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Two Aggie rookies make NFL cuts

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Six former Texas A&M football players' fates were decided Monday as NFL teams moved to set their 47-man rosters.

Linebacker John Roper and tackle Jerry Fontenot will be employed as Chicago Bears. Both were members of the Aggies' 1988 football team.

Roper's and Fontenot's teammates didn't fare as well.

Linebacker Adam Bob was waived by the New York Jets and wide receiver Rod Harris was waived along with 1985 A&M safety Domingo Bryant by the Houston Oilers.

Dana Batiste, another linebacker from the 1988 team, suffered a season-ending knee injury in the Miami Dolphins' final exhibition game against Philadelphia. Batiste was put on Miami's season-long injured re-

serve list.

Other SWC players' futures were decided Monday as well.

Former Arkansas safety Steve Atwater so impressed Denver coach Dan Reeves during training camp that the Broncos on Monday waived a 10-year veteran and team captain.

Atwater, the Broncos' first-round choice in this year's NFL draft, made veteran Mike Harden expendable. Harden led the Broncos in interceptions for the fifth consecutive season in 1988, his first full season at safety since 1982, and was named the Broncos' most valuable defensive player in 1986.

Reeves said Harden "played well in the preseason, but we've got a new guy and we need to give him a chance."

"I'm ready to give it my best shot," Atwater said.

Former Texas Tech quarterback

Billy Joe Tolliver remained on the San Diego Chargers' active roster, despite suffering a broken collarbone in the Chargers' exhibition finale Friday against Phoenix.

Tolliver, a second-round pick who was the star of the Chargers' training camp, was expected to back up Jim McMahon at quarterback. He is expected to be placed on injured reserve as soon as Tuesday.

Under new rules, a player placed on injured reserve before or during the final roster cut cannot be brought back to the active roster for the entire year. By waiting to put Tolliver on injured reserve, the Chargers will be able to activate him without exposing him to waivers by using one of their five allotted "free" moves.

Wayne Walker, a free agent wide

receiver from Texas Tech, and Courtney Hall, a first-year center from Rice, also stuck with the Chargers.

Cornerback Ray Crockett, a rookie from Baylor, is expected to start for the Detroit Lions in their opener Sunday against Phoenix.

As expected, the New Orleans Saints kept defensive end Wayne Martin of Arkansas, like Atwater a first-round choice.

Among the rookie surprises to stick was former Texas Christian wide receiver Scott Ankrom, a 12th-round selection who has impressed Dallas Cowboys coaches.

The Cowboys also kept another rookie wide receiver in James Dixon of Houston, who they claimed off waivers last week from Detroit.

Horns humbled 27-6 by pass-happy Buffs

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Sophomore quarterback Darian Hagan, making his first collegiate start, ran and passed 14th-ranked Colorado to a 27-6 romp over Texas Monday night.

Hagan accounted for 116 yards rushing, including a 4-yard scoring run early in the final period and a 75-yard dash that set up Colorado's first TD. He passed for 95 yards, hitting fullback George Hemingway on a 5-yard score in the first quarter.

The Colorado defense sacked Texas quarterbacks five times and forced the Longhorns into numerous other hurried throws.

Hagan, elevated to the starting job after senior Sal Aunese developed inoperable stomach and lung cancer last spring, staked the Buffaloes to a 14-0 first-quarter lead.

On the game's second play from scrimmage, Hagan darted off the left side and ran 75 yards before being hauled down from behind at the Texas 2-yard line. Two plays later, Eric Bieniemy plunged one yard for a 7-0 lead.

The Buffs made it 14-0 on the final play of the quarter. Hagan completed all four of his passes on the 80-yard drive, capped by the 5-yarder to Hemingway.

Don't count Harris, Batiste out, say goodbye to Bob, Bryant

OBITUARY NOTICE:

There are four fewer Aggies on NFL rosters today.

