NFL search for Rozelle's replacement begins again

arch for a new NFL commissioner egins anew today, but not from cratch. The list of new candidates to cceed Pete Rozelle is expected to ok very much like the old one.

The meeting will take place at an ndisclosed location in the Chicago

It was there on July 6 that Jim inks, the president and general manager of the New Orleans Saints me up three votes short of the 19 ecessary for election and it was here less than two weeks later that e new search committee was

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formed.
"I don't see that we're starting from scratch. It would be silly to do that," said Mike Lynn, general manager of the Minnesota Vikings and e of the four new members of the ew committee and one of the leaders of the so-called "Chicago 11," the labstainers who kept Finks from

"I expect we'll put Jim or one or o or three more names out there nd let them vote their conscience. Lynn said Tuesday it was possible here might be "one outside name" added to the list of six finalists that instead of just one.

sure it was likely. David Stern, the NBA commissioner, reportedly was contacted by some of the dissidents but has said repeatedly that he wants to stay where he is.

The new committee consists of two members of the old one that recommended only Finks — Wellington Mara of the New York Giants and Lamar Hunt of Kansas City. The new members are Lynn, Al Davis of the Los Angeles Raiders, John Kent Cooke of the Washington Redskins and Kenneth Behring of the Seattle Seahawks, who bought his franchise just last fall.

Mara, Cooke and Davis all voted for Finks at the first meeting and Lynn reiterated Tuesday that he think the New Orleans general man-

ager remains the front-runner. "I think Jim is fine," he said. "I think any of the candidates on the final list, had they been brought to the table would have been good

But he added that he believes the mandate from the owners is clear give them two, three or four candidates from among which to choose

that the original search committee was made up entirely of "Old Guard" owners - together they had a collective 200 years in the league was what brought together the otherwise loose group of 11 that blocked Finks' selection

Some dissidents have also said privately that they believe they should look at someone younger than the 62-year-old Finks, who has been a player, coach, scout and general manager in pro football over the past 40 years.

The new commmittee is expected to go over material developed by the old one, which came up with five other finalists in addition to Finks.

They are Paul Tagliabue, the NFL's Washington counsel; Robert Mulcahy, executive director of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority; former Democratic National chairman Paul Kirk; former Green Bay defensive end Willie Davis, now a successful businessman; and the chief executive officer of a major corporation who asked that his name not be made public.

Jones surprising Dallas staff, enters 15th season in league

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Don't call him Ed "Too

Old" Jones yet. The major leagues have their remarkable Nolan Ryan, who can still throw a 95 mph fastball at age

The Dallas Cowboys have their

Training Camp '89

38-year-old Too Tall Jones who can still throw an offensive lineman aside and sack quarterbacks.

Jones sets a club record of 15 seasons played this year, surpassing such old timers as Bob Lilly, Lee Roy Jordan, Randy White and Jethro Pugh. The 6-9, 275-pound left de-

fensive end has surprised the new coaching staff of the Cowboys, which is on the prowl for young lions and new blood. "I was curious about how good a player he might be after all these many years," admitted coach Jimmy Johnson. "It turns out he is smart and dedicated. I've been impressed with the way

Last year Jones had one of his finest seasons during the 3-13 disaster that befell coach Tom Landry in his 29th and final year at the helm.

Jones had seven sacks and bat ted down 14 pass attempts with his long arms which resemble the wing spread of a prehistoric bird. He also forced two fumbles and led the team by recovery two

Not bad for someone who was drafted way back in 1974 when Gerald Ford was still president.

"Jones is an amazing athlete who can still compete at a high level," Johnson said. "I wouldn't

or three more years."

Jones has rolled with the coaching change flow. He mas-tered Landry's "Flex" defense years ago but didn't necessarily fall in love with it.

"I can't knock the 'Flex' because it got us in some Super Bowls," Jones said. "But the kind of defense Johnson is bringing in here is something the players have wanted a long time. It's at-

Jones said not even the daily scrimmages have dampened the spirit of the players.

"The attitude is great," he said. "Still, I'm not used to looking around and not seeing Tom Landry here. It will take awhile to

Frost to be buried in Oklahoma next to another rodeo champion

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Bull rider Lane Frost, who was killed last weekend at Cheyenne Frontier Days, will be buried next to another orld champion rodeo cowboy, a spokesman for the sport said Tues-

Dave Brown of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association said rost, 25, of Quanah, would be bured Wednesday in Oklahoma next to Warren "Freckles" Brown, a close family friend.

Brown and Frost were both former world champion bull riders and they both conquered unrideable bulls.

Lane rode "Red Rock" in 1987 after 308 tries without a successful 8-second rider. Brown rode "Tor-nado" in 1967 after 211 previous

A memorial service for Frost was

burial was scheduled for 2 p.m. in Hugo, Okla.

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association has no plans for an investigation into Frost's death, Brown said in a telephone conversation from the association's Colorado Springs office.

Laramie County coroner Roger Radomsky said no autopsy or fol-lowup investigations were being conducted into Frost's death, because there was no question how the cow-

Frost was not gored, as previously reported. The coroner said that after Frost was thrown from the bull the animal rammed him in the back. which caused internal injuries that Despite the danger of the sport, the chances of a bull rider being killed in the sport is 1 in 60,000, according to PRCA statistics kept for

We estimate that 60,000 bull riders will nod their heads before one gets killed," Brown said. A cowboy's nod signals that he is ready for the gate to be opened and for his ride to

Brown said he saw little chance of a lawsuit being filed against the rodeo association or Frontier Days, because a cowboy signs a broad release form when he gets his PRCA card.

