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Smith, Coryatt get second look



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Cowboys host 20 potential picks

Editors Note: The Battalion will preview the 1992 NFL Draft during the next three weeks.

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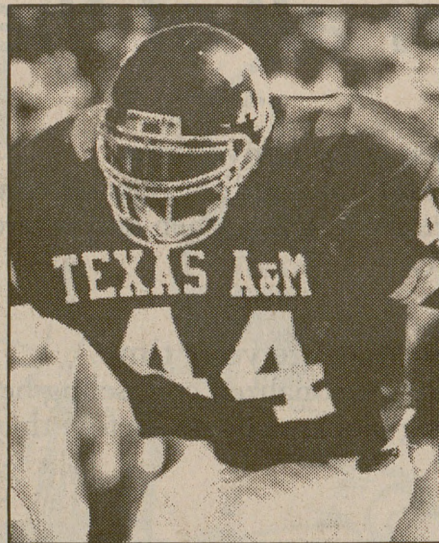
As NFL draft day draws near, Dallas Cowboys head coach Jimmy Johnson and his staff are busy making their final analysis of all available college talent.

The Cowboys flew 20 top collegiate players into their Valley Ranch training camp Thursday for physicals and interviews. Among those 20 players are Texas A&M linebacker Quentin Coryatt and cornerback Kevin Smith.

Dallas has the 13th, 15th and 16th picks in the first round of the April 26th



Former A&M cornerback Kevin Smith and former linebacker Quentin Coryatt were flown to Dallas on Thursday by the Cowboys for physicals and interviews.



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"Smith is someone we are definitely interested in," Hall said. "You never can tell what's going to happen on draft day, though. There could be a sudden desire for defensive backs and he, Buckley and Vincent could all be gone by the time we get our pick."

"We like Smith's abilities, and we actually think he's one of the top two defensive backs in the draft," Hall added.

The Dallas secondary lost cornerback Manny Hendrix to Plan B on Wednesday when Hendrix signed a one-year deal with the San Francisco 49ers.

Coryatt has been projected as the top linebacker in the draft, and some analysts think he could go as high as the second pick overall, bowing only to early-entry defensive lineman Steve Emtman from the University of Washington.

Although the Cowboys don't have a top five pick, they have shown interest in Coryatt. Hall said Dallas was impressed with Coryatt's athletic ability.

"At this point we are capable of doing almost anything to get a pick we like," he said. "We're not sure who we'll be shooting for, and we have had a history of making trades to get a pick we like."

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Bring baseball back to NBC

Since Monday dawns the beginning of the 1992 baseball campaign and since most of the baseball junkies around the country will be glued to the TV until October, something should be said about the current status of baseball on television.

It stinks. Permit me to get a bit nostalgic as I remember a glorious era in sports history - 1986.

At that time, NBC had baseball's Game of the Week every Saturday. Vin Scully and Joe Garagiola were in the booth, and CBS was nowhere to be found.

It just so happens that the World Series in 1986 proved to be one of the best in baseball history. The Mets seven-game victory, and the Game 6 miracle that took the series the distance, was a colossal event in baseball, and NBC was a part of that.

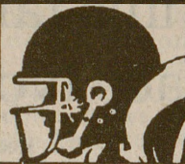
Scully, one of the deans of baseball broadcasting, and Garagiola, were the voices of baseball in America and the '86 Series only solidified that fact. I can't think back to that sixth game without hearing Scully shouting, "Here comes Knight and the Mets win it!"

Two years later, Kirk Gibson added his own niche in baseball storytelling with his game-winning homerun in the opening game of the 1988 Series. Watching the game was exciting enough, but listening to Scully's call turned the event into something out of *The Natural*.

In 1989, an event happened that would change the complexion of

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NFL DRAFT PREVIEW



A&M tennis teams face doubleheader of stiff competition

By Chris Whitley
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A doubleheader of Texas A&M tennis will take place today at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

The men play Southwest Conference foe, Texas Tech, starting at 1:30 p.m. before the Lady Aggies face Notre Dame at 5 p.m.

The 19th-ranked men's team, 13-3 and 1-0 in the SWC, takes on the 12-8 Red Raiders, who are 2-1 in conference play. Tech's last dual match was a victory over

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BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

Second baseman Robert Harris relieves injured Mike Hickey, answers call

By Anthony Andro
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When opportunity came knocking, Texas A&M baseball player Robert Harris answered the call.

