

Former ACU standout Feasel dead at 52

ROCKWALL — Former ACU football standout Grant Feasel, one of the most dominating offensive linemen in Lone Star Conference history, died Sunday morning. He was 52.

Feasel, an all-America lineman for the Wildcats who later played eight seasons in the NFL with the Colts, Vikings and Seahawks, was selected in 1997 to the NCAA Division II Team of the Quarter Century.

Feasel arrived in Abilene in the summer of 1978 as a 6-5, 215-pound offensive tackle from Barstow, Calif. By the time he left ACU as a 1983 graduate he had grown to 6-7, 295-pounds and had who earned almost every conceivable award available to an NCAA Division II offensive lineman.

He also was selected by the Baltimore Colts in the sixth round of the 1983 NFL draft, the same draft that saw the Colts select Stanford quarterback John Elway as the No. 1 overall selection.

"When Grant first arrived at ACU he was a tall, skinny kid," ACU director of athletics emeritus and former head football coach Wally Bullington said in a statement released by the school. "But he worked hard in the weight room and became, in my opinion, maybe the best offensive lineman we've ever had here.

While he was at ACU, Feasel was a first-team all-America as a senior in 1982 by both The Associated Press and the American Football Coaches Association. He was drafted by the Colts after earning all-LSC, LSC Offensive Lineman of the Year, academic all-conference and GTE second team academic all-America honors in 1982. He also won the prestigious NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship in 1982.

Feasel was selected to the ACU Sports Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 1994-95 and also was selected to the LSC Team of the Decade for the 1980s.

Funeral arrangements are pending.