

# Campo new Cowboys coach

## Dallas still must hire offensive, defensive coordinator

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Dave Campo was hired Wednesday as coach of the Dallas Cowboys, putting a low-profile guy into one of the highest-profile jobs in pro sports.

Campo, the Cowboys' defensive coordinator since 1995, has been with the team since Jerry Jones bought it in 1989. Campo is among the group of assistant coaches Jimmy Johnson brought with him from the University of Miami.

"I feel like I'm family in this organization," Campo said.

He's only the fifth coach the Cowboys have ever had and, like the other four, this is his first time running the show for an NFL team. His predecessor, Chan Gailey, is the only one who didn't win a Super Bowl.

Dallas hasn't been a contender for championships lately. The Cowboys have won only one playoff game since the last title in 1995, and they're 24-24 in the past three seasons with two first-round playoff losses.

Dallas was 8-8 last year, mainly because of problems on offense. Campo's unit allowed just 13 points in four of the losses, which is why he believes a quick turnaround is possible.

"I could quote a lot of statistics here, but let me give you just one: The Tennessee Titans were 8-8 last year, and they're playing in the Super Bowl," he said.

Campo, 52, was given a five-year contract worth \$800,000 to \$1 million per season. That's the same length as Gailey's deal, but for more money.

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Gailey also was the offensive coordinator, but Jones said Campo won't wear two hats. New offensive and defensive coordinators could be hired as soon as Thursday.

New England Quarterbacks Coach Jack Reilly, who had the same job in Dallas in 1997, is the front-runner to lead the offense. The top candidate for the defensive job is Secondary Coach Mike Zimmer. Campo spent six seasons overseeing the secondary before becoming coordinator.

Jones' 15-day search for a coach hardly extended outside team headquarters, but he described it Wednesday as "a thorough, thorough decision on my part."

He said the decision was between Campo and Special Teams Coach Joe Avezzano.

Cowboys followers know Avezzano as a vein-bulging screamer who stalks the sidelines. Less is known about Campo, because he spent the last five years working from the coaches box.

But players say Campo — whose

small size, glasses and graying blonde hair make him look more like a college professor than a coach — can be just as fiery.

"He may only be 5-6 or 5-7, but he really gets after guys," safety Darren Woodson said.

Campo's long relationship with Jones should come in handy considering the authority the owner-general manager wields.

"Jerry and I have the same philosophy and that's to win the Super Bowl," Campo said. "We've been together and we know how we each think. I think that makes it a little easier."

Campo and Kicking Coordinator Steve Hoffman are the only coaches remaining from Johnson's initial staff.

Campo is the fourth member of the Class of '89 to become an NFL boss, joining Dave Shula, Norv Turner and Dave Wannstedt. Butch Davis, who was defensive coordinator after Wannstedt and before Campo, is the coach at the University of Miami.

# Reserve lifts Creighton in overtime

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - Creighton center Alan Huss felt the averages eventually had to catch up to him and work in his favor.

The 6-foot-9 junior scored a career-high 15 points, including five in overtime, Wednesday night to lead the Bluejays past Northern Iowa 77-73.

Huss, who was 7-for-7 from the field, topped his previous high of 11, which he scored last week against Southwest Missouri State, and nearly tripled his season average of 3.1 points per game.

"I'm probably just balancing out

from the beginning of the year," Huss said. "Tonight I guess the ball kind of bounced my way a couple of times."

Terrell Taylor scored 13 and Ryan Sears and Matt West each finished with 10 points for the Jays (13-6 overall, 5-4 Missouri Valley), who scored the first seven points in overtime and sealed the win by going 6-for-6 from the free-throw line in the extra period.

Huss, who sat briefly during the overtime period for defensive purposes, drew a standing ovation when he returned to the floor in the final minute.

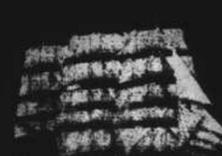
"I'm not used to it but I hope it happens more," Huss said.

Corey Jenkins led the Panthers (11-7, 4-4) with 21 points. Kelvin Hill added 14, Joe Breakenridge 13 and Aaron Middendorf finished with 10 points for UNI.

Northern Iowa lost despite shooting nearly 60 percent (28-for-47) and fell to 1-4 on the road in MVC games.

"We just did some silly things in the O.T., and they came back and scored each time," Jenkins said. "We just need to keep at it hard and the road wins will come."

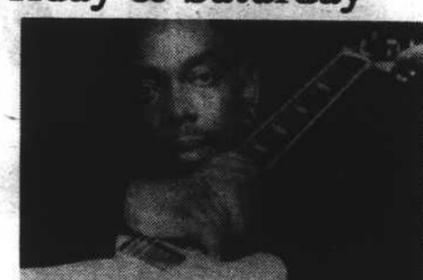
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