

Dallas Drafts Maier

Northern Arizona University's leading receiver last season, flanker Steve Maier, was drafted in the sixth round of the professional football draft yesterday, by the Dallas Cowboys.

Maier stands third on the all-time pass receiving at NAU with over 80 catches. Last season he grabbed 40 for 969 yards and six touchdowns.

He also carried the ball, as a running back, last season 20 times against Weber State for a total of 96 yards.

Two other Arizona players were picked up yesterday in the draft.

J. D. Hill, Arizona State, went on the fourth pick of the first round when Buffalo made him their choice. Hill was picked "Most Valuable Player" in the Senior Bowl game this year.

Defensive end Bill McKinley, University of Arizona, went to the Buffalo Bill's also in the sixth round of the draft.

A former Lumberjack, Al Clark, who played as a defensive back during the 1969 campaign, and then transferred to Eastern Michigan, was picked up by the Detroit Lions in the third round.

Standord's Jim Plunkett, Mississippi's Archie Manning and Santa Clara's Dan Pastorini, best-in-breed of college football's blue-ribbon senior quarterbacks, were the 1-2-3 first-round picks, as expected, in Thursday's opening session of the NFL draft.

But before another signal-caller got the call, two rounds and five hours later, a series of significant trades—four of them shifting NFL quarterbacks and another involving no less than seven players and eight draft choices - commandeered the spotlight.

Running backs and defensive backs were dominant throughout the remainder of the first round, with Kansas' John Riggins (New York Jets), Ohio State's John Brockington (Green Bay) and Jack Tatum (Oakland), and North Carolina's Don McCauley (Baltimore) among the prominent draftees.

The selectors didn't tap another quarterback until Round 3, when Houston selected Kansas State's Lynn Dickey to complement, and challenge Pastorini. Dickey was the 56th of 182 players chosen in the seven rounds completed Thursday. Ten more rounds, involving 260 players, were to complete the marathon today.

Atlanta picked Duke quarterback Leo Hart a few minutes

after Dickey was chosen. A pair of college division standouts, Ken Anderson of Augustana, Ill., and Karl Douglas of Texas A&I, also went in the third round, to Cincinnati and Baltimore's Super Bowl champs, respectively.

Miami finally tapped Notre Dame All-American Joe Theismann in the fourth round as the 99th over-all pick. Alabama's Scott Hunter went to Green Bay and Boston College's Frank Harris to Detroit in Round 6.

Buddy Lee of Louisiana State, taken by Chicago in Round 7, was the 11th and last quarterback pick of the 11½-hour session.

The four quarterback trades further established that the pro clubs are unwilling to gamble on newcomers, although half of them went into the draft openly seeking help at the key position.

The Vikings picked up Snead, who completed 54 percent of his passes last season for 2,323 yards and 15 touchdown in exchange for tackle Steve Smith, two draft choices this year and another in 1972.

Philadelphia filled the gap, hopefully, with Barton, who had thrown just one, incomplete pass for Detroit in three pro seasons—two of them as a taxi squad member—and was playing out his option.

Horn, a four-year pro, went from Green Bay to Denver in return for defensive end Alden Roche. The clubs also exchanging first round draft picks.

Bratkowski, who was on Minnesota's player list although he has been an assistant Green Bay coach for the past two seasons, returned to the Packers' roster in exchange for a future draft choice.

In a similar transaction Washington gave the Packers a fifth round draft choice for the playing rights to wide receiver Boyd Dowler, an Allen coaching aide at Los Angeles last year.

The Packers also sent running back Travis Williams to the Rams in a deal involving draft choices and Buffalo dealt running back Bill Enyart to Oakland for defensive back Alvin Wyatt, with draft picks thrown in on both sides.