

WEDNESDAY'S TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AL

- DETROIT TIGERS—Signed Alan Trammell, shortstop, to a one-year contract.
- TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Signed Ruben Amaro, Jr., outfielder, to a minor-league contract.

NL

- CHICAGO CUBS—Signed Leo Gomez and Bret Barberie, infielders, to minor-league contracts.

ML

- ROCKFORD CUBBIES—Named Gerald Clarke director of ticket operations.

BASKETBALL

ATLANTIC BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

- SCRANTON WILKES-BARRE MINERS—Signed Jimmie Davis, guard.

UNITED STATES BASKETBALL LEAGUE

- USBL—Awarded an expansion franchise to Tampa, Fla., to be called the Tampa Bay Windjammers.
- TAMPA BAY WINDJAMMERS—Named Tom Larkin chairman-general counsel, Richard Avis president, and Jonard Solic general manager.

FOOTBALL

NFL

- MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Named Foge Fazio defensive coordinator.

HOCKEY

NHL

- BUFFALO SABRES—Assigned Andrei Trefilov, goaltender, to Rochester of the AHL for a two-week conditioning period.
- COLORADO AVALANCHE—Recalled Aaron Miller, defenseman, from Cornwall of the AHL.
- OTTAWA SENATORS—Named Jacques Martin coach.

AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

- ADIRONDACK RED WINGS—Recalled Troy Neumeier, defenseman, from Toledo of the ECHL.
- BINGHAMTON RANGERS—Recalled Shawn Reid, defenseman, from Charlotte of the ECHL.
- SAINT JOHN FLAMES—Sent Darren Ritchie, right wing, to South Carolina of the ECHL.

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

- ATLANTA KNIGHTS—Sent Blair Scott, defenseman, to Cape Breton of the AHL.
- LOS ANGELES ICE DOGS—Reassigned George Maneluk, goalie, to Louisiana of the ECHL.

EAST COAST HOCKEY LEAGUE

- BIRMINGHAM BULLS—Suspended Steve Chelios, defenseman.
- DAYTON BOMBERS—Loaned Brian Renthew, goaltender, to Michigan of the IHL. Signed Chad Black, goaltender.
- JACKSONVILLE LIZARD KINGS—Waived Jeff Pawluk, center.
- NASHVILLE KNIGHTS—Added Ryan Brown, defenseman, to the roster from Atlanta of the IHL. Loaned Algars Cipruss, forward, to Atlanta.
- SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS—Placed Mikal Volkov, right wing, on the 30-day injured reserve list.
- TALLAHASSEE TIGER SHARKS—Added Chris George, forward, to the roster.

COLLEGE

- DELAWARE VALLEY—Named Sonda Stoczko volleyball coach.
- Named Kevin Doherty women's soccer coach.
- DUKE—Named Bob Trott defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach.
- IONA—Extended the contract of Tim Welsh, men's basketball coach, for three years.

Star: Smith defeats physical flaws with competitive heart

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card route through the playoffs.

In the second quarter, Smith was knocked to the turf, his right shoulder separated. He re-entered the game as the Giants rallied from a 13-0 deficit to tie it at 13.

Then, in overtime, he took over despite what he calls "the most pain I've ever had." Carrying the ball and catching it, he was a one-man show as the Cowboys drove for the winning field goal, finishing with 168 yards in 32 carries and 10 catches for 61 yards.

Without that win, the Cowboys probably would not have won their second Super Bowl — they would have had to play the next week and Smith probably couldn't have played.

"I never want to experience that kind of pain again," said Smith, who later underwent surgery for the injury.

"But that's what you're in the NFL for: to play games like this. If you're a player dedicated to get-

ting the job done, you have to get the job done whenever you're number is called."

That's what makes him special.

His physical ability is only marginally better than other good NFL backs — it kept him from being picked higher than 17th overall in the 1990 draft. He was the second running back chosen, behind Blair Thomas, who was taken by the New York Jets at No. 2.

But Smith does have several physical attributes.

"It's balance. Every great runner has it. You hit him from the side and he just bounces to the next hole. And it's strength, he has super-strong legs," said Marv Levy, whose Buffalo Bills lost to the Cowboys in two Super Bowls.

"But most of all it's a competitive heart. It's what separates the good players from the great ones."

There are other factors, of course, like height or the lack of it.

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