

# Pokes harness vet talent Dallas fullback may finally run ball

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Timmy Newsome has a standard one-liner about his job with the Dallas Cowboys.

"My job is to do two things: block and keep Herschel Walker out of the boxing ring against Mike Tyson," Newsome said, a big smile spreading across his face. "We've got to keep Herschel away from Big Mike."

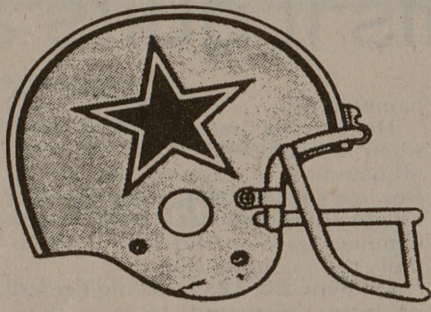
Newsome, as usual, is the forgotten fullback. But he battles it with an All-Pro sense of humor.

Need somebody to lead interference? That's your job, Newsome, and please try not to get killed by the defensive tackles and the linebackers.

Need someone to slip over the middle for a little short pass? That's your job, Newsome, and please don't let the linebackers and safeties take your head off.

"I did it seven years for Tony Dorsett and I guess I can do it seven more years for Herschel," Newsome said.

But, wait a second. The Cowboys' braintrust has another idea. Newsome, would you like to actu-



ally be a part of the offense by carrying the ball 10 times a game?

"It could happen and I'm excited about it," Newsome said. "We are going to be more run-oriented than we have ever been and we know the other teams are going to gang up on Herschel. They have to, so it will open up things for me."

"I think in the last few years I've averaged carrying the ball one or two times per game — just enough to get my name called on national television," he said.

Eight years into his NFL career Newsome has carried only 308 times for 1,145 yards.

"I've been a thousand yard man, for my career," Newsome quipped.

Newsome has more career yards receiving, 1,770, than he does rushing.

"My job is to number one, block, number two catch, and number three, run," he said. "I feel I do all three equally well."

"All it calls for is power, quickness and a sense of knowing the offense," said the former sixth round draft pick from Winston-Salem State. "I think I have it all."

Newsome has it all, that is, until he turns around and looks at the person behind him.

"You know, it just amazes me how a guy 225 pounds can run as fast as Herschel can," Newsome said. "He is a dangerous person."

"With Herschel you have to take your man in a hurry because the train is running up your back."

However, also on the drawing board is an offense that will see Walker blocking for Newsome.

"Now, isn't that a wonderful thought?" Newsome said.

# Rangers' owner wants new Metroplex stadium

ARLINGTON (AP) — If the Texas Rangers stay in Texas, they should do it in style in a new stadium, says team owner Eddie Chiles.

Chiles, beset by a decline in his personal fortune, reportedly is negotiating with a Tampa, Fla., group that wants to bring a baseball team to that city, but he said Tuesday a sale is not imminent.

Unlike previous negotiations, Chiles said he cannot guarantee that sale terms will include a stipulation prohibiting the team being moved outside the area.

"I will do everything in my power and will use all my influence to insure that the Texas Rangers remain in the Metroplex, if and when I decide to sell this franchise," Chiles said Wednesday. "This is where the Texas Rangers belong."

The Rangers' home field, Arlington Stadium, is a "real bad financial handicap" because of its size and layout, Chiles said.

The Rangers have set attendance records in each of the past two years, but team officials complain the stadium's high percentage of cheap outfield seats cuts into their revenue potential.

Team president Mike Stone said 56 percent of Texas fans have shown a preference for field-box seating, but box seats account for only 22 percent of the seating in the stadium.

"People come in and sit in the outfield because they can't get the seats they want," Stone said.

The stadium, built in 1965 for the Texas League's Dallas-Fort Worth Spurs, has been expanded several

times to accommodate the major league team and seats 43,508.

Tampa Bay Baseball Group President Frank Mott said the group has not entered into a serious stage negotiations for the Rangers.

The group has also had discussions with owners the Minnesota Twins and Seattle Mariners, he said. Arlington Stadium sits on 120 acres of land on the state 30 highway between Dallas and Fort Worth in Arlington, the third-largest city in the metropolitan area.

