

Shooting ducks Slowing Duckworth key for Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — Richie Adubato wants to slow down Kevin Duckworth during the Dallas Mavericks' first round of the NBA playoff series against Portland, so he made some changes.

In the four regular-season games against the Trailblazers, which the Mavericks lost, James Donaldson guarded Duckworth in a matchup of centers. Mavericks power forward Roy Tarpley was assigned to cover guard Buck Williams.

Now, they will switch, with Tarpley guarding Duckworth and Donaldson guarding Williams.

"We feel Roy can get out on (Duckworth) and stay with him on his drives, while Buck Williams isn't going to be such a big offensive force that James can't handle him inside," Adubato said.

"It's a big area of concern, because Duckworth is playing more of a perimeter game than ever be-

fore," Adubato said. "We were concerned about James' ability to stay with Duckworth to contest his jump shots, and he wasn't able to keep with Duckworth when he drove the ball."

Duckworth averaged 21.3 points against Dallas on .543 shooting from the field. He often proved too quick on drives and setting up on his jump shots for Donaldson, who has been beset by leg injuries this season.

The Mavericks expect the Trail Blazers to rely heavily on Duckworth, who got off more shots (70) against the Mavericks than any other Portland player.

The teams meet Thursday in Portland for the opening game of the first round of the playoffs.

Williams averaged 17.5 points against the Mavericks, but only 10 shots. He usually plays closer to the basket for offensive rebounds and to get passes for dunks, so Donaldson might not have to wander too far from the basket.

Spurs sign Mitchell to bolster scoring

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio Spurs officials say they were after scoring insurance in case of injury or severe foul trouble when they signed former Spur Mike Mitchell and cut Yugoslavian rookie Zarko Paspalj.

"I told my wife (Diane) I feel like it is draft day all over again," said Mitchell, 34, who was signed Monday to a contract for the rest of the season.

"I didn't sleep all (Sunday) night, just thinking about being back with the Spurs. I'm really excited," Mitchell, whose 15,016 career points rank 51st in NBA history, just finished a season with the Filodoro Brescia Italian team averaging 32.9 points.

He became a free agent Monday. He played with the Spurs from 1981 to 1988.

Bob Bass, Spurs assistant to the chairman, said he didn't get the idea to sign Mitchell until he saw him at HemisFair Arena Sunday when San Antonio battled the Phoenix Suns and won the Midwest Division title.

Mitchell will be in uniform Thursday when the Spurs start their best-of-five playoff series against the Denver Nuggets.

Paspalj, 24, played in only 27 games this season and averaged 6.7 minutes, 2.7 points and 1.1 rebounds.

More than that, the former Yugoslavian star didn't fit in with the Spurs' ball-hawking defensive scheme.

"Zarko is a great guy," Spurs coach Larry Brown said. "But the bottom line is he's not going to be back next season."

Paspalj, whose mall-roving, pizza-eating, chain-smoking habits made him a San Antonio crowd favorite, said the move came as a complete surprise to him.

"You know, I'm not angry but I can't explain why they bring me here, pay me \$350,000 and sit me on the bench," Paspalj said.

"I thought they would trade me but when that passed, I thought OK ... Why didn't they cut me and send me home after the first month?"

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touchdowns, one season. Next question.

Opinion: Ware isn't a drop-back passer.

Fact: As a result of linebackers, defensive backs and defensive linemen running as fast as wide receivers, NFL quarterbacks are expected to roll out and be mobile. NFL scouts admit that the likes of John Elway, Joe Montana, Warren Moon and Randall Cunningham are much more dangerous when they roll out. I'm sure Ware's 4.5-second run in the 40 yard dash couldn't hurt.

Once again, the question remains: Why was George chosen over Ware? George is white. Ware is black. Case closed.

Take the case of the refusal of the NFL teams to draft two quality QB's high in the draft like their white peers in the past two years.

In the 1987-88 season, Don McPherson led the Syracuse Orangemen to an 11-0-1 record and a Sugar

Bowl tie with Auburn.

McPherson finished second in the Heisman balloting behind Notre Dame's Tim Brown and, like Ware, won every major college quarterback award. But because of his height and "weak" arm, he was looked over by most NFL teams.

Rodney Peete was considered by many as the perfect team leader. Peete led the Southern California Trojans to the Rose Bowl his senior year and led his team to victory over Troy Aikman's UCLA Bruins.

The cases of Peete, McPherson and Ware are truly similar and sad. The NFL needs to take a strong look at the way they are choosing their draft choices. It is apparent to me that the belief that black quarterbacks cannot lead a team is truly evident in that there are only five black quarterbacks out of the 28 NFL teams.

Black quarterbacks on the high school and college level are usually relegated to the "speed" positions: wide receiver and defensive back. If you don't believe me, just take a look

at the number of athletes on the Texas A&M football team who were converted from high school QB's to the speed positions.

