

# Steelers make move toward youth

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PITTSBURGH (AP) — If the Pittsburgh Steelers have a motto this season, now-departed wide receiver Greg Hawthorne can be thanked.

"Youth is in around here," Hawthorne said last week after being traded to the New England Patriots — and two more Steelers' veterans found out yesterday exactly what Hawthorne meant.

Tom Besley, a six-year defensive end from Virginia Tech who started all but one game last season, and second-year wide receiver Paul Skansi were released as the Steelers reached the NFL's mandated 49-man roster limit.

Nine players were waived and two others, linebacker L.E. Madison and offensive tackle Russell Graham, were placed on the injured reserve list. Placed on waivers were cornerbacks Lou Rash and Clemon Williams, tight end Darrell Nelson, linebackers Terry Echols and Ike Gordon, free safety Mike Sutton and running back Fernandez "Scoop" Gillespie, plus Besley and Skansi.

Since training camp opened last month, the Steelers have traded away or axed 13 veterans, including running back Franco Harris. Eighteen veterans are gone since the Steelers lost five of their last six games in 1983.

Harris, in a stunning development, was placed on waivers last week during a month-long holdout and still has not been signed by another team, despite being just 363 yards shy of the NFL's career rushing record.

The wholesale roster shuffling came just weeks after two more veterans, quarterback Terry Bradshaw and cornerback Mel Blain, announced their retirements.

"This is a young football team with potential," said Coach Chuck Noll. "Our whole problem is reaching that potential. We have some young players who want to play very badly and now we're going to play the season to find out if we can."

The Steelers will take 12 rookies into Sunday's opener against the Kansas City Chiefs, including three free agents.

Among the rookies who survived the roster cuts are four running backs, draft choices Rich Erenberg and Elton Veals and free agents Todd Spencer and Anthony Corley, and two wide receivers, first-round draft choice Louis Lipps and fourth-round pick Weegie Thompson.

"Frank (Pollard) and Walter (Abercrombie), at this stage, will start (at running back)," Noll said. "But we have no thoughts of not putting in the young kids. We've confidence in them or they wouldn't be here with us."

Rookies were the Steelers' top five rushers in the pre-season, led by Veals with 114 yards and Erenberg with 113 yards. Erenberg will return kickoffs.

Spencer, a former Southern Cal back, ran for 110 yards and a 5.5 average and had a long touchdown run last week against the New York Giants called back by a penalty.

Corley, from Nevada-Reno, scored a pair of touchdowns against the Dallas Cowboys.

Lipps was perhaps the Steelers' most productive offensive player, catching nine passes for 115 yards and returning 22 punts for a 12.2 average.

The drafting of Lipps and Thompson made expendable Skansi, a fifth-round choice from Washington who landed just three passes last season and averaged under nine yards per return on punts.

But the departure of the 6-5, 250-pound Besley was somewhat more surprising, since he started all but one game in the last two seasons. He didn't play his way off the roster, but didn't make it because he couldn't play with a hamstring injury suffered on the opening day of training camp.

"You can't make the club in the tub," explained Coach Chuck Noll.

# NFL teams near 49-player limit; Vikings cut veteran back Young

By The Associated Press

Veteran running back Rickey Young, who chalked up nearly 7,000 yards in total offense in nine seasons with the San Diego Chargers and Minnesota Vikings, was among the NFL clubs continued to trim down to the 49-man roster for opening day.

Young, who accumulated 3,665 rushing yards and 3,285 on 408 pass receptions, was one of eight Vikings players cut.

Also cut by the Vikings were defensive lineman James "Duck" White, kicker Rick Danmeier, defensive back Mardy McDole, free-agent wide receiver Billy Waddy, center Bob Sebro, offensive lineman Jerry Baker and rookie linebacker Eddie Simmons.

Danmeier, one of the best straight-ahead kickers who had 364 points in five seasons, was beaten out by 41-year-old veteran Jan Stenerud.

The Seattle Seahawks announced 10 cuts, including five veterans: nose tackle Robert Hardy, offensive guard Bill Dugan, offensive tackle Matt Hernandez, quar-

terback Steve Wray and linebacker Jerome Boyd.

The Cincinnati Bengals transferred two active players to the injured reserve list to recall two rookie free agents who had been cut Monday, linebacker Brian Piltman and wide receiver Clay Pickering. Strong safety Bobby Kemp and offensive lineman Mike Obrovac went on the injured reserve list.

The Denver Broncos put veteran linebacker Bob Swenson and recently acquired quarterback Scott Brunner on the injured reserve list and recalled two players waived a day earlier — running back Jesse Myles and safety Roger Jackson.

The Washington Redskins placed rookie defensive tackle Bob Slater on the injured reserve list along with veteran tight end Clint Didier and safety Ken Coffey.

Slater, a second-round draft choice out of Oklahoma, injured his left knee in the final exhibition game against New Orleans. Slater, Didier and Coffey will all be out of action for at least four weeks.

Fourth-season quarterback Rusty Lisch and six rookies were

among the roster cuts made by the St. Louis Cardinals. Lisch, a product of Notre Dame, was picked up by the Chicago Bears following his release by the Cardinals.

Three players cut from the Miami Dolphins were recalled Tuesday: safety Bud Brown, wide receiver Porranza Burgess and linebacker Sanders Shiver. Brown was an 11th round draft choice from Southern Mississippi.

Burgess was picked up as a free agent out of Morris Brown College and Shiver was a free agent signed in May after his release from the Indianapolis Colts.

"We couldn't let a hitter like that get away," said Miami Coach Don Shula, referring to Brown. "It was the longest of long shots but he kept continuing to do things to get our attention."