The cowboys and their wives and heirs agree that the PRCA, rodeo organizers and related companies cannot be held responsible for property damage or personal injury, he said.

Williams looking for respect as newcomer to Oilers' camp

SAN MARCOS (AP) —Bruce Davis is the Houston Oilers' pre-sent at left tackle. David Williams represents the future.

He's going to be a great tackle, I'll say that right now and it won't be a surprise to anyone," Davis said of the Oilers' No. 1 draft

"He's got good feet and he uses his hands well. We put in all of our offense the first day so he's got a lot to think about right

Life in pro football has been a whir for Williams since he signed his contract at 3:30 a.m. Saturday, grabbed a couple of hours sleep and then went through two workouts on Saturday.

"The first workout was OK because I was still excited about signing," he said. "By the afternoon, I was kind of dragging. At least I came out of it alive and

Davis already is impressed with Williams but it's taking coach Jerry Glanville longer to see his "I made a new rule, he (Williams) can never play if Warren (Moon) plays, at least for a couple of months, because he'll get someone killed," Glanville said. "It's hard in the offensive line to learn much in two days. He has

no clue what we're trying to do."
Williams, 6-4, 292, says he expected such talk from the coach. "If you expect anything else, you're in the wrong place," Williams said. "You have to prove

yourself at this level; you have to start all over again."
Glanville wouldn't expect much from Williams or any offensive lineman so early in camp.

'It's that way with all rookie offensive linemen," Glanville said Nobody likes a rookie offensive lineman, including themselves. There are just too many errors. Williams has been regarded as

an outstanding offensive lineman since he was a schoolboy at Lakeland, Fla., and he intends to gain respect at this new level.

"It's tougher up here, you've

got to play against great players

every play," Williams said. "That's the toughest part, that and learning the plays."

Line coach Kim Helton said he

doesn't make value judgments based on where a player is drafted.

"I'm going to wait and see how his production level is because I'm not a potential guy," Helton said. "I know he's a first-round

"He's a good player. I saw him on film in college but this is a different league. He's got to come out here and prove he can do the same thing he did in college."

Williams, sweating profusely after Monday's workout, wouldn't have it any other way.

"He's (Helton) very straight-

"He's (Helton) very straight-forward," Williams said. "He tells me the way it is and I appreciate that. If I screw up I want to be told and if I do something good, I want to be told that too.

The Oilers lost 15 players to the Plan B free agency, including several promising offensive line-

Talent will be the key in Cowboys' return from mediocrity

The Dallas Cowboys. You remember nem. You know, the dominant team of the

0s and early 80s? Yes, I'm talking about the same team that had the worst record in the NFL last year. The team that has gone through turmoil and change in the past six months because of new ownership and changes in the

oaching staff. So what's ahead for the Pokes? A bright uture. Yes, we're talking neon here, guys. OK, so the Cowboys had the worst record n football last year. In actuality, they were far from the worst team. You could say they were the team with the most bad bounces. True, the Cowboys only won three games ast year. But look back at the way the majority of those games were lost and you'll find that the Cowboys played well enough o win but made the wrong mistakes at the

Interceptions, fumbles, missed field goals and defensive letdowns led to loss after loss.

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So why do I think the Cowboys have a great future ahead of them? Talent. And we're talking about a lot here. Boatloads.

It's obvious that the Cowboys have a great quarterback surplus. The additions of Troy Aikman and Steve Walsh give the Cowboy offense versatility and leadership.

It also gives the Cowboys bargaining power. Walsh will be traded before the start of next season.

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almost no quality quarterback prospects coming out of college next year with the exception of Tom Hodson from LSU.

The Cowboys are smart to keep him ound for a while. Walsh's value will go up even more if he gets playing time and contributes.

Then there's Hershel Walker. He is one of, if not, the best back in the NFL today. Look for Walker's role in the offense to be even more important than in the past.

Head coach Jimmy Johnson knows Walker is a great athlete and will use him as much as he can. Look for Walker to catch the ball more and continue to get a lot of carries in the backfield.

There are more quality receivers on the Cowboys than you can count. Last season's receivers showed that they were a talented group that can catch the ball in clutch

Michael Irvin and Kelvin Martin should be the starters. If Ray Alexander can

bounce back from his ankle injury, he should be able to get a lot of playing time as

The offensive line is young and strong and should be able to hold their own

against opposing pass rushers. Even if they don't, Walker can make his own holes and run over the defense. It's so nice to have a dump truck for a running back, don't you think?

Yes, the Cowboys should be awesome on the offensive attack. It's defense where things start to get a little shaky.

Doomsday is dead. The flex is gone. A

new defensive scheme may be just what the Cowboys need to have a dominating defense again.

The weak area seems to be the secondary where Everson Walls and Bill Bates lead a mediocre group of defensive backs.

Ron Francis has been somewhat of a disappointment. Michael Downs is no longer with the team. Someone will have to step in and make an impact for the

Cowboys to have a decent secondary. The linebackers need some help too, but Eugene Lockhart should provide an

aggressive leadership that could spark the The defensive line is led by veterans Jim
Jeffcoat and Danny Noonan. Age is a factor

here with Ed Jones in perhaps his final year and the retirement of Randy White. For now, the Cowboys will have to turn to that old San Diego Charger type of play—outscore the opponent. Who cares about defense? The Cowboys need to look for

defensive help soon though. But the offense is good enough to win games for the Cowboys even if there is no "D" in "Big D." Look for Aikman to start

and lead an offense that could lead the NFL Yeah, I know, you're all laughing at me

and making that little face that says, "the boy is crazy." That's OK, I'm used to that. Maybe I am crazy. The Cowboys will go about 9-7 next year. Talent will do it.

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