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# Bears aren't alone with five QBs - Cowboys also looking at 4 backups to White

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Believe it or not, when the Bears open their mini-camp Tuesday they won't be the only team in the NFL with five quarterbacks. Dallas is looking at Danny White, Steve Pelluer, Reggie Collier, Paul McDonald and Kevin Sweeney. White chose to forego surgery on the wrist he broke last fall and was reportedly throwing well at the team's practice complex recently even though he can't flex the wrist all the way back. Pelluer, White's fill-in after the injury, is more of a scrambler than a pocket passer.

McDonald was a bust with the Browns. But he learned how to play quarterback at USC under Paul Hackett. Hackett is now Dallas' quarterback coach. Collier, a former USFLer, may be the best athlete of the bunch but has been slow to grasp the Cowboy offense. Sweeney broke a truckload of NCAA passing records at Fresno State last year. But he lasted until the seventh round in the recent draft because he is only 5-11.

The Bear quarterbacks are, in order of their listing on the latest team-released depth chart, Jim McMahon, Doug Flutie, Mike Tomczak, Steve Fuller and Jim Harbaugh.

**BIG BOUNCE:** Former Blitz general manager Bruce Allen wasn't terribly concerned recently when informed controversial agent **Norby Walters** had filed a lawsuit against him. **Walters**

claims Allen, now an agent himself, stole Pitt linebacker Tony Woods from him. Woods was Seattle's No. 1 pick in the recent NFL draft.

"Do you think he'll take a personal check," Allen tongue-in-cheeked. Allen says Woods signed with him long after dumping Walters.

NAME GAME: Nobody was more surprised than Fiesta Bowl executive director Bruce Skinner when his name showed up on the letterhead of the newly-formed "Arizona For The NFL" organization.

AFN is trying to land an NFL franchise in the Phoenix area. Skinner is affiliated with the Fiesta Bowl and Arizona State's Sun Devil Stadium which would only be hurt by competition from the NFL.

Skinner subsequently has requested his name be withdrawn from AFN's letterhead. "I've got to think that's a conflict of interest," he said.

JAWS III: Eagle quarterback Ron Jaworski still is trying to find a team. The Raiders were unimpressed by a recent workout, but the Seahawks and the Packers were. Both made contract offers to Jaworski.

On Wednesday of last week Miami worked him out. He reportedly wowed Dolphin head coach Don Shula. Shula hinted Miami also will try to sign Jaworski if the team can't reach a new agreement with longtime Dolphin backup quarterback Don Strock whose contract has expired.

The problem for Shula will be Jaworski's publicly stated desire to sign with a team that will give him a chance to win the starting job. With Dan Marino ensconced in Miami, Jaworski would not have that opportunity unless Marino was hurt.

NAVY BEEN SOUP: Former Navy running back Eddie Meyers finally will be free of his service obligation in three weeks after five years of waiting for a chance to make the Atlanta Falcons.

Said former Falcon coach Dan Henning of the Naval Academy's restrictive policies on allowing its athletes to turn pro after graduation: "They held him (Meyers) hostage for five years."

Meyers used all of his summer leave time the last several years to come to the Falcon training camp even though he knew he would have to return to duty before the regular season.

MILLER LIGHT: Not everybody agrees with the Bears and the Falcons about Oregon quarterback Chris Miller. Before the draft the Bears said they would have a hard time passing him on the first round if he was available on the 26th pick. Atlanta beat them to the punch with the 13th choice.

But, said one NFL general manager, "Chris Miller is no better than a good No. 2 NFL quarterback." Unfortunately for Atlanta, it already has three good No. 2 quarterbacks - Turk Schonert, Scott Campbell and David Archer.

THE BUDDY SYSTEM: Philadelphia head coach Buddy Ryan and recent Eagle first-round pick Jerome Brown had something in common even before the draft:

Both reportedly are represented by Florida attorney Robert Fraley.

Isn't that a conflict of interest?

NYET: NFL draft experts still are trying to figure out why St. Louis selected Colorado State quarterback Kelly Stouffer with the sixth pick of the draft when so many better athletes were available. They're also wondering why the Cardinals weren't able to deal starting quarterback Neil Lomax, a player coveted by many teams.

"Especially," said one NFL scout, "when you look around the league and see the teams with quarterback problems. They had so many teams to look to."

"I can't understand what's going on," said backup Cardinal quarterback Cliff Stoudt. "I'm sure there will be a second part to this." Like, perhaps, the Raiders trading their No. 1 in 1988 for Lomax, 28.

Meanwhile people in St. Louis still are talking about the Cardinals' fifth-round pick, Ilia Jarostchuk, a defensive lineman from New Hampshire. Jarostchuk, a first generation American, played on the same college line with his brothers Alex and Basil. Together they were known as "The Russian Front."

BRONCO BUSTING: The Cowboys still are steaming about a draft day trade that never

happened. Before Denver made its third-round pick, the Cowboys called and offered a deal that would enable them to trade up and select Fresno State wide receiver Stephen "The Touchdown Maker" Baker.

But there wasn't enough time to iron out the details. So Dallas told the Broncos to pick Baker and they would work out the details later. But Denver was so flustered by the situation, it missed the deadline and had to pass. The Giants took advantage by grabbing Baker. Denver, on the next pick, chose LSU linebacker Michael Brooks, a player who also interested the Cowboys but wound up out in the cold.

"Yes, I'm upset about it," said Dallas general manager Tex Schramm, who hinted the division-rival Giants knew what was going on all along. "It's quite unusual that the Giants would have that player and, for the only time in the draft, make that choice

instantaneously. It leads you to believe they had some knowledge of what was going on. I don't blame them. My complaint is with the league personnel."

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