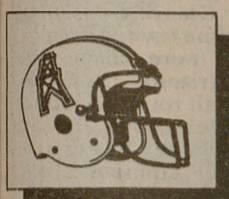


## NFL teams bolster rosters on second day of draft

### Oilers pick up speedy Longhorn receiver Jones



HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers, who stocked up on linebackers and defensive linemen in the first day of the NFL draft, Tuesday added speedy

Texas wide receiver Tony Jones, a three-sport performer for the Longhorns.

Jones, who caught 30 passes as a senior and 42 as a junior, was chosen in the sixth round by the Oilers, who hope Jones will fit into their new run-and-shoot offense.

"That's my type of offense; I'm built for it," said Jones, 5-7, 140. "If I had to pick a team, it would be the Oilers."

"They've got small receivers and they spread it out and like to go for the big play." Jones also could be tried as a return specialist, along with former Baylor receiver Gerald McNeil, acquired by the Oilers through Plan B.

Jones played on the Longhorn basketball team as a junior and also ran track as a junior.

He had times of 10.16 in the 100 meters and 20.2 in the 200 meters.

Jones is still recovering from a collarbone fracture suffered in post-season all-star play.

Kentucky running back Andy Murray was the Oilers' seventh round pick.

Murray, 6-1, 241, is regarded as a premier blocking back with superior strength for inside rushes, which would fit the Oilers' super back position in the run-and-shoot.

Northern Illinois defensive back Brett Tucker went to the Oilers in the eighth round and they took Mississippi wide receiver Pat Coleman in the ninth round.

The Oilers fulfilled their defensive needs in Sunday's opening day of the draft.

Houston linebacker Lamar Lathon was the Oilers' first round selection in Sunday's first day of the draft and they followed up by taking Notre Dame defensive tackle Jeff Alm in the second round and defensive end Willis Peguese of Miami in the third round.

Their fourth round pick was Eric Still, a guard from Tennessee, and they chose Miami linebacker Richard Newbill in the fifth round.

New Oilers coach Jack Pardee, changing the Oilers to a 4-3 defensive alignment, wants the Oilers to become better pass rushers this season.

Although Alm had only one sack in his career at Notre Dame, Oilers scout Glen Cumbee said the statistic is misleading.

"People doubted his passing rushing abilities," Cumbee said. "Notre Dame has 422 passes thrown against them and as a team had 22 sacks."

"They are a read type defense — control and read on the line of scrimmage. Jeff could have been more productive in another kind of system."

Alm, 6-6, 274, said he was happy to be coming to a team where he could demonstrate his pass rushing skills.

"My role at Notre Dame was stopping the run, but I think I can be effective rushing the quarterback too," Alm said.

"I'm looking forward to the chance."



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Texas A&M's Mike Jones was taken by Minnesota in the second round.

### Cowboys take some defensive chances after Day 1 offensive moves emphasis

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys, after bolstering their offense with early-round draft choices, moved on to lesser-known territory Monday, picking up some tackles and backs.

Defensive back Kenneth Gant from Albany State, Ga. was taken by the Cowboys in the ninth round. Gant was second team all-Southern Athletic Conference last year and tied for third in the SAC on interceptions, with five.

Dallas also picked linebacker Dave Harper from Humboldt State in the 11th round, followed by Notre Dame cornerback

Stan Smagala. The Cowboys favored the quickness of Smagala, who found a home in the defensive backfield after originally being recruited as a tailback.

The Cowboys, seeking more talent to help rescue them from the dismal depths of the NFL cellar, had earlier targeted offensive players.

"I can't say we've found all the offensive help we need," said team spokesman David Pelletier at Valley Ranch. "You just try to pick the best guy who's there."

In the first round, the Cowboys picked Emmitt Smith, who smashed all of Florida's running records with a slashing inside running style that produced numerous breakaway touchdowns. Smith exhibited a 4.39 speed in workouts.

Also favored for his speed was Auburn wide receiver Alexander Wright, who was taken in the second round.

Wright's 4.27 speed, run in cleats on a grass field, "will make him the fastest player I've ever coached," said coach Jimmy Johnson.

Recently timed at 4.45 in the 40-yard dash, Smagala was described as a gutsy tackler with great leaping ability and tremendous quickness.

Smagala, who teamed with Pat Terrell on the right side to give the Fighting Irish one of the country's fastest cornerback-safety tandems, was traded in the fifth round from the Los Angeles Raiders.

