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This article is about the American football team from 1984-85. For more uses of the term gunslinger, see Gunslinger (Disambiguation). San Antonio, Texas, United StatesHome fieldAlamo StadiumLeagueUSFLConferenceWestern Conference Division Division Team History San Antonio Gunslingers (1984-1985) Team Colors Royal Blue, Kelly Green, Silver, White Head Coaches 1984 Gil Steinke (2-4) Owner(s) Owner(s) Owner(s) Owner(s) Owner(s) Owner(s) Clinton Manges The San Antonio Gunslingers was an American american football team from San Antonio, Texas, who played in the USFL in 1984 and 1985. Owned by oil tycoon Clinton Manges, the team played its home games at Alamo Stadium and its colors were kelly green, royal blue, silver and white. Rick Neuheisel was the team's guarterback. History In the 1984 season, the USFL decided to expand to 18 franchises to increase league capital. However, efforts to get to Minneapolis-St. Paul and Seattle fell through. San Antonio was mentioned as a possible expansion market, as rapid growth in the 1970s propelled it into the status of a major city. By 1984, nearly 800,000 people lived in San Antonio, the 11th-largest city in the United States. Nevertheless, a number of studies on possible new cities concluded that San Antonio, then as now, was considered a medium-sized market because the surrounding suburbs and rural areas were much smaller than the city itself. The owners were also somewhat skeptical of Mange's offer, not least because he planned to accommodate the team at Alamo Stadium, a Works Progress Administration project and high school stadium that seats only 18,000 people. Ultimately, there were fears that Manges would pursue a franchise in a league set up by the WFL, American Basketball Association, and World Hockey Association co-founder Dennis Murphy, and World Hockey Association co-founder Dennis Murphy tipped the scales in his favor. At the time, the flamboyant oil baron was a member of the Forbes 400 and was considered one of the richest men in Texas. The USFL did not want to risk losing its apparent fortune to a rival league. Ultimately, the league collapsed before it could start when the USFL had sought to avoid the mistakes of the unfortunate World Football League by requiring prospective owners to undergo detailed due diligence and requiring franchises to meet strict capitalization requirements. However, as the league had not initially planned to move to San Antonio, failed to carry out meaningful due diligence for Manges' original application. Once the franchises in Minnesota and Seattle fell through, the league had few options to fall back on if it had 18 teams for 1984 Campaign. With little time to investigate magnes' financial situation, league officials apparently concluded that its application involved little risk given the perceived wealth of the San Antonio owner. Despite – or perhaps because of – his apparent oil wealth, the league did not require Manges to make an initial investment (as is common with most major league sports franchises). [2] Instead, Manges seemed to take the team's costs out of his pocket when they came up. The result was an organization that was notoriously cheap, even by USFL standards. The front office was mainly staffed with friends and family. The team bus was an old San Antonio Independent School District bus with a faulty gas display; the driver had to check the tank manually. The Gunslingers had to add 14,000 folding chairs around the end zones to bring the stadium to the USFL's minimum capacity. The team office was located in a double-width trailer in the parking lot of the Alamo Stadium. [2] Manges hired local coaching legend Gil Steinke to lead the team as general manager and head coach. In 23 years at nearby Texas A& I, Steinke had a 195-63-5 record, including a 6-1 record in NAIA Championship games. Steinke, however, was out of the blue for nearly a decade and showed clear signs of mental deterioration. He often forgot plays and calls and lost himself in cities he supposedly knew well. [2] In a league with free-spending owners, Steinkes Gunslinger rarely had the advantage in the talent favor, but most of the games were very disciplined on the field, so they remained somewhat competitive despite the team's tight budget. 1984 Season The Gunslingers showed moments of offensive competence most games, but lacked the game breakers that other teams had. The team was populated with footballers, not athletes. If they scored, it would be a long, lengthy drive. The Gunslingers were an average frenetic team, although they back. QB Rick Neuheisel played solidly for the team, nickel and diming the team up and down the field, and the intense Bounty Hunter defense led by players like Jeff McIntyre, John Barefield, Peter Raeford, Rich D'Amico, Jim Bob Morris and Putt Choate kept the Gunslingers within striking distance almost every week. Remarkably, the team +13 in denumctors ---a sign of a well-trained team. Trainer/CEO Steinke managed to bring the modestly talented team to a 7-7 final after a 0-4 start and kept them in the playoff race until the final weeks of the season. The most enduring memory of the Gunslinger This first season, however, was when the lights went out at Alamo Stadium during their second game – and did not return for 48 minutes. According to Neuheisel, the head of the municipal energy supplier City Public Service has taken the electricity with him after a fall with They finished the game with temporary lights, although according to most reports it was still a bit dark. [1] The team remained competitive despite the poor playing conditions at Alamo Stadium. The changing rooms were cramped and had no air conditioning. [1] The playing surface was an extremely thin AstroTurf carpet on a concrete slab, resulting in numerous knee injuries. Many players came with skin infections because Manges was unwilling to pay to keep the field clean. The field was painted with industrial paint that dried hard. Combined with the thin surface, this twisted carpet usually burns often on artificial surfaces in heavy rashes and scabs in San Antonio. [2] In addition, team officials often disabled non-marquee players every third game in a cost-cutting move. The standard USFL contract required players to be active in three consecutive games to earn their full salaries. Neuheisel pointed