



Bowen hoping to elicit players' best

Defensive coordinator had knack back in college, McCarney says

By Brett Vito
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Dan McCarney first noticed Clint Bowen back when he was the head coach at Iowa State.

McCarney saw some of the best defensive backs in the country every week back then while coaching in the Big 12, and Bowen was nothing like any of them — at least from a physical standpoint.

Bowen wasn't particularly big. He wasn't very fast either.

What Bowen was — in McCarney's opinion — was a pretty good football player who squeezed every ounce of

North Texas football

production out of his natural abilities.

That trait is one that Bowen carried over to the coaching profession, which is the reason McCarney felt comfortable turning over North Texas' defense to that spunky defensive back who gave him fits all those years ago.

"Clint Bowen is one of those future stars [in coaching]," McCarney said. "How do I know that? I coached against him in the Big 12 when he was playing and couldn't run any faster than I could and was still one of the better safeties in the Big 12. And then he was a co-defensive coordinator and took a mediocre Kansas program and helped make it an Orange Bowl champion. When you see it built right first-

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"There is absolutely potential for this team to improve," says Clint Bowen, the Mean Green's defensive coordinator and safeties coach.

Sweet victory



Kelly Kraft of Denton kisses his championship trophy after the final round at the U.S. Amateur tournament Sunday in Erin, Wis. Kraft defeated UCLA's Patrick Cantlay 2-up to win the tournament.

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Denton's Kraft bests UCLA star Cantlay to win U.S. Amateur

By Chris Jenkins
Associated Press

ERIN, Wis. — As if beating a top-ranked opponent to win the U.S. Amateur championship wasn't enough, Denton's Kelly Kraft got some more good news even before he walked off the 18th green.

With his victory over UCLA star Patrick Cantlay at Erin Hills on Sunday, Kraft also earned a spot on the U.S. Walker Cup team.

Kraft, a 2007 Ryan graduate, beat Cantlay 2-up

Golf

U.S. Amateur

in the 36-hole final Sunday, taking down the No. 1 player in the world amateur rankings. Both finalists will receive a spot in next year's U.S. Open, and both traditionally are invited to the Masters. As the winner, the 22-year-old Kraft also gets a spot in the British Open.

That's provided both players keep their amateur

status, something Kraft seemed to be leaning toward.

"I mean, I definitely want to play in the Masters," Kraft said. "That's something I have to think about."

Kraft just finished his senior season at SMU — several former teammates were on hand to cheer him on Sunday — but he definitely was the lesser-known player in the final.

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Texas rallies over Angels

Hamilton breaks out of slump with homer, RBI

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Josh Hamilton broke out of a slump with a long two-run homer and the tiebreaking RBI single for the AL West-leading Rangers, who rallied for a 9-5 victory over the chasing Los Angeles Angels.

Rangers

Rangers 9, Angels 5

Hamilton's homer in the third off Jered Weaver tied the game at 4, and his single in the seventh put the Rangers ahead 6-5. The reigning AL MVP had been 3 for 21 on the homestand without an RBI the past four games.

Texas (76-59) had lost seven of 10 games, watching its division lead against the Angels shrink from seven games to two, before winning the finale against the Angels. The AL West's top two teams don't play again until a three-game series on the West Coast to end the regular season.

Darren Oliver (5-5) pitched a scoreless inning in relief of starter Colby Lewis before the Rangers knocked Weaver (15-7) out of the game.

Texas had already started the seventh against Weaver with David Murphy's double and an RBI single by Ian Kinsler before Elvis Andrus popped up a bunt that landed on the grass, then rolled into the dirt and came to a dead stop on the chalk line for an infield single instead of a sacrifice.

Weaver threw his head back in disbelief at the misfortune even before manager Mike Scioscia came out to make the pitching change.

Hamilton greeted reliever Scott Downs with a single to right and Michael Young was intentionally walked to load the bases with no outs. Pinch-hitter Endy Chavez delivered a

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Gurode's job as Cowboys center could be in jeopardy

By David Moore
The Dallas Morning News

No center in Cowboys history has been to more Pro Bowls than Andre Gurode.

And the club appears perfectly content to cut ties with him for a player who has only one NFL start

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and is on the sidelines at the moment with a sprained posterior cruciate ligament.

A lot of coaches talk about how they ignore the number on the back of the jersey and evaluate ath-

letes on what they see in practice. Jason Garrett means it.

The head coach uses competition to create the accountability he demands. This means Phil Costa could force the issue with Gurode.

"Jason is doing an outstanding job of putting the emphasis on eval-

uating not what you've been awarded, not what your Pro Bowls are, but how you're playing right now," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said.

Gurode has two years remaining left on his contract with base salaries of \$5.5 and \$6.5 million.

Jones intended to meet with

Gurode on Sunday. The options: Gurode can agree to a reduced salary, he can be traded or he can be cut.

"We'll take it day by day and see how the situation plays out," Garrett said. "But we feel good about how the young guys have played."



Gurode