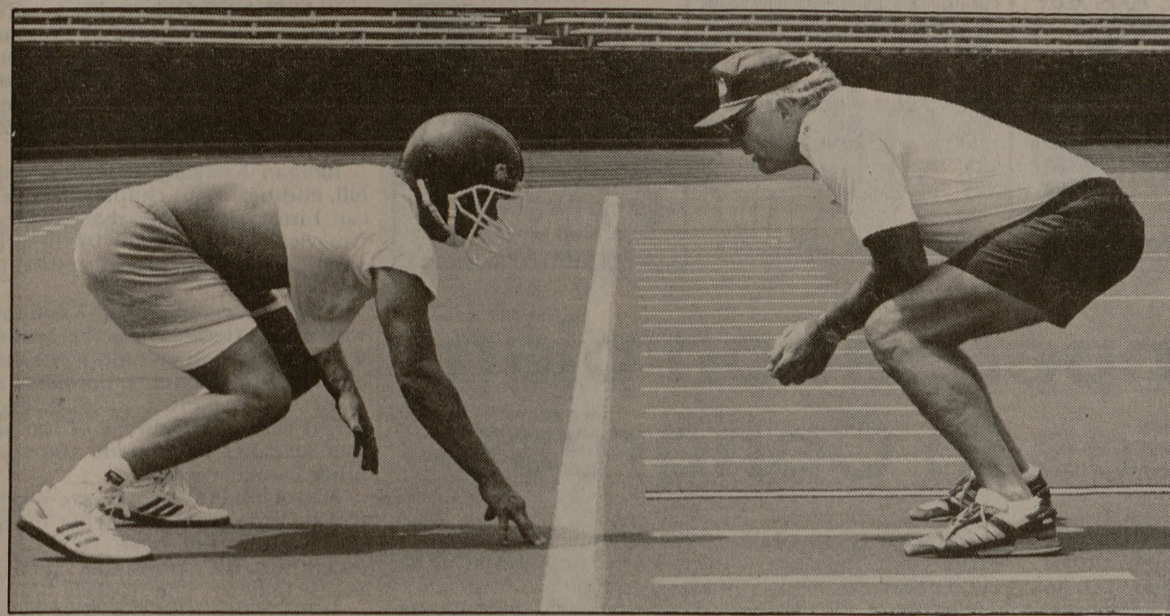


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Dallas defensive greats performed in wrong era



Down, set, . . .

Texas A&M tight end coach Bob Boyd works with a freshman football player during Thursday's afternoon practice at Kyle Field. Freshmen and transfers reported for practice Monday. Returning players will report for August 8.

Photo by Jay Janner

Oilers bounce Bills in preseason game

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's Tony Zendejas kicked second-half field goals of 37 and 22 yards, rallying the Oilers to a 13-9 NFL exhibition victory over Buffalo in their first exhibition game of the season Thursday night.

Zendejas' 37-yarder with 2:42 to go in the third quarter gave the Oilers a 10-9 lead, ending a drive led by backup quarterback Brent Pease. Pease is in a battle with former Baylor Bear Cody Carlson for the second-string quarterback position behind starter Warren Moon.

X-rays on Reich's left shoulder were negative but Bills officials weren't sure when he would return to practice.

Buffalo's Kerry Brady kicked second-quarter field goals of 33, 25 and 21 yards, giving the Bills a 9-7 half-time lead.

Moon led the Oilers to a touchdown on their first drive of the game, capped on a one-yard dive by tailback Mike Rozier.

Moon played only the first series

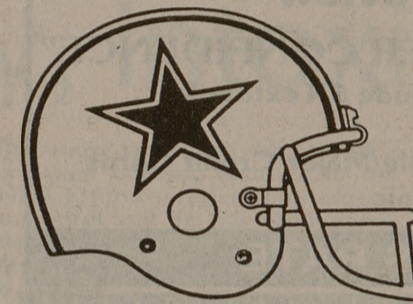
THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Try to envision Randy White as the first player drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in 1961.

Fourteen years later, a guy named Bob Lilly would come along.

Through the Cowboys' fledgling years, White would thrive by using the head slap and by bulldozing through the 235-pound guards. After years of losing the big one, White would finally smoke the big cigar after Dallas wins Super Bowl VI.

Against the bigger 18-wheeling linemen of his era, Lilly would use his deceiving quickness to slide through the slower and less agile blockers. He and Harvey Martin would be co-Most Valuable Players in Super Bowl XII.

"If Randy could have played in the days of Lilly, he would have been even more effective than he's been in his time, because he would have used the head slap," defensive coordinator Ernie Stautner said.



Between them, there have been 19 Pro Bowls. Lilly was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame during his first eligible year in 1980. White is a good bet to gain entry five years after his retirement.

Cowboys president Tex Schramm was asked which player had made a bigger contribution to the team.

"I would say Lilly, because he was the leader during the lean years, and he set the tone into the championship years," he said.

"This is not to depreciate White. But he came into a proven football team, and now he's had to take the downside in the latter years."

Nothing is making Stautner more sad than to see White in the final stages of his career.

