

Miller headlines Aggies' quarterback list

Coaches make first decisions on replacements for Richardson, Smith, Coryatt



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The decision has been made for now. The A&M coaching staff has put Matt Miller's name at the top of the list of quarterbacks who will replace Bucky Richardson next season.

The announcement came Wednesday with the release of the Aggies' two-deep chart. That chart will remain intact until fall drills begin early next August, giving A&M coaches a chance to re-evaluate each player before the Aggies begin their season against Stanford on Aug. 26 in the Pigskin Classic.

Miller, a 6-foot-2, redshirt freshman from California, competed with three other hopefuls during 20 days of spring prac-

tice. Redshirt freshman Tommy Preston was listed as the Aggies' No. 2 quarterback. Senior Kent Petty and sophomore Steve Emerson will look to next fall and two-a-days to improve their places in the quarterback race.

When spring drills ended more than a week ago, A&M coach R. C. Slocum said a quarterback had not stepped forward to assume the role as the Aggie's leader in the new pass-oriented offense.

"I would have liked for someone to

jump out there and say, 'This guy is dramatically better than the others.' No one did that," Slocum said. "I thought they all performed the same. I thought they all showed improvement."

Miller said he will use the time between spring and fall drills to continue his improvement.

"I think I can progress quite a bit," Miller said. "I can watch films and study my notes. The stuff you learn in one day, you can work on for three days."

The coaches also made their initial decisions on replacements for linebacker Quentin Coryatt and secondary mainstays Kevin Smith and Chris Crooms.

Sophomores Reggie Graham and Larry Jackson are listed No. 1 and No. 2 in the linebacker spot. A&M defensive coordinator Bob Davie said the two lineback-

ers may end up splitting the playing time. "They're probably going to alternate quite a bit," Davie said. They're both great kids and that will be a good situation for both those guys."

Sophomores Billy Mitchell or Junior White will step into the left cornerback spot to replace Smith. Steve Kenney is listed as the Aggies' next strong safety. Senior cornerback Derrick Frazier and junior free safety Patrick Bates will anchor the defensive backfield.

"I think the secondary really shows what our team is about," Davie said. "We've got some older, experienced guys who have proved themselves, and there are some young, hungry players who haven't gotten a chance to play. We'll see when we get out there against Stanford. It's going to be a lot different."

Ex-A&M player traded from Packers to Pokes

Woodside adds passing receiver to Dallas



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Former A&M star Keith Woodside was traded Wednesday from the Green Bay Packers to the Dallas Cowboys.

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The Green Bay Packers on Wednesday traded running back Keith Woodside to the Dallas Cowboys for an undisclosed future draft choice.

Woodside, a fourth-round draft choice from Texas A&M in 1988, started 50 of 64 games during his career with Green Bay and did not miss a game.

He caught 144 passes for 1,248 yards and rushed 259 times for 976 yards. Last season he gained 371 yards on 46 carries.

Woodside had his best season in 1989 when he caught 59 passes, the second-highest total in team history.

He had only one 100-yard rushing game, that coming in 1989 against Chicago when he broke off a 68-yard touchdown run against the Bears.

"Our decision to trade Keith Woodside should not be considered

a reflection upon his abilities," Packers general manager Ron Wolf said in a statement. "He is a solid player who gave the Green Bay Packers his best."

The Packers have returning backs Darrell Thompson, Walter Dean, Allen Rice and Vince Workman.

They signed free agents Marcus Wilson and Doug Lloyd and also took two running backs in the recent NFL draft, Florida State's Edgar Bennett and Florida's Dexter McNabb.

Steve Avery, who is on the Packers' roster, is playing in the World League of American Football.

Woodside is the career receptions leader at A&M.

The former Aggie caught 110 passes in four seasons at A&M. He had 52 receptions during his junior season in 1986. That year he also scored five touchdowns.

Lakers win in OT

City of Los Angeles erupts in violence during game

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Vlade Divac made a three-point play with 27.5 seconds remaining in overtime Wednesday night to put the Los Angeles Lakers ahead for good and they went on to beat the Portland Trail Blazers 121-119 to remain alive in the NBA playoffs.

The Blazers still lead the best-of-5 opening-round series 2-1. Game 4 will be played Friday night at the Forum, with a fifth game, if needed, scheduled Sunday in Portland.

While the game was being played, violence and looting was taking place in the city's predominantly black South Central section. Some of the residents reacted with fury to the acquittal earlier in the day of four white policemen charged in the videotaped beating of black motorist Rodney King.

Late in the game, the public-address announcer warned fans in the Forum to steer clear of areas affected by the rioting and listen to talk radio stations for further updates.

Divac, who scored 18 points, gave the Lakers a 117-116 lead with his big play. He scored underneath to tie the game, was fouled, and made the free throw.

Fan still holds grudge toward Cowboys owner

Let's get one thing straight. I have never liked Jerry Jones.

Even though droves of fans have forgiven the owner of the Dallas Cowboys for the bloody revolution he instilled three years ago, I continue to hold a grudge.

Sure, the Cowboys are winning again. Sure, the attendance in Texas Stadium is skyrocketing. Sure, America's Team made it back to the playoffs for the first time since Rubik's Cubes were popular.

But I can't help it. He opened a wound that cannot be closed.

On that cold, windswept February evening in 1989, I remember the TV station breaking in to tell the story that some unknown from Arkansas had bought the hallowed football club.

The Cowboys' past died that Saturday at the now-famous press conference where Jones stood in front of God and everybody grinning from ear to ear. Next to him, the long, drawn jowls of Texas E. Schramm, the only president the Cowboys had ever had, were drooping in sadness.

Coach Tom Landry, they said, would be no more. After 29 years, five conference titles, and two world championships, his services were no longer needed.

One is reminded of a tidbit from that famed Wrigley Field singer, Harry Caray. After getting the axe as St. Louis announcer in 1972 after 25 years of faithful service, he quipped, "Instead of giving me a gold watch, they gave me a pink slip."

Automatically, I despised the perpetrator of Landry's dismissal. How

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