"Originally, he was the 13th pick. We were working with the Raiders at the time and whoever was behind us went ahead and drafted," said Pelletier.

Smagala, a 5-9 185-pounder, showed well in the combines and could be moved to safety by the Cowboys.

Gant, who was honorable mention all-conference in 1988, had 55 tackles, three sacks, a fumble recovery and six passes broken up.

The four-year starter at cornerback finished his Albany State career with 14 interceptions and 15 passes broken up. He attended Kathleen High School in Lakeland, Fla.

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Arkansas running back James Rouse was the No. 200 overall selection in the NFL draft, taken by the Chicago Bears in the eighth round Monday.

## Collegiate stars Harris, Rice spurned in late rounds

NEW YORK (AP) — John Friesz, the Idaho quarterback considered by some scouts to be a top 10 draft pick, got to be No. 1 Monday — on the second day of the 1990 draft.

Friesz, selected by the San Diego Chargers, was a victim of two things — the influx of juniors into the draft and the immobility he showed in post-season all-star games. That made him the ninth quarterback to go — behind such unknowns as Craig Kupp of Pacific Lutheran — and the 137th overall.

"It actually doesn't surprise me that much. I've never been the first person chosen," said Friesz, who was called at 6:30 a.m. to be told the Chargers were taking him.

"What bothers me the most is that nobody seems to understand why I wasn't picked on Sunday. I don't understand. My agent doesn't understand. I don't know what that could be."

Monday was hodgepodge day at the

draft as teams looked from sleepers among the rejects from rounds one through five. It was also Bobby Beathard's time. The new San Diego general manager, who specializes in late-round surprises, amassed eight picks for the sixth and seventh rounds.

But at least one well-known player who wasn't selected on the first day decided he had had enough of the NFL. Major Harris, the quarterback who led West Virginia within a victory of the national championship two years ago, announced that he would sign with the British Columbia Lions of the Canadian Football League.

Harris was eventually drafted by the Raiders on the 12th — and final — round, one of 19 quarterbacks taken, five in the 12th round. But that was after he apparently had made up his mind.

"When Major didn't go in the second round, I turned the television off," said his agent, Ed Abram. "I talked with Major after the draft and he said 'Let's do it.' Both par-

ties want to be with each other so the deal should be done in a few days."

Another quarterback, Mike Buck of Maine, went to New Orleans on the sixth round and the Saints, anticipating the loss of Bobby Hebert, who has demanded a trade, went for another, Nebraska's Gerry Gdowski two rounds later.

Buck might have been chosen earlier but for a knee injury that caused him to flunk some teams' physicals.

Johnny Bailey, the running back from Texas A&I who broke Tony Dorsett's career rushing record and gained 6,320 yards in his career, wasn't selected until the ninth round, when Chicago took him with the 228th pick of the draft. Going against him were his size, 5-foot-7, 178 pounds and the fact that his rushing totals declined each year after he gained 2,011 yards as a freshman.

And Notre Dame quarterback Tony Rice wasn't chosen at all.

Then there was Beathard, who made his reputation as a late-round specialist in 12 years with Washington. On the sixth round — the one in which he got Mark Rypien for Washington — Beathard dealt for three extra picks, Dallas's and choices the Cowboys had from the Patriots and Giants. He got Friesz, UCLA center Frank Cornish; Carson-Newman defensive back David Pool and Michigan tight end Derrick Walker.

Then came four more picks for the Chargers on the seventh — their own, and one each from Cleveland, Washington and San Francisco.

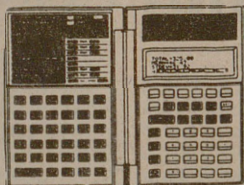
Only three underclassmen were drafted Monday, leaving 20 of the 38 juniors who opted to leave school to ply their luck as free agents. Monday's underclassmen were Harris, Virginia running back Marcus Wilson, who went to the Raiders on the sixth round and Clemson running back Terry

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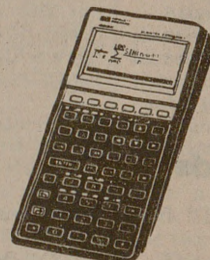
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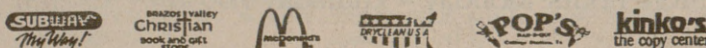
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