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Houston's Klingler chooses NFL over SWC

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jimmy Klingler, the University of Houston's starting quarterback for the past two seasons, announced Tuesday he would not return for his senior year and would make himself eligible for the National Football League draft.

Klingler succeeded his brother, David, now a starter for the Cincinnati Bengals, as quarterback for Houston after David completed his senior year.

"It took a lot of thought and a lot of preparation," Klingler said. "It's not just something you come up with in one day. I've talked to a lot of people and this is what's going to be in the best interests of me and my family."

Klingler, 21, is married and his wife is pregnant.

"This is what's best for us," Klingler said. "We have a baby on the way. Some people would view that as an excuse to leave. I don't consider it a burden. Whether I stay or not,

the child is still going to come. With leaving, I'll be able to support that family."

After a sophomore year when he threw for 3,818 yards and 32 touchdowns, he suffered through an injury-plagued 1993 season in which he played just eight games, completing 117 of 230 passes for 1,291 yards and only seven touchdowns.

He also was caught in the transition after run-and-shoot coach John Jenkins left and was replaced by Kim Helton, who put in a more balanced running and passing offense. The Cougars, however, won only one of 11 games.

"My only disappointment is Jimmy Klingler didn't have an opportunity at the University of Houston during this transition period to have a chance to show off," Helton said.

"Whatever excuses you want to put to it, I think Jimmy and the rest of football team did suffer a lot this year.

"He took it like man," Helton added. "I think we're both strong enough man to bear our crosses. He's fortunate to have an oppor-

tunity to go into pro ball. I'm very happy for him. I'm going to miss him."

Klingler said he had a verbal agreement to be represented by agent Leigh Steinberg, who also is the agent for his brother and other NFL quarterbacks.

He would not speculate where he might end up in the draft and said he was prepared to do with the possibility he might not be drafted, all and would have to go the free agent route. "That's fine with me," Klingler said. "There's always that chance within the draft case scenario."

Klingler is 6-foot-3 and 220 pounds. He finishes his career ranked seventh on the all-time Southwest Conference list with 39 touchdowns passes. In 1992, he set an NCAA sophomore record averaging 2.9 TD passes per game. That year he also threw for 613 yards against Rice, a single-game high for the year. NCAA Division I-A.

In his three years, he played in 23 games, completed 428 of 754 attempts for 5,243 yards. He had 29 interceptions.

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3	Hospitality	"Fashion Show" - MSC Main Lounge - 1 P.M.
4	Opera and Performing Arts Society Jr.	The Nutcracker - Rudder Auditorium - 3 P.M.
6	Black Awareness	"Kwanzaa" - Rudder Theater - 7 P.M.
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Cowboys still blundering; Johnson looks to fix slump

The Associated Press

IRVING — A grim Jimmy Johnson came to the conclusion Tuesday that his defending Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys aren't being very well coached.

The Cowboys struggled to a 23-17 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles Monday night to stay a game behind the NFC East, leading New York Giants with an 8-4 record.

"It's not the effort and the talent of the players," Johnson said. "We've got to do a better job of coaching."

Johnson wouldn't get specific but said "the coaching situation will be handled in the areas I want improved."

He had an iron-out-the-problems meeting with his coaches Tuesday afternoon after the Cowboys struggled on both sides of the ball Monday.

Without injured defensive end Charles Haley, Dallas' pass rush was ineffective. Dallas rates 27th in the NFL in quarterback sacks.

The timing wasn't crisp on offense, either.

It took a 172-yard rushing effort from Emmitt Smith to save the Cowboys against the 16-point underdog Eagles.

"We're not as efficient as we need to be," Johnson said. "We're not playing as well as I'd like for us to play. We've got to make improvement over the last part of the season for us to be a success in the playoffs."

The Cowboys play at Minnesota Sunday, travel to the Meadowlands to play the New York Jets the next Saturday, host the Washington Redskins Dec. 26 and play the final game of the

regular season in a rematch with the Giants back in the Meadowlands.

Johnson said the Cowboys haven't played well since quarterback Troy Aikman was injured four games ago in a 31-9 victory over the Giants.

"When we beat San Francisco, Philadelphia and the Giants, we were on a good roll. Then Troy got hurt," Johnson said. "We've got to make a big improvement the next four weeks. We have the ability to do it. We can still be the team we want to be in the playoffs."

The Cowboys won five of their last six regular season games last year and hit the playoffs on a roll, which carried through to a 52-17 victory over Buffalo in the Super Bowl.

But Johnson says he's had problems getting his team primed to play every week.

"It's tough to be on an emotional high every week in this league," Johnson said. "Some games you have to win because you are a better football team. You'd like to be sky-high every week, but that doesn't happen."

"That debacle we had on Thanksgiving has set us back for one reason or the other, and we've got to come out of it," he said.

Dallas lost 16-14 to Miami when Leon Lett touched a blocked field goal, turning it into a live ball, which the Dolphins recovered and cashed for the game-winning field goal.

Johnson said the Cowboys were a better team at this time last year.

"We don't want to be accused of whining about our injuries, but we're just not as sharp," Johnson said. "When we had that roll against San Francisco, Philadelphia and the Giants, we were actually ahead of last year. But for various reasons, we're not that far along now."



Johnson

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Cardinals two top players. "They had 30 turnovers and

the pressure was very good," Hickey said.

"We really were able to cut out (guard Sondra) Ancelot, and in order for Gant to get open, Ancelot has to be a threat."

Perhaps the highest compliment paid to the Lady Aggies for both their play last night and on their season so far, was given by Lamar head coach Liz McQuitter. "They have good balance, in-

side, outside, and on the wings," McQuitter said. "I vote in the polls, and I will probably vote for them this week in the top 25."

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