Even such dominant college quarterbacks as West Virginia's Major Harris, who finished third and fourth in the last two Heisman ballots, and Reggie Slack of Auburn were not chosen until the 12th round. To make matters worse, Tony Rice — who led Notre Dame to a national championship last year and a No. 2 ranking this year — wasn't even drafted. Such no-names as John Friesz, Mike Buck, Gerry Gdowski and Pacific Lutheran's Craig Kupp were drafted. Now how many national championship rings do they have?

The NFL's failure to allow black quarterbacks a sufficient chance to prove themselves is pathetic and unimaginable. It's high time that black quarterbacks are given their chance like the Aikman's, George's, Doug Flutie's and, of course, Steve Walsh's.

Astros dropped in 5-3 setback to hot Expos

HOUSTON (AP) — So far, Montreal is using a combination of power and speed to surprise the National League this season.

Tim Wallach hit a two-run homer and Montreal stole five bases as the Expos beat Houston 5-3 Tuesday night for their sixth victory in seven games.

"The speed had a lot to do with our success tonight," Wallach said. "It's how we put pressure on pitchers and force them to make mistakes."

Montreal has 31 steals in 14 games and is off to an 8-6 start. After losing starters Mark Langston, Bryn Smith and Pascual Perez to free agency, many predicted the Expos to finish fifth or sixth.

"We've been running all year, not just against the Astros. That's our style," Montreal manager Buck Rogers said.

Kevin Gross (1-1) pitched six innings, allowing one run and five hits. Drew Hall, newly-acquired John Costello and Tim Burke finished. Burke pitched two innings for his fourth save.

In each of his last five seasons, Gross has pitched at least 200 innings, struck out at least 125 batters and made 30 or more starts.

Winless Mike Scott (0-2) pitched five innings and allowed four runs and five hits in his fourth start of the season. The loss makes Scott's lifetime record against Montreal in the Astrodome 1-5.

Marquis Grissom singled with one out in the first inning, stole second and scored on a single by Tim Raines. Raines stole second before Wallach hit his first home run of the season.

"Our speed distracted him. It changed his game," Wallach said.

Houston was prepared for Montreal's speed.

"Speed is their forte. You know it's in their game plan and it's going to help them play well in a facility like the dome," Houston manager Art Howe said.

Houston scored in the second when Glenn Davis led off with a double and came home on Glenn Wilson's single.

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and Houston use the Run-and-Shoot that Ware mastered at UH. The Lions picked him up with the seventh pick.

Here's a fact for you.

The Colts needed a quarterback. They just drafted George. The Jets have Ken O'Brien. Seattle's Dave Krieg is average, but the Seahawks had no reason to believe Ware would be any better. Tampa Bay already has Vinny Testaverde. San Diego has committed to former Texas Tech star Billy Joe Tolleriver, and the Bears have young Mike Tomczak.

And the Lions?

They use the Run-and-Shoot, and only have Rodney Peete to run it. Peete was a late-round draft choice from USC. Some wonder why the 1988 Heisman Trophy runner-up wasn't taken in the first round.

Either all 28 NFL teams knew something we didn't about Peete, or they were all racist and simply decided not to draft him because he was black. Let's put our money on the first possibility.

So Ware wasn't the No. 1 draft choice. He was seventh, and ended

up with the team that needed him most. The first six teams that drafted Sunday met their specific needs. That's not racism in my book, it's good football sense.

Notre Dame's Tony Rice wasn't even picked. But he never was the passer the NFL would like him to be, and obviously simply being the quarterback of the best team in the country doesn't cut it in the NFL. Leadership qualities are one thing, but professional ability is another.

An uninformed opinion: A&M turns black quarterbacks from high school into "speed" positions in college like defensive back and receivers.

An informed fact: The Aggies had 10 former prep quarterbacks on their roster in 1989. Five of them were still quarterbacks here — two of them were black, three of them were white. Obviously, Coach R.C. Slocum felt Lance Pavlas was the best out of them, and that's why he was the starter.

That leaves five former prep quarterbacks at A&M, now playing other positions. Derrick Frazier was an all-district quarterback in 1987, but now is starting in the Aggies' secondary. Backup defensive back Steve Lofton played some quar-

terback in high school, but then again, he played just about everything else too.

Felton Ransby was a prep quarterback. Now he's a starting receiver for the Aggies because the A&M coaching staff thinks that's where he'll do best for the team. If that's racism, then I'm Al Carter.

William Thomas was another all-district quarterback in high school. The Aggies recruited him as a quarterback, but Thomas couldn't pick up the Aggies' offensive scheme and made the switch to safety. Now he's an All-SWC linebacker.

Mike Jones played some quarterback as a prep player also, but ended up as a tight end. Was he moved to the tight end position simply because of his skin color? Obviously not. He was drafted as a tight end by Minnesota.

To say A&M is racially biased toward the color of their starting quarterbacks is stupid. Kevin Murray was a star here, but having silly putty for ankles prevented him from catching on with an NFL team.

Football is a business. If a team needs a position filled, it's going to fill it with the player it feels can best do the job. Color shouldn't enter the picture. And it doesn't.

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