

# Cowboys reload with high-caliber offense in draft

IRVING (AP) — The talent-needy Dallas Cowboys went for offensive firepower in the NFL draft on Sunday, getting gifted Florida running back Emmitt Smith and speedburning wide receiver Alex Wright of Auburn in the first two rounds.

"It wouldn't have taken a lot for us to be significantly better than last year, but there will be a drastic difference in the play of the Cowboys this coming season," said a pleased Coach Jimmy Johnson.

Smith, who was clocked between 4.39 and 4.5 in the 40, came into the draft as a junior and Dallas traded a third round pick to move into Pittsburgh's No. 17 slot in the first round to get him.

"He was among our top three or four picks on the board," Johnson said. "He's just a quality player. He's star quality. And he's only 20 years old. Our scouts gave him rave reviews."

Johnson said Wright's 4.28 speed "will stretch defenses and really help our offense. I'd be surprised if both these players aren't in the starting lineup next year."

Dallas traded for running back Terrence Flagler of the San Francisco 49ers earlier in the week.

"We've got a lot of quality in the backfield which is where we struggled last year," Johnson said.

Smith said he was pleasantly surprised to be joining Johnson who didn't actively try to recruit Smith when Johnson was the coach at the University of Miami.

"I got a couple of letters from Miami but never talked to coach Johnson," Smith said. "I'll enjoy playing for him. I know he'll be a winner."

Wright said he ran a 4.27 in cleats on the grass for the New York Giants last Friday.

"I'd say that's pretty fast," he said. "I'll love being on the same team with Michael Irvin."

"He'll be faster than anybody I've ever coached," Johnson said of Wright.

Johnson said the Cowboys tried to trade up for defense help but no other club would cooperate.

The Cowboys specifically wanted linebacker James Francis of Baylor.

"We didn't want a first round bust and we wanted first round quality," Johnson said. "We tried to trade up for defensive help with three teams. The defensive ability of the players left on the board didn't warrant a stretch. So we went for quality offensive talent."

The Cowboys couldn't make a trade for quarterback Steve Walsh, who was a first rounder in the supplemental draft last year.

"We expect Steve to be a Dallas Cowboy this year," Johnson said.

Smith rushed for 1,599 yards last year. He had a 96-yard touchdown run at Mississippi State.

"He's got great balance and can break the long run," Johnson said. "He's just a tremendous back."

Scout Walt Jaworski said Smith "will be the Tony Dorsett of the new era of the Cowboys."

Five minutes after he picked Smith, Johnson got a call from Al Davis of the Los Angeles Raiders.

"Well, I see you got your guy," Davis said. "Congratulations."

"I couldn't believe he lasted past the 10th pick," Johnson said. "We were very fortunate to get him."

Johnson dipped into his Miami connection in the third round by taking a defensive tackle who had played for him with the Hurricanes.

The Cowboys traded New England to move up to the 10th pick in the third round to take Jimmie Jones, a 6-4 280-pounder who started most of his career for Miami but lost his job to Cortez Kennedy in 1989.

