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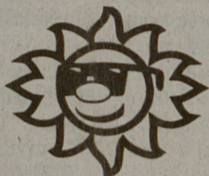
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Cowboys waive Aikman

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys waived Troy Aikman, no longer convinced that the quarterback who led them to three Super Bowl titles is healthy enough to be their starter.

Agent Leigh Steinberg told the Associated Press the team began the waiver process Wednesday. A statement from Aikman and the Cowboys was expected later in the day.

"We will wait and see if he clears waivers and proceed from there," Steinberg said, declining to comment further.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones probably would have preferred to see the 34-year-old Aikman retire after 12 seasons — and nearly as many concussions — but his desire to keep playing left the team with little choice.

Jones had to make the move by Thursday or else pay Aikman a \$7 million bonus and extend his contract through 2007. He will still take up \$10 million of Dallas' \$67.4 million salary cap this season.

As much as Jones might have wanted to keep the first player he ever drafted, the owner apparently decided the Cowboys couldn't prepare for the 2001 season with such a fragile quarterback.

Aikman, who holds practically all the Dallas passing records, sustained two concussions in 11 games last season and twice needed epidural injections to relieve back pain.

Other teams might be scared off because of Aikman's injury prob-

lems, which could then prompt him to retire.

But Aikman still wants to play and believes he can at a high level. As for the health risks, tests done before last season showed no long-term damage from his previous concussions.

Once the highest-paid player in NFL history, Aikman is coming off his worst season since the Cowboys went 1-15 his rookie year.

He was the lowest-rated starting quarterback in the NFC and threw a

the top overall choice in the draft and the team's first pick under Jones and coach Jimmy Johnson. He was immediately labeled the franchise's savior and, sure enough, helped the Cowboys once again become the NFL's most loved and most loathed team.

Aikman was the triggerman in an offense that also featured running back Emmitt Smith and receiver Michael Irvin.

Known as the Triplets, the trio propelled Dallas to the top of the NFL three seasons after it was on the bottom. The Cowboys won an unprecedented three Super Bowls in four years, including consecutive titles in 1992-93.

Aikman was the MVP of the first one, a 52-17 victory over Buffalo. He later joined Joe Montana and Terry Bradshaw as the only quarterbacks with at least three Super Bowl victories.

Still, his numbers are impressive: 2,898-of-4,715 for 32,942 yards, 165 touchdowns and 141 interceptions.

A strong-armed, accurate passer, Aikman was often considered a "Robo-QB," which was mostly a compliment but sometimes a complaint.

Coaches loved his precise, fundamental style, and he was at his best when the Cowboys were loaded with young players reaching their prime. As he and the team aged and rough times hit, some fans grumbled that Aikman was too rigid and lacked the playmaking ability of someone like Brett Favre.

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career-worst five interceptions against the New York Giants. Aikman also missed five games with injuries and was knocked out of three more, all in the first quarter.

Yet Aikman was intrigued about coming back in 2001 in part because he wanted a full season of throwing to speedsters Joey Galloway and Raghieb Ismail. Galloway suffered a season-ending knee injury in last season's opener, and Ismail was later lost to a knee injury.

Aikman came to Dallas in 1989 as

— Sports in Brief No. 5 Aggie men's tennis squad slips by

The No. 5 Texas A&M tennis team came from behind to defeat the Kansas Jayhawks 3-1, in Lawrence on Wednesday night.

Despite losing the point, the Aggies battled the singles matches to beat Jayhawk tennis squad. The Aggies learned earlier that the match would be shut down.

Kansas got on the board in the match when the doubles team composed of seniors Dumitru Carandaru and Shuon Madden was downed by Kansas' junior Rodrigo Garay and sophomore Magallan, 9-8.

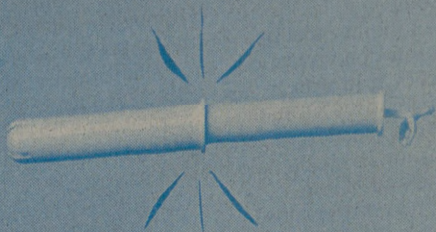
The Jayhawks secured a doubles point in the second contest, but the Aggies' senior Cody Hubbs and junior Jarin Skube defeated Kansas' Alex Barragan and Drew Metzler, 8-1.

In singles play, the Aggies took four of the six matches to secure the victory over the Jayhawks.

Madden, Skube, sophomore Ryan Newport and junior Jarin Skube were the victors in their singles opponents.

The win improved the Aggies' record to 10-2 on the year. They will take on No. 4 Texas Tech on Friday at 6 p.m.

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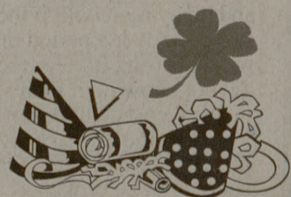
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