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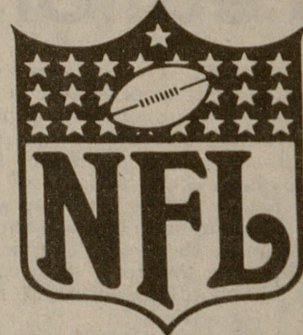
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Stock market crash alters NFL's stance with players

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — NFL officials said Tuesday that they hope to resume bargaining with the players union soon, but with a revised offer on one of the main issues because the players' pension fund lost \$39 million in the stock market problems of the past two weeks.
 Jack Donlan, executive director of the NFL Management Council, said he expects to speak next week with union head Gene Upshaw to try to resume negotiations.
 Earlier, Commissioner Pete Rozelle had said he hoped negotiations could be concluded by next March so the league can go ahead with its expansion plans.
 The owners also voted to play the rest of the season with 50-man rosters — 45 players active each Sunday and a five-man reserve squad.
 But the main topic of the discussion was the 24-day strike that ended Oct. 15 and its after-effects, including the antitrust suit filed by the union against the owners when it ordered the players back to work.
 Among other things, it seeks the free agency the players were unable



to get at the bargaining table.
 During the strike, it was the players who constantly sought negotiations, but this time it was the owners.
 "I think it's in the interest of both sides to negotiate," Rozelle said.
 However, the union said it wasn't interested in resuming talks unless the owners changed their position on major issues. And any talks may be complicated by the effect of the stock market on the pension fund, a major area of contention between the two sides.
 Donlan disclosed that "the last time I checked" what had once been

a \$40 million surplus in the pension fund had been reduced to \$1 million by losses from the fund's stock market investments.
 The owners have been offering to add \$37 million to the fund, but \$18 million of that is money the owners never put in and is now in contention in a separate lawsuit.
 "I don't know how much we're going to be restricted now by what happened," Donlan said.
 "Now they've got problems with the stock market thing," Rozelle said. "They had money to play around with in the surplus. But they don't have that anymore."
 The increased roster size was approved without a formal vote, although participants at the meeting said that nearly enough teams spoke in favor of staying with the current 45-man limit that it seemed in danger for a while of failing to get the necessary 21 votes.
 In the first week after the strike, teams were allowed to keep up to 85 players, but that figure will drop to 55 next week. The 50-man roster will take effect next Tuesday.

Landry: QB White's job may be in jeopardy

IRVING (AP) — Dallas quarterback Danny White could be yanked from Monday night's NFL game against the New York Giants if he doesn't produce, Cowboys Coach Tom Landry said Tuesday.
 "White is capable of leading us to the playoffs, but he does have his handicaps," Landry said. "His wrist is bothering him and he's moving out of the pocket more than he should trying to make something happen."
 Asked if White would go to the bullpen if he faltered against the Giants, Landry said, "Sure, I'd be more inclined to do that than anytime. It would be just a feel I would have to make. I would have to make the decision down there in the arena."
 White is playing without a ligament in his right wrist, which makes throwing on the run difficult. The ligament was lost during off-season surgery.
 "Danny can't grip the ball to throw it and he fumbles it because he can't grip it," Landry said. "He's got to start taking care of the ball."
 The line of succession would be Steve Pelluer, Paul McDonald and possibly rookie Kevin Sweeney, who started in two replacement games. Landry said Pelluer would get the first call if White's having a bad night.

"He's a good athlete, but his confidence needs to be built," Landry said. "He can really throw the ball."
 McDonald has yet to play in a regular-season NFL game for the Cowboys, and Landry said Sweeney rated a look, particularly next season.
 "We might keep him around to see what he can do next year," Landry said.

Landry said the Cowboys had better come alive or they could be routed by the Giants, who lost 16-14 to Dallas in the second game of the regular season on Sept. 20.
 "I don't have a team that is responding right now. We need to wake up," Landry said. "I don't see any difference in the caliber of play from the team that went to the Super Bowl last year."

The Giants, who won their first game of the season by defeating St. Louis 30-7 on Sunday, opened as seven-point favorites against the Cowboys.
 The Cowboys said some 15,000 tickets remained for the 8 p.m. CST nationally televised game in Texas Stadium. It has to be sold out 72 hours in advance to be televised locally.

