

## Cowboys voice mixed views on NFL strike

DALLAS (AP) — Six Dallas Cowboys, including Danny White, say they haven't decided whether to support a strike or refused to comment on their decision in a poll of the 45-man roster.

White, Randy White, linebackers Eugene Lockhart and Jesse Penn, cornerback Manny Hendrix and rookie Ron Burton were the only players who did not give their support to a threatened players' strike expected Tuesday.

"I have decided (what to do), but it's not for public knowledge," quarterback White said.

Defensive tackle Randy White said he wants to wait and see what happens. "I just don't like this part of the game of football. I like the

game of football. I don't even like going through contract negotiations," he said.

Other players were brief about their intentions.

"Is there a choice? Yeah, there's a choice. I have no comments. Catch me next week," said Lockhart. Penn had no comment and Hendrix said he, too, would have to wait and see what happens.

Burton said he was not sure what he would do.

If a strike hits Tuesday, players in the National Football League will have to handle the game's second strike in six seasons.

Most of the Cowboys were unified in support of the players' association, although some questioned what

they are supporting or why they are supporting it.

"I think it's stupid," Kevin Brooks told the *Dallas Morning News*.

"All I know is they want free agency. That's not going to help players in the long run. If they just made some improvements on some of the other issues, like the pension, I think the players would like to keep playing," Brooks, a defensive tackle, said.

"It looks like a short season for me. Three weeks and one game. But I'll support a strike if we go out," said No. 1 pick Danny Noonan.

Running back Herschel Walker said he supports the strike.

"For me, the reason I'm striking is for the pension because the lifespan

of NFL players is so short. But one thing you've got to have is some give and take. We'll have to give something to take something. Right now it looks like management doesn't want to give up anything."

What will happen to those who don't support the strike is uncertain.

"I think there will be a couple of players (cross the picket line)," said defensive back Everson Walls. "Everybody doesn't think about it the same way. You've got some in financial binds and it's hard on them. I'm sure there will be some who get weak, but they've got to realize the owners depend on them getting weak. I'd be resentful. I'd never forget it, but I'd just handle it in my own way."

## Kelly-led Bills defeat Oilers in final minute

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Jim Kelly threw for three touchdowns, including the 10-yard winning score to Ron Harmon with 57 seconds left, as the Buffalo Bills rallied to beat the Houston Oilers 34-30 Sunday.

Kelly, who completed 26 of 43 passes for 293 yards, moved the Bills 54 yards in 1:26 before finding Harmon alone in the end zone, capping a rally from a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit.

A Ron Pitts interception of a Warren Moon pass with 19 seconds to go snuffed out any chance of an Oilers comeback.

Moon threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Ernest Givins and a 2-yarder to Drew Hill, and Mike Rozier rushed for 150 yards and a touchdown for the Oilers. But Houston was penalized 10 times for 113 yards.

The Bills tied the score at 20 on Kelly's 8-yard touchdown pass to Andre Reed early in the fourth quarter. Then the Oilers took a 30-20 lead in the fourth quarter on Moon's touchdown pass to Givins and a 30-yard field goal by Tony Zendejas.

Zendejas also had field goals from 27 and 52 yards.

But the Bills, who scored 21 fourth-quarter points, made it 30-27 on a 2-yard touchdown run by Robb Riddick with just under four minutes to go.

Kelly's other touchdown pass

was an 11-yarder to Riddick at the end of the first half, while the Bills other scores came on Scott Norwood field goals of 45 and 38 yards.

The Bills drove for two field goals in the first quarter, but the Oilers controlled most of the first half to take a 17-13 lead.

After Norwood ended a 52-yard drive with a 45-yard field goal early in the game, the Oilers tied it thanks to the first half's only turnover.

A Kelly pass on the Bills second possession was picked off by safety Keith Bostic and the Oilers got the ball on their 46. Five plays later, the drive stalled and Houston got a 52-yard field goal by Zendejas, making it 3-3.

The Oilers got a break when Ray Wallace fumbled after a 19-yard run but teammate Jamie Williams recovered at the Buffalo 8. Moon then found Hill for the 2-yard touchdown pass that put Houston ahead 10-3.

Aided by a 47-yard completion from Kelly to Chris Burkett, the Bills drove close enough for Norwood's second field goal, a 38-yarder that made it 10-6.

The Oilers then moved 71 yards to score on their next possession early in the second quarter. The drive would have stalled on an incomplete pass on third-and-11, but Buffalo safety Mark Kelso was called for a late hit.

## Oiler GM Herzog arrested following fight at reception

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Houston Oilers General Manager Ladd Herzog was arrested Saturday night following an alleged fight with a man at a wedding reception, authorities said.

Herzog was charged with misdemeanor assault in connection with the alleged fight with a man at the wedding reception at a hotel, Cheektowaga police Sgt. Mitchell Kmietek said.

Herzog, whose Oilers lost 34-30 to the Buffalo Bills Sunday, was arrested about 11:30 p.m., booked into jail and later released on \$100 bail, Kmietek said.

Herzog had complained to hotel management there was too much noise at the reception party, Joel Stewart, the groom, said.

The fight started about 20 minutes after Stewart told the band to keep playing, the groom said. Hotel security arrested Herzog.

Herzog, 41, who also is executive vice president of the Oilers, punched McDonald, the brother of the bride, in the mouth, Cheektowaga Police Sgt. E. Leahy said. Police were then called to the scene.

McDonald suffered from bleeding and swelling of the mouth, and a bruised eye, police said.

Herzog, who is scheduled to appear in court Sept. 29, was unavailable for comment to the media Sunday.

But Oilers spokesman Chip Namias said Herzog gave him the following account: "There was a wedding reception in the big courtyard (in the hotel) that some of the rooms overlapped."

"The agreement between the band and the hotel management was that the band would stop playing at 11 p.m. (the Oilers' curfew the night before a game). They (the band) did not stop playing at 11 and several calls were made to the hotel security.

Each time, security said they would take care of it.

"The band stopped playing shortly after 11, then started again before 11:30 p.m."

Herzog went down to talk with the band director, Namias said.

"A guy who appeared to be drunk, came up, grabbed me by the shoulder and pushed me," Namias quoted Herzog as saying.

At which point, Namias said, "Ladd, in a defensive posture, slapped him in the face."

"I was concerned about our coaches and players getting a good night's sleep," Namias quoted Herzog as saying.

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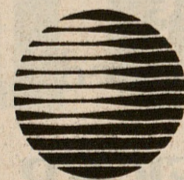


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