

Former Aggie soars with Cowboys

Kevin Smith excels in first two years of pro-football career

By Brian Coats
THE BATTALION

Dallas Cowboy cornerback Kevin Smith, a former A&M standout, has taken two things to higher levels going into his third professional season — his play and his confidence.

"I'm a little bigger, a little stronger, a little faster, more comfortable and a lot more confident," he said last week at the Cowboys training camp. Smith has already established a reputation of confidence in the NFL.

Last year in the NFC Championship game against



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the San Francisco 49ers, Smith almost started a pregame brawl by taunting Jerry Rice.

Smith seemingly has walked his talk. He has played two years in the NFL

and has two Super Bowl rings.

Last year he had six interceptions, which led the team. He was the NFC Defensive Player of the Week after the Dec. 18th game against the New York Jets.

In that game he had seven tackles, forced two fumbles, recovered one and returned an interception 32 yards for a touchdown.

At A&M, Smith was a three-time All-Southwest Conference cornerback and a consensus All-American in 1991.

He set a SWC record with 20 interceptions and had six defensive or special teams touchdowns in his four-year career.

Even with an already-successful career, Smith said he is improving daily at camp.

"I am playing at a level right now where I don't want to give up even a six or seven yard out," he said.

Smith said this is his best training camp of his short career by far.

The Dallas Morning News has given Smith their "training camp play-of-the-day" award twice in the week-old camp.

Saturday night, in a scrimmage against the Houston Oilers, Smith recorded an interception in limited playing time.

Smith said he is more comfortable at this training camp because of his experience.

Greg Schorp and Robert Wilson, two former Aggie free agents, are trying to earn a spot on the team.

Smith said he told them to do whatever it takes to make the team.

"I told them to find a spot, even if it is special teams," he said.

"On this team, there are no slackers, and they are going to have to work their butt off."

Smith said he wanted to send a special message to A&M and Aggie fans.

"I talked to Coach Slocum last week," he said. "I told him they are going to go 11-0 this year."

He said he would not go as far as predicting a perfect season for the Cowboys, but fans should look forward to continued success.

"We've got the most talent in the NFL," he said.

"Troy, Emmitt, everybody on this team is working hard. We want the three-peat."

Astros 'slam' Pirates

Houston's homers sink Pittsburgh

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeff Bagwell homered twice and drove in five runs and Craig Biggio hit a grand slam Sunday as the Houston Astros routed the Pittsburgh Pirates 13-1.

The Astros won three times in the four-game series, outscoring the Pirates 38-11. Houston pulled within one game of the NL Central-leading Reds, and begins a three-game series at Cincinnati on Monday.

Bagwell leads the majors with 98 RBIs. He has hit 32 home runs.

Biggio's slam, his sixth home run of the season, made it 9-0 in the fifth.

Darryl Kile (7-5) bounced back from losses of 10-0 and 8-2 in his last two starts. He gave up five hits, only one of them in the first six innings, in eight in-

nings.

Jon Lieber (5-5), the winner in the game Kile lost 8-2, gave up nine runs, just two of them earned, in five innings.



Bagwell

Pittsburgh 1, Houston 13

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| Merced 1b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Cramini 3b | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Rhizo p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Gonzalez lf | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
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| Cmngs cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Kile p | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Slaughter c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Hudek p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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Toronto sweeps Texas

Jays beat Rangers, continue streak

TORONTO (AP) — The streaking Toronto Blue Jays won their eighth straight game Sunday, a 4-2 victory that completed a four-game sweep of the Texas Rangers.

Brad Cornett gave up five hits in six innings for his first major-league win for the two-time defending World Series champions, who are 7-0 at home since the All-Star break.

Toronto managed just four hits, including a home run by Paul Molitor, to hand the first-place Rangers their fifth loss in six games.

Cornett (1-2), who allowed six runs in just one-third of an inning in his last start, gave up two runs and struck out six. Danny Cox pitched the ninth for his third save.

Molitor led off the eighth with

his 14th homer, and fourth in four games to put Toronto ahead 4-2.

Roger Pavlik (1-5), who came off the disabled list before the game, gave up four runs, three earned, and four hits in 7 1-3 innings. He struck out eight and walked two, including a costly base on balls to Roberto Alomar in the first.

which the members outlined the qualifications they thought a new chancellor should meet.

"It was encouraging to see that the person they've selected did meet the qualifications we outlined," Weichold said. "We would have preferred that they would have consulted us more, but I understand the constraints they were dealing with."

Thompson, who was called 'Dr. T' by students at West Texas A&M, said he plans to work closely with the faculty and students.

"I always see myself as a public servant, as an educator," he said. "I'm a hands-on sort of guy."

Thompson is a former student of Texas A&M, having earned a doctoral degree in educational administration in 1972. He earned an associate's degree from Tarleton State University in 1956 and a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University in 1958. Thompson received his master's degree in 1961 from East Texas State University.

"It depends on the military in Haiti," he said. "Any future action would be to determine the lesser of two evils, Legall said.

"Who are we to go in and invade another country?" he said. "Or, should we leave it alone and watch people starve? It's pretty much a no-win situation."

Catala said the majority of Haitians support ousted president Jean-Bertrand Aristide, but the small opposition is violent.

"I think if Aristide goes back there, he will be killed in two weeks," he said. "I'm afraid it won't be Aristide (leading a new Haiti), we'll have to go

with someone else."

Legall said he has lived in Miami and had many opportunities to hear good and bad things about Aristide from the Haitians there.

"There are some in Miami who didn't like him," he said. "But most in Miami are children of the well-to-do."

"I've also heard he leans toward the poor," Legall said. "I guess that's good because most Haitians are poor, and very few are rich."

Catala said establishing a healthy democracy in Haiti would involve more than just ousting the military leaders.

"It's hard, if not impossible, for democracy to exist without a middle class, and there is almost no middle class in Haiti," he said. "The only thing I know is we've got to help — it's been too long."

Legall said people in Trinidad, one of the countries that has been accepting refugees from Haiti, are concerned because the refugees are coming with nothing.

"People are skeptical," he said. "But people (in the Caribbean) tend to be closer and look out for each other."

Merced said Puerto Rico cannot afford to take many refugees.

"Right now it's too crowded," he said, "so it is too hard for those people to come to Puerto Rico."

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lems and opportunities of all the universities. I'm a workaholic, so I'll be putting in about 80 hours a week.

Dr. Mark Weichold, speaker of the Faculty Senate, said he thinks Thompson meets the qualifications needed to serve as chancellor.

"From what I've heard, it seems like he's a faculty-oriented administrator," Weichold said. "The experience he's had in dealing with troublesome situations is probably going to be valuable."

Weichold said the Faculty Senate's executive committee put together a letter for the regents in

Haiti

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step down, then what? It's almost too late."

Catala said there is opposition in Haiti to a U.S. invasion because of previous intervention in the 1920s.

"I don't think we should do it alone," he said. "But we've got to do something and do it fast."

Conrado Merced, a senior mechanical engineering major from Puerto Rico, said military force may be an option, but he's not sure it's the right one.

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