Idol is home on the range

It's hard to imagine Dick Todd, the rancher in skinned cowboy boots and flannel shirt, as a national hero.

But that's exactly what the quiet, modest man was in the 1930's and '40's. Todd broke all the records during his long football career. He was the most sought after high school senior in history, the athletic idol of Aggieland and the running half of the Washington Redskin's national

championship team.

After that he was the most outstanding service player during WW II, a successful college and pro coach and was appointed to the Board of

Regents of two universities.
Today, at 52, Todd is back home in Crowell, a small North Texas community where football is king and he is still hero of the kingdom. Between 1931 and 1934 Todd earned 12 athletic letters, the school's limit; scored 664 touchdown points, a national record which stood for over 25 years; and was the first boy from a "B" school to be named to an all-state

team, which he made three times. When asked about his high school career Todd says, "Well, you know, I was just real lucky, there were a lot

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body would have noticed me.

But they did notice the 5'9", 160 Todd was recruited by schools all over the nation. So why did he choose A&M, which couldn't even choose A&M, which couldn't even graved watches." He still doesn't know though what a mythical team Todd said in a recent interview, "it was the uniforms." He explained, "I was real fortunate in getting to visit some of the top schools, like St. Mary's, Stanford, and Notre Dame, but we were just poor country people and I could tell my dress didn't fit in. At A&M everybody dressed the same and I just felt more comfortable."

So "Dangerous Dick", as he came to be known, went to Texas A&M College where he had to pay his own way by scrubbing gymnasium floors, pots and pans. For the next four years Todd was, as Coach Homer Norton put it, "a high-stepping, free-wheeling football destroyer in a where he coached Darrel Royal, who period when the Aggies enjoyed but

Margo's la Mode

of good boys on the team. If they hadn't of been a winning team nowhen asked about them. But one he still beams about is being named to Kate Smith's mythical team. "You

> Todd and another member of Miss Smith's team, Sammy Baugh of TCU, went on in '39 to the Washington Redskins. "Slingin Sammy" and "Dangerous Dick" were the twoman powerhouse of the Redskins as they dominated pro football. Todd led the team in scoring, receiving and ground gaining for eight years. As Baugh said, "He was harder to bring down than an inflation.'

It was during these years that Todd did what he calls "my greatest damage to A&M." During spring where he coached Darrel Royal, who turned out to be the longest lasting threat ever to the Aggie team.

Todd seems to have trouble remembering the honors he received where he was named "Most Valuable"

Player" and four more years with the Redskins, Todd returned to A&M as an assistant coach.

He left again in '50 after being offered the head coaching job. Why? I wanted A&M to have something better than that," Todd answered se-

Todd took the coaching responsibilities for the Redskins in midseason that year and made dramatic changes. One of his first rules was that sports writers would not be allowed in the dressing room until after the game. The next day one of the local writers who had been locked out demanded to see Todd before the game. "I went down, opened the door, asked him if he got my message and when he said ye slammed the door in his face," Todd retells the story. "Well," he con-tinued, "he went down and wrote a story about how I was the one who should have been barred from the locker room. What really bothered me though," Todd said, "was that after we won the first game of the season that afternoon, he didn't have

the guts to print it. At the end of the season Todd went to SMU, then to Midwestern University. "I guess you could say I closed Midwestern up," Todd says about the school's dropping football when he left. "Guess they figured if they couldn't do any better than me they'd better just quit.

In 1960 the American League formed with Dick Todd coaching the New York Titans (now the Jets). Todd coached only one year of his three year contract then returned back to his home in Crowell for good.

Todd had been making his home in the off-season in Crowell since he first began coaching for the Redskins in 1950, and in 1961 decided to close his long career where it started. "I realized I was cutting my income drastically when I gave up football and came back to ranch but the life here is good enough to be worth it, this is home."

Longley traded

DALLAS — Clint Longley, quarterback, rattlesnake hunter and amateur pugilist, is now a San Diego

> How long has it been since you've had a good fit?

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King wants hormone count on Dr. Richards

NEW YORK — Billie Jean King wants to count the male hormones before deciding whether the transsexual, Dr. Renee Richards, should be allowed to play in women's tennis

"I haven't made up my mind," the outspoken champion of women's lib said Monday. "She may have undergone an operation to become a female but you must remember that she still has male hormones.

"More than that, she has played men's tennis for 30 years. That is a tremendous advantage. It is an advantage that should be weighed before she is permitted to compete

Without coming out flatly and saying so, Billie Jean left the impression that she probably would line up with

her fellow women pros in opposing Dr. Richards' entry in the women's singles division of the U.S. Open. "If I had played in men's tournaments since I took up the game, I

would be a better tennis player," Bil-

you have to consider. Also, there are going to be more and more such operations. So a firm policy has to be made some time. As I said, I am not really sure at the

Billie Jean, 32, winner of six

titles, has established herself of the free thinkers on social and a stern critic of sexual

She has been credited with ing build the women's tourf hamburger, one-night stand of tion to a \$1 million yearly enter She was the first woman to re lie Jean insisted. "This is something million in tennis prize mone she was the first president

Women's Tennis Association. The WTA threatened a bo Dr. Richards, a 42-year-older geon who as Richard Raskind ranking 35-and-over player undergoing a change of sex ago, were allowed in the U.S.

Steelers wilt in Texas heat

DALLAS — This might not be a glamorous week to be a Pittsburgh

Chuck Noll, coach of the world's champions, was somewhat miffed Saturday night after Dallas whipped Pittsburgh 20-10 in a National Football League preseason rematch of the Super Bowl X teams. "The game was all Cowboys," snapped Noll. "They were in better

condition . . . they outhit us . . . they

were very physical... the most physical Cowboy team I've seen." Noll added, "We had trouble with the weather — 85 degree heat and 45 per cent humidity and we shouldn't have. That means we're not in condition and that's the coaches' fault. It's up to us to get them in shape and apparently we didn't.
"So, we'll try and solve that this

Noll continued with his post-game

"I just can't say enough about the Cowboys . . . they played well and had super backing from their home crowd," he said.

Dallas, playing before a sell-out crowd of 64,000 in Texas Stadium and a national television audience, saw the game as a way to gain a measure of revenge for a 21-17 loss to Pittsburgh in the Super Bowl. 'We expected the Cowboys to

come out tough, yep, that's about what we expected and that's what we got," said running back Franco Har-

Defensive end Harvey Martin said Steeler quarterback Terry Bradshaw "just laughed at me when I sacked him right before the end of the first half. Comparing this game to

the Super Bowl game, it was one helluva lot better. We would have played as well if we had played any team in the league. You really can't

look back on last season Bradshaw was one of three players who sat out the second half because

of heat exhaustion. One Dallas player was overcome by the heat. "Oh, it got a little warm out there," said Cowboy defensive tackle Jethro Pugh. "Just about like it was the last time we played

Dallas sacked Pittsburgh quarter-

backs five times and Cowboy terback Roger Staubach author two touchdown passes. "I feel it was more importan most pre-season games,"

"We played fired up," said nerback Mel Renfro.

Dallas' superb defense drew from Coach Tom Landry who "It was a great effort against

good team. Our defense was tional. We are playing the ve now and it's showing up



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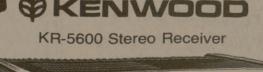
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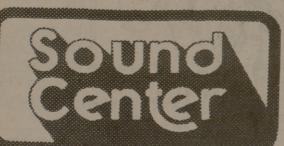
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