The Philadelphia Eagles placed tackle Rusty Russell on the injured reserve list and recalled quarter-

back Bob Holly, who cleared waivers. In Pontiac, Mich., the Detroit Lions acquired fullback Mike Meade on waivers and cut veteran running back Rick Kane.

# Upsets kick off U.S. Open

By BOB GREENE  
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NEW YORK — Sixth-seeded Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria and No. 10 Jo Durie of Great Britain were upset yesterday on the opening day of the U.S. Open Tennis Championships.

All of the other seeded players who saw action in the \$2.5 million tournament on the hard courts at the National Tennis Center advanced into the second round, although young Aaron Krickstein barely escaped an upset bid.

In a late match, Chris Evert Lloyd, a six-time U.S. Open winner who is seeded second in the women's singles this year, took on Sharon Walsh.

Maleeva, suffering from leg cramps, fell to Petra Delhees of Switzerland 6-1, 5-7, 7-5, while Australia's Anne Minter ousted Durie 2-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Krickstein, who at 17 is the youngest player to be seeded in the men's singles since America's premier tennis event was opened to professionals in 1968, barely squeezed into the second round when Bruce Manson retired with leg cramps in the fifth set.

Manson quickly grabbed the opening two sets before Krickstein rallied to win the third-set tiebreaker 7-1.

The No. 8 seed from Grosse Pointe, Mich., then took the fourth set 6-2 and had a 4-0 advantage when Manson was forced to retire.

No. 5 Andres Gomez of Ecuador downed Israel's Shlomo Glickstein 6-3, 6-1, 6-3; No. 7 Johan Kriek topped qualifier Glenn Layendecker 7-6, 6-2, 6-0; No. 9 Henrik Sundstrom of Sweden ousted Wojtek Fibak of Poland 7-5, 2-6, 6-0, 6-3; No. 10 Eliot Teltscher defeated Switzerland's Heinz Günthard 7-6, 6-2, 6-7, 6-3; No. 12 Vitas Gerulaitis easily crushed South Africa's Derek Tarr 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, and No. 15 Pat Cash eliminated 38-year-old Iie Nastase of Romania 6-3, 7-5, 6-1.

In the women's singles, No. 3 Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia advanced to the second round by downing Brazil's Fat Medrado 6-1, 4-6, 6-2; No. 7 Zina Garrison topped Sabrina Goleš of Yugoslavia 6-3, 6-4; No. 14 Carling Bassett of Canada ousted Australia's Elizabeth Sayers 6-4, 6-2, and No. 16 Andrea Temesvari of Hungary defeated South African Rosalyn Fairbank 7-6, 5-6, 6-3.

Durie was serving for the match at 5-3 in the third set. But Minter broke the Brit's serve at love, then staved off three match points in the 10th game to hold her own service.

# Eagles place Russell on injured list

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles yesterday placed tackle Rusty Russell on the injured reserve list and recalled quarter-

back Bob Holly, who cleared waivers, a son with one of the Eagles' five free reactivations after he sits out at least four weeks, Eagles spokesman Ron

Howard said. Holly, who was put on waivers Monday, was acquired by the Eagles Aug. 14 from the Washington Redskins for an undisclosed 1983 draft pick. He did not play in the Eagles' final two preseason games.

Carolina, broke his foot in training camp July 19. Because he was placed on the final 49-player roster Monday, he can be recalled at any time during the season with one of the Eagles' five free reactivations after he sits out at least four weeks, Eagles spokesman Ron

# Witherspoon threatens not to fight

By TIM DAHLBERG  
AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Tim Witherspoon, who said he received only \$45,000 for winning the World Boxing Council heavyweight title and is now broke, threatened yesterday to pull out of his title defense Friday night against Pinklon Thomas.

Promoter Don King, after meeting with Witherspoon, said "everything is resolved," and added that the fight will go on.

"Witherspoon has an inflated belief of what he's worth," said King. "We just explained to him what the real basics of reality is," King said of the meeting. "I'm going into this fight as a loser. I'm only doing this to help these guys get known so they might have some value to try and make some money later."

Witherspoon, who is scheduled to receive \$450,000 for his first title defense, says he'll be lucky to end up with \$50,000 of it once his manager, King's son Carl, and the Internal Revenue Service get their cuts.

"If we don't square it, I'm not going to fight," he said before the meeting with King. "I think he can't afford to let me walk away like this. It's pennies compared to him. All I'm asking for is to come out of this with \$250,000."

Witherspoon said \$90,000 of his \$450,000 purse will go for training expenses, while the younger King will get \$225,000 under a contract he

signed two years ago with the promoter and his son.

"My manager gets half of my purses and that's for doing nothing," he claimed. "I very rarely even see him; I rarely talk to him. I even have an attorney and negotiate my own money. He doesn't even do that."

But King defended the practice of splitting the purse between Witherspoon and his son, saying Witherspoon would never have had a chance to fight for the title if it weren't for him.

"He got there because he's got Carl King as a manager and, since Carl is my son, I have a preference for dealing with him," said King. "A year and a half ago, Timmy was starving. His manager sold his contract to Carl and Carl paid him for it."

The purse split came about, said King, because he has invested money in the fight. Witherspoon was expected to be submitted today.

Witherspoon, who won the vacant title in March in a 12-round decision over Greg Page, fought his way into prominence in the division when he lost a controversial split decision to Larry Holmes in May 1983, a fight many thought Witherspoon had won.

Witherspoon received \$200,000 for fighting Page for the crown Holmes vacated when he resigned to fight for the International Boxing Federation, but said after paying Carl King and repaying loans to Don King he ended up with \$45,000 of it.

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Management Club meeting, 7 p.m., Room 217 Willard.

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Alpha Phi Omega meeting, 7 p.m., Room 225 EEW.

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