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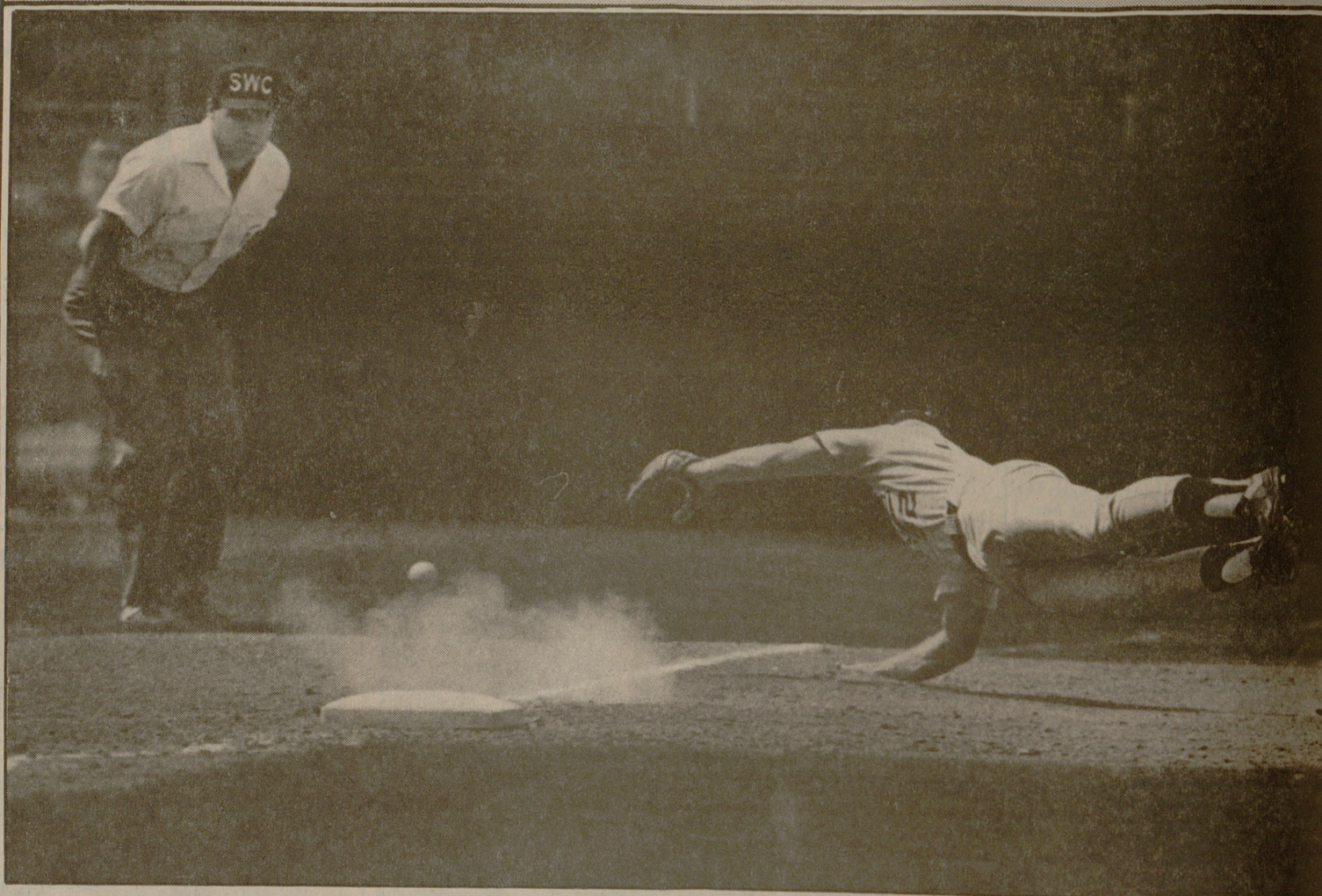


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A&M third baseman Travis Williams leaps for the ball hit down the third baseline as the umpire waits to make the call in the first game of Saturday's double header against Texas Christian at Olsen Field. The ball was called fair and the Horned Frogs went on to win 3-1.

# Pitcher earns first save, cites son's bravery

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tucked away in his suitcase among the shirts and socks, Steve Bedrosian found the note that eased his heartache and gave him hope.

After two tormented outings since learning his youngest son, Cody, has leukemia, Bedrosian registered his first save, preserving a 6-4 San Francisco Giants victory over the San Diego Padres on Saturday.

"My wife, Tammy, has been such a big inspiration," Bedrosian said. "She left me a little note in my suitcase for the road trip. I read it (Saturday)."

"You know, she was just telling me, 'We're fine here. We love you. Go out and kick butt.' She knows what kind of competitor I am. She knows my mind is on Cody. She's just reassuring me that things are OK, that we're going to beat this thing. It's little things like that and

something that weighs on his mind, I'm sure, 24 hours a day."

Bedrosian pitched the ninth inning, retiring the three batters he faced on a groundout, pop-up and strikeout for his 162nd career save as Mike LaCoss earned his third victory of the season.

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"We've got to do everything we can for Cody," said Bedrosian, a National League Cy Young Award winner in 1987 with Philadelphia. "But I've got to go out there and pitch,

too. It's just something you have to overcome."

There have been some encouraging developments with Cody since the initial diagnosis. He has undergone chemotherapy and was released Wednesday from the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco.

"The chemo is helping him feel better. He's not in the pain he was which hurt us to see him hurting," said Bedrosian. "He's running around now. He's home. He's in his own environment. He's with his brother (Stephen, 4), and mom and dad. You know, when he feels better, we feel better."

Bedrosian said doctors are optimistic about Cody's survival chances. The boy has acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a strain of the cancer that once was almost always fatal but now can be successfully treated most of the time.

"It's a tough situation. It's something that weighs on his mind, I'm sure 24 hours a day."

—Roger Craig, S.F. Giants manager

It was two weeks ago, while in Atlanta for the Giants' season opener, that Bedrosian got the news about Cody, 2½. He returned immediately to San Francisco to be with his family.