Bronco's loss of Willhite more severe than defeat

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The loss of running back Gerald Willhite could prove more meaningful to the Denver Broncos than the setback the defending AFC champions were dealt by the Minnesota Vikings.
 Willhite will be out for the season after suffering a multiple fracture of his right leg in the Vikings' 34-27 victory Monday night.
 "The loss of Gerald is a big one," Broncos Coach Dan Reeves said. "He does so many things for us that people don't realize. He's a good blocker and runner and pass receiver. We'll miss him."
 Willhite broke the leg in two places, and suffered a bone chip and an injured ankle.
 He was scheduled to undergo surgery Tuesday.
 Willhite was a step away from the end zone after breaking away for a 29-yard run when safety Joey Browner pulled him down from behind. His right foot was caught under his body.
 "It hurts us an awful lot," said running back Steve Sewell. "He's a key player. He does so much on third down."
 Quarterback John Elway avoided the scene as Willhite was carried

from the field on a stretcher.
 "I have kind of a weak stomach. I can't stand to see stuff like that," said Elway.
 The Broncos quarterback spent most of the game trying to escape Minnesota's pursuing defense.
 "Chasing Elway . . . it's tough," tackle Keith Millard said. "I would have preferred to do it three weeks from now instead of the first week back after the strike. But we got him pretty good."
 The victory means that Minnesota's regular players are 3-0. But because the replacement players went 0-3 during the strike, the Vikings have only a .500 record. The Broncos are 3-2-1, including the 2-1 record posted by the strike team.
 The Vikings had just one sack in the first half, when Elway tripped and fell. He completed 14 of 19 first-half passes for 153 yards and led the Broncos to a 17-14 halftime advantage.
 "We got the momentum early and got going," said Elway, who threw one of his two touchdown passes and also ran for a score in the first half. "We were doing some good things. I was happy with the way the offense played."

Expos' Rodgers wins NL Manager of Year

NEW YORK (AP) — Bob "Buck" Rodgers, who guided the Montreal Expos to a surprising third-place finish in the National League East this season, has been named NL Manager of the Year, the Baseball Writers Association of America announced Tuesday.
 Rodgers, in his third season as manager of the Expos, received 92 points from a 24-man committee of the BBWAA, easily beating San Francisco's Roger Craig, the runner-up with 65 points.
 Rodgers, the only manager named on all ballots, collected 13 first-place votes, eight for second and three for third. Points were awarded on a 5-3-1 basis.
 Whitey Herzog, whose St. Louis Cardinals won the NL East and beat the Giants in seven games in the playoffs, was third in the balloting with 54 points. He had five firsts, six seconds and 11 thirds.
 Davey Johnson of the New York Mets, with three points, and Jim Leyland of the Pittsburgh Pirates, with two, were the only other managers to receive votes.
 Prior to the 1987 season, Montreal lost slugging outfielder Andre Dawson to the Chicago Cubs via free agency and traded relief ace Jeff Reardon to the Minnesota Twins. In addition, outfielder Tim Lincecum, a free agent, did not re-sign with the team until the season was about a month old.
 But Rodgers kept the Expos in contention until the final days of the season. Montreal compiled a

91-71 record and finished four games behind the Cardinals and one game in back of the second-place Mets.
 The club's record was an improvement over 1986, when Montreal finished fourth with a 78-83 mark.
 In Rodgers' first season as manager of the Expos, he finished 84-77 and finished third.
 Rodgers, a former catcher, began his managerial career with the California Angels in 1977, then managed El Paso in 1978, the California League in 1979, and the American League in 1980, replacing George Bamberger of the Milwaukee Brewers.
 He was the Brewers' manager from March 6 to June 6, 1980, compiling a .500 record, then piloted Milwaukee to the American League East one-half title in the strike-shortened 1981 season.
 Rodgers was replaced as manager of the Brewers in June 1981 by Harvey Kuenn.
 In 1984, Rodgers was named Minor League Manager of the Year for piloting the Indiana Indians to the American League championship.
 Rodgers also was a coach in Minnesota from 1970 to 1974, San Francisco in 1975, Milwaukee from 1978 to 1980.
 The BBWAA will announce the American League Manager of the Year tonight.

Hogs prepare for defense of SWC cross-country title

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — The University of Arkansas cross-country team, ranked No. 1 in the country, goes after its 14th straight Southwest Conference title here Monday.
 The Razorbacks won the NCAA title last year and UA Coach John McDonnell says this team could be his best.
 "Our top six runners are as good as I have ever had here," he said. "Our seventh spot is a little suspect, but it has been improving as the season has progressed."
 Last year, the Razorbacks placed five runners in the top 10 in the SWC meet, including champion Joe Falcon. Chris Zinn was third, Reuben Reina fourth, Richard Cooper sixth and Gary Taylor ninth.
 Falcon, Reina, Zinn and Cooper are back. They will be joined by freshmen Alex Hallock and Paul Thomas and senior Matt Taylor.

Falcon is a three-time American last year, runner-up to Zinn and Cooper.
 Falcon has won eight meets. Excluding the 1986 meet when he fell and finished second, Falcon has not lost a cross-country meet since the third in the 1985 SWC meet.
 "Joe's record speaks for itself. He should defend his individual title fully," McDonnell said. "Reuben is a great runner. Besides Joe, he has beaten him. And all the better races of Reuben. Matter of fact, he's in front of Zinn and Cooper as well. He's primed and ready for it. Alex Hallock has been having a great year."

Rockets rip New York in NBA play

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 Houston's Ralph Sampson, who finished with only 12 points and Akeem Olajuwon, who both fouled out of the game.
 Patrick Ewing paced the Knicks with 26 points and Henderson added 17.

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