"If I could afford to keep the team, and I know I could live forever, I would move it to some other location within a 10-mile radius of where it is now and build a stadium and more parking lots on a site where we could get to it more easily, and sell off this land," Chiles said.

"Anybody who studies this situation will arrive at the same conclusion. I think anyone who purchases a team ought to be considering that plan."

Arlington Mayor Richard Greene said the city would work to keep the Rangers there.

"The Rangers don't need to leave Arlington to accomplish their goal of a new stadium," Greene said. "We are aware of the Rangers' future need for a stadium. We are addressing those needs with the Rangers."

Dallas' director of planning and development, John Norwood, said city officials are not actively wooing the Rangers, but added, "If Mr. Chiles is looking for an address, we can find some land. There's plenty of available."

# Noonan learning to control power

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Danny Noonan is still just a kid in terms of NFL longevity but his massive arms, chest, and legs suggest he's capable of King Kong-like action.

He's already found it difficult to harness his 270-pounds of energy in training camp.

Recently, Noonan became unhappy with 331-pound offensive guard Nate Newton. Noonan ripped Newton's helmet off and began beating him with it.

Newton got 10 stitches and

Noonan a \$2,000 fine.

Off the football field, Noonan is in the soft-spoken mold of Randy White.

Noonan inherited White's right defensive tackle post last year after the nine-time Pro Bowl star developed the position.

"I kept pushing myself hard because I don't want to let anybody down," Noonan said. "I have a lot of pressure on me."

"Noonan will be awesome once he gets some inside moves," said

Cowboys' scout John Wooten. "You have to have more than power in the NFL because the man blocking you will be just as big."

In fact, one of the reasons for the fight with Newton was Noonan's frustration in dealing with Newton's tenacious blocking.

Asked if had shaken hands with Newton after the helmet incident, Noonan smiled and said "Not yet but I'm sure we will."

# Manley suspended for month

NEW YORK (AP) — Dexter Manley of the Washington Redskins was suspended for 30 days by Pete Rozelle Wednesday for violating the NFL's substance abuse act.

While the league didn't characterize the move as a suspension, a league spokesman said Manley had been notified that he had involuntarily been placed on the team's non-football injury list for 30 days.

"I have instructed Dexter Manley to remain out of the Redskins' training camp until Aug. 26," Rozelle said in an issued statement. That would make Manley eligible to play in the

Super Bowl champions' regular-season opener Sept. 5 against the New York Giants.

Manley, who in 1987 underwent treatment for alcohol abuse at the Hazelden Institute in Minnesota, met with Rozelle last Friday after reports that an illegal substance turned up in a drug test.

Both Coach Joe Gibbs and general manager Bobby Beathard of the Redskins professed ignorance of whether Manley was undergoing treatment, although Gibbs said:

"I feel good about the fact that Dexter is in good hands. There are people working with him to help

him with his problem."

Manley's attorney, Bob Woolf, said that his client was not undergoing any new treatment. Instead, Woolf said, he was continuing the Hazelden aftercare.

"We're glad it's over," Woolf said. "We plan to abide by the commissioner's decision and we're glad Dexter will not have to miss any games."

The 30-year-old Manley, a Pro two years ago when he was credited with just 8½ sacks last season, the 12 non-strike games he played

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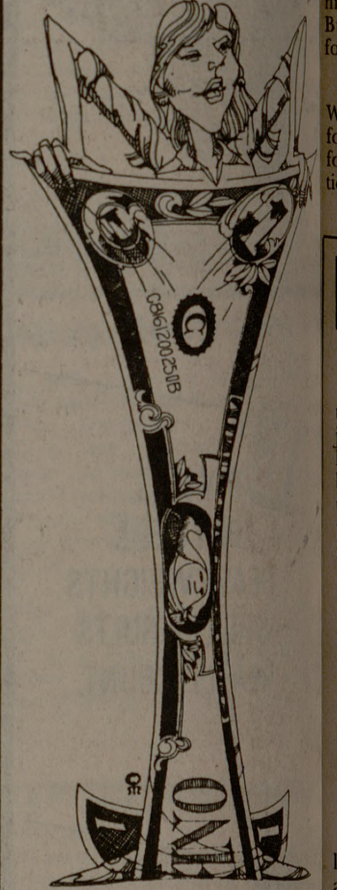
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