Dallas Cowboys are going

Sanders is recovering from toe surgery and Lett is suspend-

ed for failing yet another drug

either will be back; there's a

good chance neither will suit up

er a week away and the regular

season kicking off Sept. 12, all

are here," coach Chan Gailey

said. "We work with the things

ahead and he's even playing

some basketball, which forces

him to flex his toes and put pres-

Sanders attends every prac-

tice wearing a red do-rag with

'Jesus'' across the forehead.

Continued from Page 3 "It's becoming far too common," McFall said. "You will find

few schools where you have all

the kids come back. It's usually

related to playing time.
"It's not all that uncommon

that kids leave. But there were a

Watkins coached two seasons

as the head of the University of North Carolina-Charlotte pro-

gram and was hired at A&M in

April of 1998 to revive a program

which finished 11th in the Big 12

in 1998. He said roster changes

are a part of the process of build-

here, we had to overhaul the team,'

Watkins said. "It's something I'm

not enjoying. There are kids I'm not

to rest my hat on. But we have to

Tony, transferred to Marquette

Guard Steve Houston was sus-

pended before the team went on

their European tour in the sum-

mer of 1998 for "violating team

and University regulations,"

he hired Kummer as an assistant

coach after graduation in 1996.

Kummer said Watkins' origins

might have contributed to the

"Coach [Watkins] came from a

construction of his talent pipeline

small town in North Carolina, and

some of the guys we recruit come

from small towns in Louisiana,"

People know they can believe

Slocum said he trusts Watkins.

would get playing time next sea-

contacts over the years.

get on a solid foundation."

"I haven't [had roster changes

lot of kids that left A&M."

ing a new team.

becoming coach.

RECRUITS

into Louisiana.

trust somebody.

PHILLIPS

is still not healed.

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the Cowboys can do is wait.

before October.

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his rebuilt left big toe.

The team has no idea when

So with their preseason open-

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career threatening. With the NFL's emphasis on winning, the panicked 49ers desperately pursued Phillips and won a bidding war for his services.

Proof of Sanders' im be found in Dallas' rec year: 8-3 with him, 2-3 mg

rifling left-handed passes

that's all we know.'

Sanders is the most vit

of the Dallas defense. W

Sanders is with the team at Midwestern State University, continuing the rehabilitation on "We need to make sa He is allowed to jog straight

healed so we can have him long period of time," (said The Cowboys play to night game against All

according to the A&M Att Department. Center Chris Richards & team at the beginning of lasson, and he said his departure

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Richards said. "But you score points from the bench "They want a clean slate can tell that. But I thinkit Tax cut

before] to this degree, but coming in good experience, and I wish budget the best of luck.' In the latest blow of From the Min returning, and that's not something departures, last season's sta point guard Clifton Cook ruled academically ineligib Sophomore guard Michael Schmidt is transferring to Niagara June 30, signaling the end of college career. Nine new rem will fill the scholarships in this season where he will sit out a year before becoming eligible in

2000 left by the departed plan but the sting from Brown's is echoed by his former coach the fall of 2000. Guard Brian Barone, son of former coach University after a private meeting with Watkins a month after

> year. Carlton Brown, a l Junior College transfer from Antonio, signed during April 30. Keith Bean transfe from North Carolina State and sit out one year as per NCAAT

fer rules. Italian born Tomas

ward spot.

Kummer said. "He's just built up er to sign in the 1999 class. Watkins' job as recruite him and trust him, and people year-round and as a resul don't want their kids to leave traveled to Las Vegas this home unless they know they can mer for a high-profile tourna filled with prospects. He has hit Nike- and Adidas-spons He said the coach told him he camps looking for the

> Phillips, who is more a tomed to the feel of hand than an NFL uniform, sail

this season.

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'Deion, we've got you," a fan yelled to hin 'We're praying for you.
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September, including a M the second week. That time outing against Sander mer club could be a target

ren but the y Much has empt to tar related to lack of playing tim oups. Kids a "I had a concussion for weeks, and I had a meeting Watkins," he said. "He s wasn't going to get into the mately, it do ncing to tea to people t However, t tion, and he was very clear back. For pare rs" supporte

scholarship, and the senior graduate in August. "When you're getting to go out there, it's diffe

all right for the program. It

"Unfortunately college at ics is a business," McFall s "It's becoming more and tinues to grow ruthless. Obviously there is a sure to win, but there are un istic expectations. The quest is whether some of the coa there are a fe have the kids' best interess uses for the mind.

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