

# Freshman

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Richardson didn't let his presence deter him from coming to A&M. "I don't think you can be successful if you think like that," Richardson said.

"To tell you the truth, I knew who he was and I knew that he was a great quarterback coming out of high school, but he had never played before in the college ranks," he said. "That's really all you can ask for. Any school you go to, there's going to be good players — anywhere."

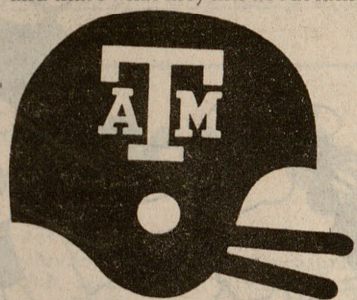
Richardson, who got the nickname Bucky from a Little League coach who "said I looked like a Bucky," knows that quarterback is a leadership position and that as a freshman he must work to earn the respect of his teammates.

"Being a quarterback, you have to accept the role of being a leader," he said. "You have to get people's respect through your actions. You can't ask for respect. So if you go out and play good, people are going to respect you. And that's what I try to do."

Because of his ability, attitude and style of play, his teammates are learning to respect the 18-year-old freshman.

"I think he's caught the eye of all our staff, offensively and defens-

ively, and of our players," Amedee said. "Our players feel very comfortable with him. They feel he's a guy they can depend on, a young guy who's very tough. He takes charge and that's what they like about him."




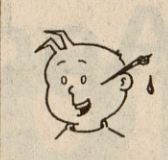




Although he had an impressive debut, Richardson knows it is too early to judge his overall talent as a quarterback.

"It's really too early to tell," he said. "I've been in one time. The next time I go in, I might do horrible — throw three interceptions and fumble twice and not move the team at all. It's just one of those deals where I can't set my year on this one play."

"I have to come in and prove myself. I'm not a proven quarterback. I haven't done anything to prove to the people I can play quarterback. I'm just going to go out there when they call my name and do the best I can."

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# Upshaw doing more harm than good for union

By Doug Hall

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It's day 11 of the NFL strike and things are starting to get nasty.

What with union players slowly but surely beginning to cross the picket line, and the NFLPA threat-

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ing to "thwart" this weekend's replacement games, and with the New York Jet's Mark Gastineau scuffling with union teammates, it's looking like an old-fashioned rhu-

bar.

But if there's one certainty amongst all the turmoil, it's that Gene Upshaw, the NFLPA's head

honcho, had better read the hand writing on the wall.

That writing, in clear and bold words, is that it's time to stop crisscrossing the country and chatting with disgruntled union players. It's time to negotiate and get something accomplished.

And that piece of advice is not coming solely from sportswriters and fans across the country. It's coming from NFL players like Dal-

las' Danny White, Tony Dorsett and Randy White. And from Pittsburgh's Mike Webster. And from St. Louis' Roy Green. And from some 40 other union players who have crossed the picket line.

More players are expected to cross the line today in order to be eli-

gible for Sunday's replacement games.

Danny White said he decided to go back to work on Thursday after he heard Upshaw say, "the union is in for the long haul."

"I realized then and there that he (Upshaw) wasn't representing me," White said.

Both White and running back Dorsett, who was less than enthusiastic about crossing a picket line he strongly supported at the strike's outset, have experienced financial troubles over the past several years.

Financial problems or not, White hit the nail on the head when he said that Upshaw wasn't representing his views.

Other NFL players across the na-

tion have said the same thing, only in milder terms that don't mention Upshaw's name.

Buffalo Bill's quarterback Jim Kelly said Thursday night during an ESPN interview that he doesn't want to strike. Nor do his teammates. They, however, are still supporting the picket line.

But how long will the Bills, and players from other teams alike, continue to hold out and lose money.

If Thursday's events are any indication of things to come, they aren't going to hold out quite as long as Upshaw would like.

Why is the union's stance weakening? It's very simple. The NFLPA went to the proverbial well one too many times.

Back in 1982, when the union picketed for 57 days, the owners were unorganized, unprepared and utterly confused. Having learned their lesson once, they were prepared for the 1987 holdout.

Their solution — replacement teams.

By putting together teams of non-union players, the owners are knowingly dropping the caliber of football several notches. But in doing so, they also are gaining the upper hand at the bargaining table.

In 1982, dissenting players had nowhere to go. Now they can work out with the replacement teams, play on Sunday and get paid on Monday.

With players like White and Dorsett returning, and with the games

being figured in to the standings, Dallas is looking strong for the NFC East. Joe Gibbs in Washington and Bill Parcells in New York have to be wondering where their once-promising season is going.

From day one of the strike, the replacement teams have weakened the union's stance at the bargaining table and in the public's already doubtful eye. Union players threw eggs, broke windows, verbally and physically threatened the strike breakers and now are threatening to non-violently thwart Sunday's game.

Regardless, it's time for Upshaw to sit down and iron things out with the management council.

Otherwise the NFL strike will have struck out.

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
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