The Houston Oilers made their final roster cuts Monday, and decided former A&M players Domingo Bryant and Rod Harris didn't fit into their season plans and were waived.

The same goes with former Aggie linebacker Adam Bob, who was taken by the New York Jets in the 12th round and waived Sunday.

Former linebacker Dana Batiste, the Miami Dolphins' 10th round pick, blew his knee out in a preseason game Saturday night and must spend the entire year on injured reserve.

Bryant, a defensive back, had an ongoing love affair with the Oilers.

Picked up as a replacement player by the Oilers during the NFL strike in 1987, Bryant often looked like former Yankees manager Billy Martin — searching for a club to stay with.

Bryant played well enough as a scab to make the Oilers' post-strike roster. He was originally picked in the sixth round by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1986, but was waived



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during training camp.

He hooked on with the Oilers in 1987, but was released during camp, only to be reclaimed when the strike began.

Bryant played sporadically throughout his career and mostly was a special teams player.

But his A&M career got off to a great start. He was picked as Southwest Conference Newcomer of the Year in 1982. As a senior, he was a unanimous First Team All-SWC and was also the United Press International's SWC Defensive Player of the Year.

That year, he led the team in sacks but his greatest moment came in the Cotton Bowl against Auburn when he forced a crucial fumble against Heisman Trophy winner Bo Jackson.

Harris, the Oilers' second-round draft choice this year, performed well during the preseason, but evidently not well enough.

He can hardly be blamed though. The Oilers are up to their ears in talented wide receivers with Ernest Givins, Drew Hill when they finally sign him, Haywood Jeffries, Willie Drewry and Curtis Duncan.

Face it, Rod. The Oilers need rookie receivers like they need rookie running backs.

Harris set A&M records in almost every punt and kickoff return category and stands No. 2 on the career pass receiving yardage list, but he was best known for his leadership. During his four years at A&M, the Aggies tallied a 36-12 overall record and lost only four SWC games.

At least it wasn't a total loss for rookie Aggies in the pros. Chicago kept both its second and third round Aggie draft choices — linebacker John Roper and offensive

lineman Jerry Fontenot.

Roper seems to have found a happy home playing on Soldier Field, where players are allowed to be whoever or whatever they want to be, as long as they don't step on Head Bear Mike Ditka's shoes.

Bob and Batiste were both longshots to make their teams. Bob, the 1988 Cotton Bowl Defensive Player of the Game, had a bad knee and went to a team with a nucleus of young linebackers already. Batiste showed better promise during preseason, as Coach Don Shula was impressed with his intelligent play. Now we'll never know how good he really is until next year when the NFL lets him back in.

So what can these four talented Aggies who were waived do to help themselves?

Absolutely nothing.

They are at the mercy of the other 27 football teams out there. It's probable Harris will be picked up on waivers by another club. He's too good a receiver not to be claimed.

In Houston's final preseason game

against Dallas Saturday night, Harris played well down the stretch. He made two clutch catches in the Oilers' final drive to score the go-ahead touchdown.

Harris, the recipient of last year's Aggie Heart Award, should take heart. There are plenty of teams out there drooling for the chance to pick him up, and they will later in the week. He just has to learn to accept playing in a place like Tampa Bay, Green Bay or Detroit.

Bob and Bryant are other matters.

They had great college careers, but their playing days in the NFL are numbered. The 1988 Houston Oilers Media Guide lists Bryant's hobbies as tennis, fishing and playing miniature golf. This may be good, because it will give him something to occupy his time while searching for a job with his agricultural engineering degree.

If nothing else, Bryant, who lettered in basketball in high school and was one of the best players on the Houston Oilers' off-season basketball team, can try to hook on to the Houston Rockets as a backup guard.

They could use him.

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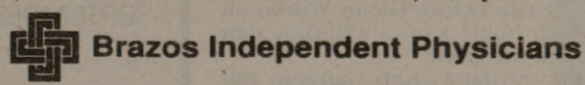
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