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## Buccs snatch Cobb despite risks

HOUSTON (AP) — Running back Reggie Cobb, booted off the Tennessee football team after five games for drug-abuse last season, was the second round pick of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Sunday's NFL draft.

Cobb checked into the John Lucas drug rehabilitation program on Jan. 2 and has remained in Houston since his dismissal.

He told KRIV-TV Sunday he didn't know what to expect from the

draft but was happy to get a chance to play pro football.

Cobb said his dismissal from the team was drug-related.

"After I got kicked off the team, pro teams were telling me I was in a high-risk group," Cobb said.

"I had to go for treatment and cut down on some of the risk. I feel I did well and have a lot of self-improvement. I'm not the same person I was a year ago. I'm a better person."

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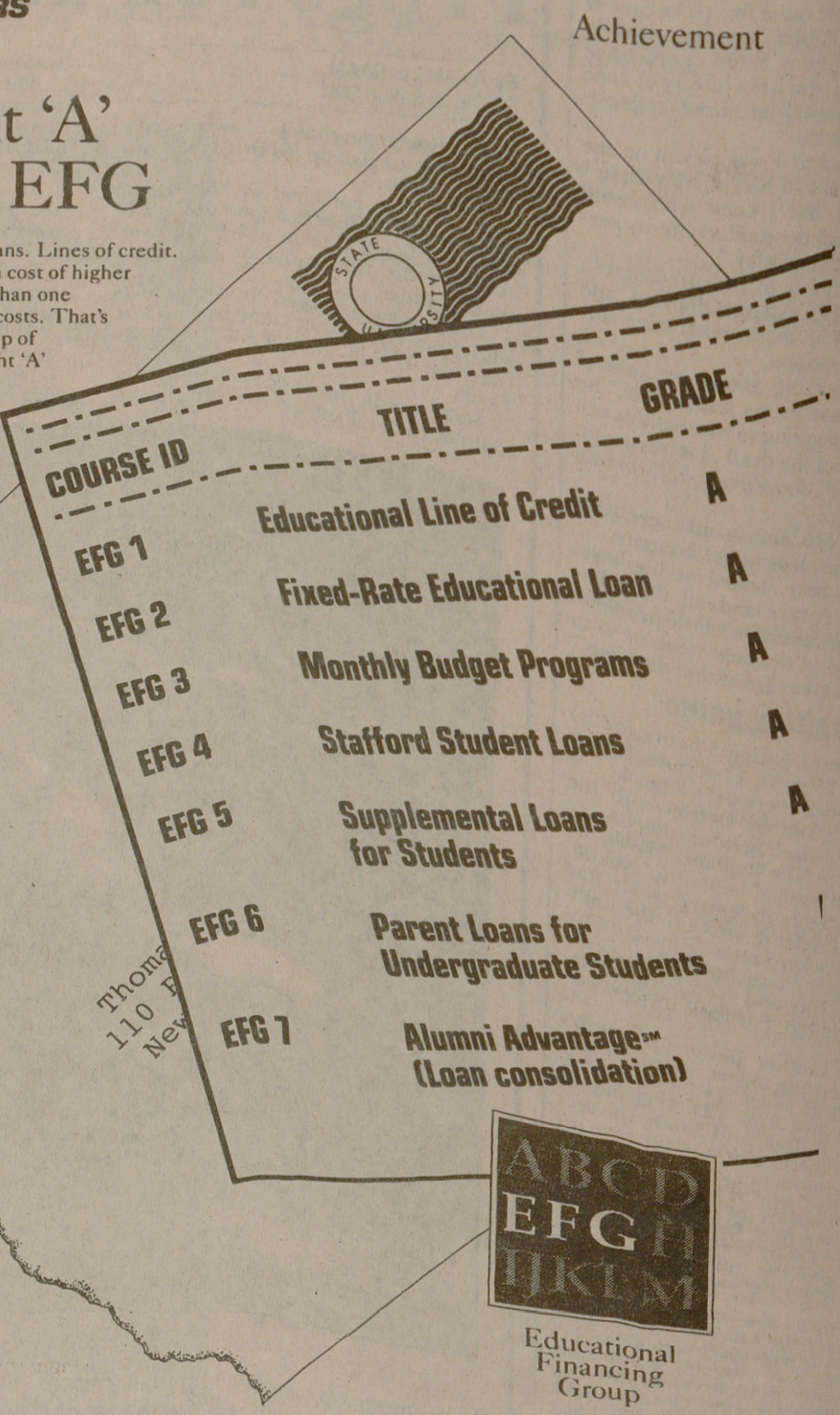
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