out that players often fake injuries so as not to be disabled. [2] The Gunslingers attracted only 15,444 fans per game, in large part because they had already earned a reputation for not being by professional standards. For example, they tried to save money by sending out press releases in large quantities, which resulted in them arriving days after playing. Among the actions they tried were cowboys firing real guns into the air. [1] Offseason defensive coordinator, Tim Marcum, who later rose to fame in the Arena Football League, the coaches and players already regarded Bates as their true leader on the field. [1] Steinke remained General Manager. They also acquired Larry Canada, the leading rusher of the Chicago Blitz. [3] In 1985, despite their strong finish, the Gunslingers were notoriously undercapitalized at the start of the 1985 season, unlike most of their USFL brothers. The ailing financial structure of the Gunslingers caught up with them at the beginning of 1985. The price of oil fell as low as 11 dollars, or 12 dollars per barrel, decimating Manges' assets. The Gunslingers quickly fired all their secretaries, and virtually all the PR staff resigned. The on-site operation also suffered; they had no scouts or practice squads. [1] It soon became apparent that the owner of the Gunslingers had been in financial difficulties since at least 1980. Because Manges was suddenly unwilling and/or unable to continue using his personal fortune to take over the increasing spending of the franchise, the club found itself in a situation where many teams in the unfortunate WFL did not feel dissimilar. Players and had their cheques bounce dare frequently. Neuheisel and linebacker Jeff McIntyre, where the only two players with a personal service contract. When the San Antonio Express-News broke the story, Manges responded by leaking the newspaper's press releases. that the At some point they got so bad that several players exchanged tickets for food and stayed with sympathetic fans because they couldn't afford to pay the rent for their apartments. Years later, Neuheisel told ESPN that players raced to the bank to cash in their checks, knowing that half (if not more) would bounce off them. However, the team had to use creative methods to meet payroll beforehand; as mentioned above, they were notorious for disabling players every third game. The San Antonio Light reported that the Internal Revenue Service had reclaimed two liens on the Gunslingers for more than 400,000 U.S. dollars in payroll tax, further straining the franchise's financial picture. Eventually, Manges ordered his staff not to talk about the team's finances, even letting reporters jump out of the locker room. On April 7, Manges promised that the wage problem would be fixed, and went so far as to issue promissory notes. The following payday, however, the cheques jumped up again, which brought the players in particular when they saw Manges and his top employees limousine. A month later, the team was almost stranded in Orlando when the check-up for the flight home bounced off. They only made it back to San Antonio after Lieutenant Governor Bill Hobby, a confidant of Manges, intervened to guarantee payment. [2] After another late paycheck on May 29, the players left training and did not return until after Mange's team principal Bud Haun said he would close the team if they did not return. [1] On one occasion, a referee threatened to release 30 players from their contracts if Manges did not make their bounced cheques. On another, several players threatened to sit out a June 9 game against the Los Angeles Express if they were not paid. [5] After a month of missed paydays, Bates threatened to quit unless the players were paid by the team's competition against the Oakland Invaders. The money never arrived, and Bates went out, forcing Steinke to take over the final six games of the season. In June, Manges simply stopped paying the franchise's bills. [6] The players and coaches played the last four games of the season at no cost. No wonder the Gunslingers barely survived the season. Due to a nonexistent offense (their leading rusher, George Works, ran for only 452 yards), they finished with the second-worst record in the league. Attendance plummeted to 11,721, the second-worst in the league. Shortly after the season, after another missed payroll, the roster set to waiver. [1] After a month of the season, Commissioner Harry Usher had seen enough. He ordered Manges to repay the team's debts in 15 days or lose the franchise. When that wasn't the case, the Gunslingers became the only USFL franchise to be revoked. The dubious distinction was academic to some extent. Academic. The USFL, which had planned a switch to an autumn plan in 1986, eventually collapsed without playing another game. Gunslingers' holding company, South Texas Sports, was auctioned off to pay off more than 650,000 U.S. dollars in debts to former players. [7] The players also sued Manges to reclaim the payment, but that lawsuit collapsed when Manges filed for bankruptcy. At least some of the players also sued Manges to reclaim the payment, but that lawsuit collapsed when Manges filed for bankruptcy. At least some of the players also sued Manges filed for bankruptcy. At least some of the players had been paid at salary. 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MORTENSEN, Fred (QB) - 18/7 25. ANDERSON, Gary (CB) - IA/2G 26. JERNIGAN, Hugh (CB) - 2/0 27. SMITH, Daryl (FS) - IA/2G 28. MORRIS, Jim Bob (SS) - 15/14 29. RICHMOND, Rock (CB) - 17/6 30. STAMPER, Scott (FB) - 16/9 35. PENN-WHITE, AI (RB) - 7/6 40. WORKS, George (RB) - 8/2 41. GREENE, Doug (SS) - 1/0 41. BEDFORD, Vance (CB) - 1/0 42. TYLER, Maurice (CB) - 17/12 43. ROBERTS, Don (RB) - 15/3 44. ARMSTEAD, Charles (CB) - 7/2 47. WADDY, Ray (FS) - 17/17 49. RUSH, Mark (FB) - 7/0 49. THOMPSON, Emmuel (CB) - 2/0 50. NEAL, Tally (LB) - 15/0 51. D'AMICO, Rich (LB) - 18/18 52. OLIVER, Reggie (LB) - 17/2 53. CASTILLO, Juan (LB) - 6/0 54.MILLS, DAVE (LB) - 6/4 54. SPEROS, Pete (C/LS) - 9/0 55. CHOATE, Putt (LB) - 18/18 56. RIVERA, Jimmy (LB) - 17/2 53. CASTILLO, Juan (LB) - 17/2 53. CASTILLO, Juan (LB) - 6/0 54.MILLS, DAVE (LB) - 17/0 60. WINTERS Bill (C) - 12/12 61. GARZA, Rich (G) - 18/18 62. MUESKE - IA/4G 63. THOMPSON, Arland (G) - 18/18 65. HANNA, Paul (NT) - 1/17 66. 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