a projected third-or-fourth-rounder, in typically blunt fashion. We don't draft for the sake of the

media or the fans," said Ditka, who now has five quarterbacks: starter Jim McMahon, recovering from has burn, and then San Diego made its

shoulder surgery, plus Doug Flutie, Mike Tomczak, Steve Fuller and

"There are a combination of reasons," Chicago personnel director Bill Tobin said. "Jim's status is one. There is uncertainty about his health. If he is healthy, he's No. 1.

With the second pick overall, Indianapolis took Cornelius Bennett, the Alabama linebacker billed as the second coming of Lawrence Taylor. The Colts took Bennett despite spec-



ulation they might trade or take a running back because of the broken leg sustained by Randy McMillan, their best running back, in a car acci-

Buffalo and Houston exchanged places, with the Oilers throwing in their second pick to move from eighth to third. They promptly took

deal for Banks, allowing Cleveland to take Junkin.

'With Bennett not being available, we rated the No. 1 linebacker in the NFL for our needs as Chip Banks," San Diego Coach Al Saunders said of the 28-year-old former Pro Bowler. "I think Chip felt like he would like to be on the West Coast. We initiated the trade and the Browns felt like it would be a good

deal for them. Then came the choice of the 6-3, 212-pound Stouffer by the Cards, who have been trying to deal Neil Lomax since the end of last season. Stouffer had exhibited a strong arm in training sessions but had ended the college season projected as a third- or fourth-rounder because of an inconsistent senior season.

And while he moved up in the last

few weeks, he was not expected to be the sixth pick in the draft. "We wouldn't have taken him if we didn't think he was that good," said George Boone, personnel direc-tor for St. Louis, which needs help on defense.

Things got more predictable after

Detroit took Washington defensive end Reggie Rogers; Buffalo took Penn State linebacker Shane Conlan; Philadelphia went for Miami defensive lineman Jerome Brown; and Pittsburgh passed up Dozier to take Purdue defensive back Rod Woodson, who had been expected to go earlier.

New Orleans, which would have liked to have had Woodson, took Brigham Young defensive lineman

Brigham Young defensive lineman Shawn Knight, and Dallas followed with another of the six defensive linemen taken in the first round, Danny Noonan of Nebraska. Then Move up 11 spots.

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Then it was defensive lines son Buck of Boston College cinnati; linebacker Tony W Pitt to Seattle; running bac Palmer of Temple to Kansa wide receiver Haywood Jeff North Carolina State to Hou

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San Francisco took offetackle Harris Barton of North (lina, New England took offetackle Bruce Armstrong of Liville, San Diego took tight end Bernstine of Texas A&M, and Francisco, with its second first pick, grabbed running bakerence Flagler of Clemson.

The most interesting picker.

The most interesting pick second round was fullback C

## Paper: illegal favors offered to UT recruit

AUSTIN (AP) — Promises of free steak dinners, transportation and use of coaches' cars attracted run-ning back Stephan Howland as he toured the University of Texas with his student host in January 1985,

A pair of black leather pants, a belt and a sweatshirt — all at no cost — sweetened the deal, the Austin

— sweetened the deal, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The newspaper said University of Texas and NCAA investigators heard one side of the story from Howland. There was not another side until Friday when the host, freshman defensive back Allen Survice turned up less than two days be via, turned up less than two days before Texas' appearance before the NCAA Infractions Committee.

The hearing was postponed and the University of Texas' seven-member delegation headed home from Hilton Head, S.C., to work with NCAA officials in gathering and assembling the new information in time for the Infractions Committee's next meeting, June 3-5, in Kansas

Knox Nunnally, a lawyer representing the University of Texas, said Survia was discovered by an NCAA agent, acting on information provided by Texas, on the West Coast late Friday.

Nunnally and Rick Milvenan, who also works for the Houston-based law firm Vinson & Elkins, was in a

brief telephone conference call with Survia and NCAA enforcement rep-resentative Mark Jones Saturday. Lacking suitable recording equip-ment, they hoped to set up a full-length interview within the next two

"The most important thing is we didn't have a recording device," Nunnally said. "If we had, it might have been possible to have gotten something to the committee on Sunday. But we didn't have it, so we're going to wait until June and get everything right."

Nunnally would not identify the

student host or the prospect. But the American-Statesman quoted a source formerly connected with the Texas athletic department as saying the host was Survia, a 1984 signee out of Marshall High School who left Texas after one season and enrolled at Taft, Calif. Junior College.

The prospect was identified as Howland, a running back from Tyler Lee High School who reversed a verbal commitment to Texas to attend Texas Christian University.

Howland's mother, Josephine Howland, confirmed the roles of Howland and Survia when reached at her home in Tyler. Neither Howland nor Survia could be reached by telephone for comment by the Asso-

# Houston rolls past Portland 117-108

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston almost blew a 25-point halftime lead but got 35 points and eight blocked shots from Akeem Olajuwon to beat Portland 117-108 in a first round NBA playoff game

Tuesday night.

The Rockets now lead the bestof-five game series 2-1 and could
clinch the first-round series in The Summit Thursday night.

Olajuwon scored 20 points and blocked seven shots in the first half as the Rockets shot into a 70-45 lead at intermission. But the Trail Blazers charged back and cut the lead to six points at 103-97 with 4:24 left in the

Olajuwon hit a basket with 4:10 to go that was Houston's second field goal of the fourth quarter

and followed with a free throw.

Robert Reid hit a short jumper with 3:29 to go for a 108-99 lead, and the Rockets eased back into

command Clyde Drexler scored 26 points to lead the Blazers, and Terry Porter added 21.

Houston closed out the second quarter with a 19-10 surge for their 25-point halftime bulge.

The determined Blazers, who beat the Rockets 111-98 in Game 2, rallied in the third quarter be-



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