

## Hambrick: 'I don't take second to anyone'

### Wednesday's morning practice report

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SAN ANTONIO - Cowboys coach Bill Parcells said Wednesday morning that he wouldn't have a problem using a "running back-by-committee" scheme. Troy Hambrick, who has launched a very public campaign to become Emmitt Smith's successor, was diplomatic when he first heard the news, saying the Cowboys had a versatile group of running backs.

Then Hambrick said what he was really feeling.

Responding to Parcells' running back-by-committee comments, Hambrick said, "It will change. I came here to do it. I don't take second to anyone."

Hambrick made his comments following Wednesday afternoon's practice. Parcells won his second Super Bowl with the Giants in 1990 using Ottis Anderson, Dave Meggett, Lewis Tillman and Rodney Hampton at running back and Maurice Carthon at fullback.

"I know it can work," Parcells said.

The Cowboys have brought in an interesting mix of running backs. Veteran fullback Richie Anderson is known for his hands. Aveion Cason, who came over in a trade from Detroit, has shown great quickness, and Michael Wiley might be the fastest player in the group. Hambrick is more of a power running back. He has a 4.7 yards-per-carry average the past two seasons.

"People know I can get five or six yards," Hambrick said. "But there are a lot of other things I can do as well."

Parcells said he was already noticing improvement at the running back position. He's been rotating running backs in after almost every play during team scrimmages.

"We didn't bring a great number of backs to training camp," Parcells said. "We probably should've brought in another guy. But if we get through this first week, I'll probably be glad that I have what I have because it's given me a good chance to look at pretty much everybody."

## CAMPFIRES

**Bill Parcells** spent a lot of extra time talking to **Quincy Carter** during the morning practice. Once, Parcells held up a play because Carter let the play clock expire. But he also spent several minutes talking to Carter about the importance of knowing his personnel.

Parcells talked about how certain players must have the ball hit their hands while others can almost get to anything. He used his former receiver, **Keyshawn Johnson**, as an example of a player who can catch any ball.

"Certain guys will bat it up in the air," Parcells said. "You have to be careful."

Several players have talked about trying to avoid the Parcells glare. Linebacker **Markus Steele** said he's never feared having his name called this much...Parcells spent several minutes talking to guard **Larry Allen** during Tuesday afternoon's practice. Allen had thrown his helmet after a drill. On Wednesday, Parcells would only say that Allen needed to get in better condition.

"And he's not alone," Parcells said.

## TALENT SHOW

Rookie **Aaron Boone** made the catch of the day on a fade route from **Quincy Carter**. Boone, a free agent from Kentucky, made a leaping grab to beat **Don McGee** in the corner of the end zone. ... **Clint Stoerner** let **Joey Galloway** run under a perfect 55-yard pass, causing the biggest reaction from the crowd. ... Fullback **Jamar Martin** caught a pass and then shook off a big hit from linebacker **Louis Mackey**. ... The best collision of the morning came when tackle **Joe Johnson** pulled out and decked rookie cornerback **Terence Newman**, who then jumped up and shouted "got to let

them know” a couple of times to fellow defensive backs **Roy Williams** and **Darren Woodson** ... Williams and Woodson laughed and then shouted encouragement to Newman. ... Newman also picked off a pass during the practice.

## MORNING ACTIVITIES

Receiver **Randal Williams** was out of town Wednesday to be with his wife, who gave birth to their child. He is expected to return for Thursday's morning practice. Rookie free-agent defensive end **Darrell Wright** broke a bone in his left hand Wednesday, but Parcels said he would be back by the afternoon practice. ... The Cowboys will be back in the Alamodome for Wednesday afternoon's practice. ... The team will practice outdoors again Thursday morning.

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