Harris, a redshirt freshman second baseman, took over for the injured Mike Hickey earlier this season and has made the adjustment to being a major college baseball player.

Harris and the Aggie baseball team travel to Lubbock this weekend to take on the Texas Tech Red Raiders. A&M is 24-11, 11-7 in Southwest Conference play while Texas Tech is 21-15, 10-11 in



Harris

Hickey's absence, hitting .344 with a homer and 16 RBIs. An accomplishment

SWC play.

Due to a possible frost tonight, the times for the games have been changed. Game one is tomorrow at 1 p.m. and the teams will square off for a doubleheader Sunday at noon.

Harris has played well in

that is far beyond the expectations he had when the Aggies started the season in February.

"Before the year started, I just imagined I would come in whenever someone got injured," Harris said. "I never imagined starting this year. I was just looking forward to next year."

But Harris got his chance to start his first game last month in the Baylor series. He admitted the task gave him a few butterflies.

"I was real nervous, especially when I went out there the first game against Baylor," he said. "I was real excited,

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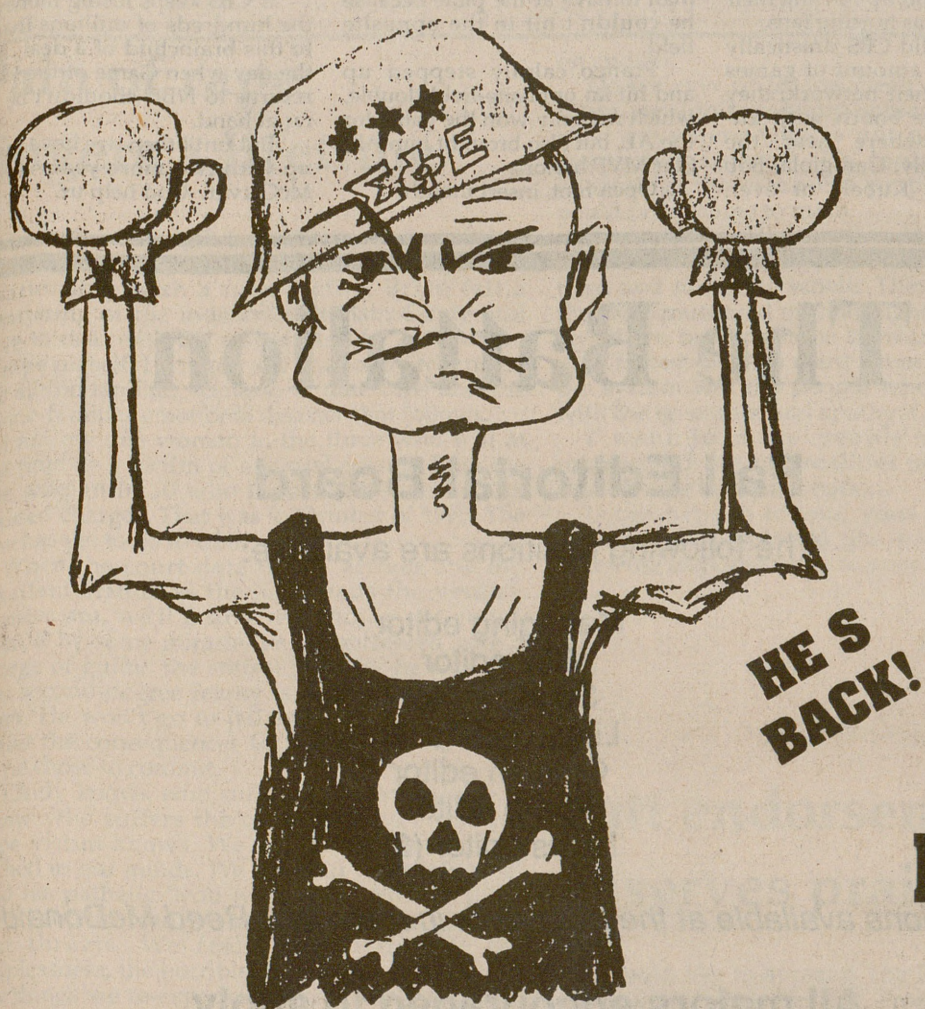
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