"It was one of the saddest things that ever happened to me to see Bob retire," Stautner said. "Even though I think Randy can still contribute to this team, his time is winding down. And that is very sad."

What will it be like during the Noonan years?

Noonan's style is closer to White's. They are almost identical in body structure. Both are slightly under 6-4 and weigh 270 pounds. Both like to use their strength, although White better uses his quickness.

At 6-5, Lilly looked more like a defensive end in his prime.

"Both Bob and Randy had strength and quickness," Stautner said. "But Randy used his speed a little better."

When he looks at Noonan, Lilly can see White.

"With those gigantic linemen that are playing, you have to have great balance," Lilly said. "That's what Noonan has. He needs to use his quickness a little more. You would have to depend more on your quickness in this age. I don't think the offensive linemen are quite as agile. Today, they just shove and push."

Sugar Ray to comeback for 5th title

WASHINGTON (AP) — A smiling Sugar Ray Leonard, saying, "I will never retire again," signed a contract Thursday for his third comeback fight in 54 months.

"This fight is kind of a continuation of my lifestyle," Leonard said at a news conference for his double title bout against Donnie Lalonde during the last week of October or first two weeks of November.

Lalonde and the vacant WBC super middleweight title. The super middleweight title has a 168-pound limit, which is seven pounds under the light-heavyweight limit.

A victory would mean Leonard will have won five titles, something no fighter has ever accomplished.

Trainer said Leonard will make his biggest paycheck. He made \$12 million when he beat Thomas Hearns for the welterweight title in 1981 and \$12 million for his victory over Hagler.

Metcalfe, Hager keys to Horns' success in '88

AUSTIN (AP) — A running back with seeing-is-believing moves and a linebacker who leveled more opponents in a single season last year than anyone in Longhorn history should lead the University of Texas football team in its quest for success in 1988.

Senior tailback Eric Metcalf is being touted for the Heisman Trophy, senior middle linebacker Britt Hager for the Butkus Award.

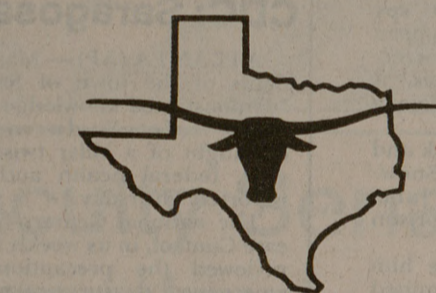
David McWilliams guided Texas to a tie for second in the Southwest Conference in his initial season as coach, behind champion Texas A&M, and No. 2 is generally where the Longhorns are rated in the preseason this year.

McWilliams calls the high rating "questionable," with these questions yet to be answered: Can little-used senior quarterback Shannon Kelley complete enough passes to keep defenses from keying on Metcalf?

Will several players regain their academic eligibility or come back from injuries?

Will quality newcomers be found to join sophomore free safety Stanley Richard in the defensive secondary?

"I feel good about Shannon," McWilliams said of the replacement for Bret Stafford, a three-year starter who set 13 school offense records. "He had a good spring."



McWilliams said the 6-foot-1, 170-pound Kelley has a stronger arm than Stafford and showed he could handle pressure last year by playing a solid game against Texas Christian after throwing three interceptions for touchdowns in a 60-40 loss to Houston.

Backup quarterback Donovan Forbes has improved his grades and will re-enter school, McWilliams said, but at least five players are in a second summer session to satisfy NCAA class requirements.

Starting tackle Ed Cunningham, 6-7 and 295, had a knee operation that will force him to miss the season. Linebacker Mical Padgett and safety Waymond Wesley also had knee operations.

But McWilliams said in an interview "the biggest question is the defensive secondary where we lost three starters."

A former walk-on wide receiver, John Powell, finished the spring as a starter at one cornerback, and freshman redshirt Irish Lewis was at the other corner. Senior Tex Mercer, a former linebacker, starts this fall at strong safety.

"The four (defensive backs) have to work as a unit — we need three to work with Stanley," McWilliams said.

Hager, however, is the key on defense, Metcalf on offense.

Metcalf, a second-team All-American, was third in the nation in 1987 in all-purpose yardage — 1,925 — as he rushed for 1,161 yards, caught passes for 238 and returned punts and kickoffs for 526 yards.

Time planning new magazine for children

NEW YORK (AP) — Sports Illustrated announced Thursday it is launching a new magazine for children, with the first edition planned for January.

Sports Illustrated for Kids will be targeted to children age 8 and older and has two aims, the announcement said.

"The editorial purpose will be to emphasize the enjoyment that exists in all sports, whether the reader is a participant or spectator," said Mark Mulvoy, managing editor. "In the process, it will improve reading, learning and socialization skills."

The magazine's initial circulation of 500,000 will be equally divided between paid home subscriptions and distribution to 2,500 schools participating in the Sports Illustrated for Kids literacy program, the announcement said.

Sports Illustrated, published by Time Inc., said it has lined up 20 of a hoped-for 36 corporate sponsors. Each sponsor will make an annual commitment of \$250,000 and receive 10 pages of advertising and participation in the literacy program.

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