

Emotional Aikman announces his retirement

By Jaime Aron
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IRVING, Texas — As always, Troy Aikman came to Texas Stadium with his game face on.

He brought an inch-thick stack of index cards and enough family and friends to fill a ballroom. Banners from the three Super Bowls he won hung from the hole-in-the-roof visible behind him.

But when it came time to talk about the end of his 12-year career, the usually unflappable quarterback was overcome by emotion.

A few sentences into his nearly 1 1/2-hour retirement news confer-

ence Monday, Aikman put down the cards, took a breath and dragged a finger beneath and above his left eye.

"You watch and you think your time will never come," Aikman said slowly. "And my time's come."

Aikman called it a career 33 days after being waived by the Dallas Cowboys.

While he believes he can still be a starting quarterback in the NFL, the right job wasn't out there.

So rather than risk suffering an 11th concussion or taking another hit on his aching back, the 34-year-old Aikman ended his playing ca-

reer and is preparing to start another as a broadcaster.

"I know it's the right thing for me because of my health, concussions, the back problems I've had," Aikman said. "It took its toll."

Aikman is close to finalizing a deal with Fox to replace Matt Millen as the partner for play-by-play announcer Dick Stockton, an industry source told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. An announcement could come as early as Tuesday, the source said.

Aikman's life is rapidly changing. He recently moved to California and in late August his wife is

due to have their first child. The couple also is raising an 11-year-old daughter from her previous marriage.

"I wanted to play. I just can't do that anymore," Aikman said. "I think when all things are considered it was the right thing for me and my family."

Aikman bit his lip as Cowboys owner Jerry Jones introduced the first player he ever drafted and reminisced about the rise of the team and the quarterback.

Before he turned the microphone over to Aikman, Jones presented a video prepared by NFL Films. It be-

gan with home movies from Aikman's youth and featured great moments from his career.

Aikman told about going to the Green Bay Packers' final game in 1988 and rooting for them to win so Dallas would have the top pick in the draft. The Packers won and, before leaving the stadium, Aikman bought a Cowboys cap.

Dallas made Aikman the first pick in 1989 and also drafted Daryl Johnston, Mark Stepnoski and Tony Tolbert.

Aikman anchored the Cowboys teams that won the 1992, '93 and '95 Super Bowls.

Blazers' Wells declared out for season with injury

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PORTLAND — Bonzi Wells, the talented guard who bumped Steve Smith from the Portland Trail Blazers' starting lineup, will miss the rest of the season with a knee injury.

Wells has a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

Monday's announcement was a huge blow for the struggling Blazers, who have lost 11 of 17 games to fall from first place in the Western Conference overall standings to sixth. The team also is dealing with

the departure of reserve forward Shawn Kemp, who is seeking treatment for cocaine abuse and won't return this season.

Wells, the team's third-leading scorer behind Rasheed Wallace and Smith, was hurt in the second quarter of Friday night's 31-point rout of Golden State. He crashed to the floor while going up for a pass from Damon Stoudamire. It appeared Wells' left foot came down on the instep of his right foot as he was trying to get past a defender.

The injury came when the Blazers

had the game in hand against the out-matched Warriors. But Portland, having lost three straight games, wanted a convincing victory. The Blazers led by as many as 47 points and won by 31.

At first, the Blazers thought Wells' knee was sprained. But it had swelled since, and a tear in the ACL was found during a more thorough examination Monday afternoon.

Wells' teammates and coach Mike Dunleavy didn't know the extent of the injury after finishing practice earlier in the day, but they seemed to sense it was serious.

"It'll definitely be a blow," point guard Stoudamire said. "Bonzi is one of the only guys on this team that can really get easy buckets. He brings a lot of enthusiasm to the game, and it'll hurt us. We have to just find some way to overcome it."

Coach Mike Dunleavy wasn't ready to think about losing one of his best offensive players.

"I really don't want to even go there," he said. "But if it were the case, that's 53 percent field-goal shooting percentage out of your lineup, and that's obviously tough."

At 24, Wells is the youngest player in the Blazers' rotation, and he's dangerous in the open court. The former Ball State star has had a breakout third season in the NBA, averaging 12.7 points and 4.9 rebounds. He has made 53.3 percent of his shots, second in the league only to Shaquille O'Neal's 57.3 percent.

Wells filled in for Smith as the starting shooting guard against Vancouver on Dec. 29, when Smith had the flu. Wells scored 14 points on 7-of-10 shooting, and Smith didn't start again until Sunday's game at Sacramento.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 10). Ever been to Tahiti? Bora Bora? Paris? Madrid? Pick one, or all, or choose your own destination. Save this year, and then you soar. The planning comes in April. Make the choice in May. Learn the language in June. Put together provisions and supplies in July. From then through November, accumulate wealth. Then, in December, it's bon voyage! You'll have new friends by February, perhaps in a whole new environment.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Get serious and take care of business today. Pay your bills and stash some extra cash into your savings account. Then, when you figure you've been good long enough, boogie.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — You and your mate or partner need to have a serious discussion. Sure, you want the best, but part of that plan may take a while. Luckily you're both good at deferring gratification. If not, this will be good practice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — It's been hard to talk about a work-related matter, but that will soon change. It's best to stay mum just a little while longer. Give plans a while to gel. You can discuss it with a distant friend who's in the know, but nobody else.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — Confer with your sweetheart and/or kids — together, you can make a tough job easy. Why should you have to do everything all by yourself? That's no fun, and it's inefficient.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Just a couple more stumbling blocks to get past, and you'll have it made. Don't expect to get an increase in your allowance; you'll have to make do with what you have. Don't worry: You can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — You hardly ever ask for a personal day off. Today could be right for one, but there are also things at home that demand attention. Is there

anywhere else you can hide? In a couple of weeks, you'll be the lucky one. Hang in there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — You'll run out of money before your imagination runs dry. But that's no problem — there are books that tell you how to get or make everything you need. Can't make it or afford it? Then you don't need it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Pushing won't get you where you want to go. Consider the tide. What happens when you push against it? You end up back where you started. You can cover some distance if you take it at an angle, though.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — An interesting situation could develop at work. You could get a change of instructions in mid-project. This could be due to an error or a whim. Don't waste time worrying about who's to blame. Be alert, and let your lightning-fast reflexes save the day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 5 — Don't rip into a new project, even if you're being urged to do so. You're not quite ready yet. The more planning you do now, the fewer catastrophes later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — First you have to pass some sort of exam or inspection. You already know what's expected; it's the same as always, so try not to stir things up. You can do that later, with your friends. They'll be in the mood to party, even on a Tuesday night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — Something you've recently learned in your personal life can be applied to your career. It's not information as much as an attitude. By acting like you can do anything, you might get a chance to try something new. You'll learn quickly, so don't worry.

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