

Sportsfolio

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Dallas Cowboy's Coach Tom Landry is expected to cut two of his running backs on his roster this week as the club must trim down to 45 players.

But you can bet your current ranking spot that Tony Dorsett will be among the one's asked to go.

Dorsett — pronounced Dorsett — proved Saturday night why the Cowboys management gave him the number one pick in the general future draft picks to Seattle in the National Football League's special draft last May. The former University of Pittsburgh star gained 99 yards on 18 carries in Dallas' 23-21 win over the Baltimore Colts.

Before Saturday's contest, Dorsett had carried the ball only 10 times in the Cowboy's other three pre-season games, as a variety of injuries limited his participation.

Oilers defeat Oilers, 17-3

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HOUSTON — The Houston Oilers' frustration by a staggering series of mistakes in the first half, came to a stop in the third period to score touchdowns on Karl Douglas' one yard run and Jimmy Giles' 57 yard reception to defeat the San Francisco 49ers 17-3 in an NFL pre-game Monday night.

The 49ers mustered only Tom Hill's 38-yard field goal in the Education Center and suffered their third straight loss in four pre-season games.

For Houston the pre-season game was their first in two years, as the Oilers stumbled for 206 yards in the first half, but failed to score as they lost two fumbles deep in San Francisco's territory and had two punts nullified by penalties.

The 49ers, enthused by a 23-14 victory over the Los Angeles Rams a week ago, were not effective offensively under the direction of head coach Alvin Karpis and Jim Plunkett or Pat Sullivan. The Oilers' punt and a 13-yard pass to Jim Carter set up the Oilers at Houston's 25 yard line late in the first period. San Francisco moved seven yards and from there punting kicked the field goal.

Houston took the lead as a result of the Oilers' missed handoff from Plunkett. Oilers' cornerback Willie Alexander recovered the fumble at the Oilers' 18-yard line. Four plays later Houston's third quarterback, Tom Flores, scored from the one yard line.

Starting quarterback Dan Pastorini appeared late in the game to direct a 66-yard drive capped by a touchdown catch. Houston faced a third and one on its own 43-yard line and on the 57-yard touchdown Pastorini faked a handoff into the line and lofted a pass to Giles. Oilers' place kicker Skip Butler missed on a 29-yard field goal late in the fourth quarter after missing two previous attempts.

With Sullivan at the controls most of the second half, San Francisco scored only 92 yards and three first downs. The 49ers failed to convert a first down play the entire game. The Oilers moved the ball both in the first half but failed to score because of numerous misplayed punts. Two holding penalties nullified Ken Burrough's 91-yard touchdown catch and Rob Carpenter's nine-yard scoring run. Rookie punting back Kim Wilson fumbled in the 49ers end zone, nullifying the Oilers' other score.

minor ailments kept him on the sidelines.

But Dallas' million-dollar baby displayed more moves than a Cowboy cheerleader — all at the expense of the Colt defense.

Dorsett's yardage came during a little more than two quarters worth of work. His 17-yard scamper late in the fourth quarter led to place kicker Efran Herrera's game-winning 50-yard field goal.

He showed his ability to accelerate through gaps in the line of scrimmage, twisting and darting away from would-be tacklers. On several occasions, he turned certain losses into gains.

"If he runs like he did against the Colts, I don't see how you could keep him out of the lineup," Dallas offensive co-ordinator Dan Reeves said. "He showed us great explosion and acceleration. He hits in there and he looks like he's going 90 miles per hour."

Dorsett keyed the Dallas rushing attack against the Colts, turning in at least one outstanding play on each of Dallas' three touchdown drives. The partisan Dallas crowd seemed especially responsive to the excitement generated by Dorsett, rising to its feet even when he received the ball on a routine running play. The same fervent feeling pervaded through the stands, the expectation that Dorsett might break loose any time he touched the ball.

Dorsett, last year's Heisman trophy winner and college football's most prolific rusher with more than 6,000 yards gained in his four-year career, has yet though to prove his durability. True, he suffered no major injuries throughout his college career, but he won't be running against teams like Army or Navy anymore.

His private life has suffered somewhat, as the truth was unveiled about the son he had tried to keep hidden. He was also involved in an incident recently at a Dallas bar where the bartender accused Dorsett of not paying for his drinks. The man later dropped the charges and all was forgiven.

Dorsett displayed his full capabilities for the first time in a Cowboy uniform, capabilities which could include a Super Bowl berth. But the Dallas rookie is still a long way from proving himself worthy of his million dollar price tag.

As the old gridiron adage holds, one game does not a season make.

Sports Shorts

Gregory replaced; Darlings recruiting

Doug Holmes, a 5-11, 219-pound sophomore from Newton, Tex., has been named to the starting offensive right guard position for Texas A&M on the basis of his performance during Saturday's scrimmage, team officials said yesterday.

"It wasn't that Thomas Gregory was playing poorly," offensive line coach Don LaGrasta said. "It was just that Holmes was playing well and we thought he deserved a chance on the first team. Gregory is a fighter, though, and he'll battle to regain his first-team berth."

LaGrasta said he couldn't accurately evaluate the offensive line "until they go up against some big, strong people."

The team will conduct afternoon practices through the week because classes started Monday at the school.

Application for the 1977-78 Diamond Darlings are now available from Room 203 in C. Rollie White Coliseum.

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AUSTIN, (UPI) — Running back Earl Campbell, tackle George James, offensive tackle Brad Shearer and linebacker Morgan Copeland have been elected captains of the 1977 Texas Longhorns, head coach Fred Akers said yesterday.

"I think the squad made a fine choice in their election of these captains," Akers said. "They're all fine men and we expect a lot of leadership out of them."

Captains were elected by the team at the close of three-day practice Saturday, which was highlighted with a controlled scrimmage.

"I thought we showed improvement in the scrimmage," Akers said, "but we're still not there yet. I thought the quarterbacks did well — they were the most consistent they've been. Defensively, we had

some mistakes by a few youngsters but overall they're doing all right."

WACO, (UPI) — Sammy Bickham from Plano, Tex., will be the starting quarterback for the Baylor Bears when the season begins Sept. 10 against Texas Tech, coach Grant Teaff said yesterday.

"After ten days of very thorough training and observation I made the decision to start Sammy in the Tech ball game," Teaff said. "This in no way takes away from Greg Wood's effort or performance. I have no qualms about playing him at any time and in any game."

Bickham and Wood were in a heated battle for the starting position when both suffered minor injuries during Saturday's controlled

scrimmage. Bickham suffered a separated shoulder and Wood sprained his ankle. Bickham is expected to be back at practice Thursday.

"I've always been a coach that feels like you have an A quarterback. Sammy is that quarterback," Teaff said.

HOUSTON (UPI) — The Houston Cougars went back to basics yesterday, stressing blocking and tackling, in preparation for the 1977 season opener against UCLA at the Astrodome, Sept. 12.

"This is a tough time for the player to concentrate," head coach Bill Yeoman said. "We're going to work hard on techniques this week. It's just plain hard work."

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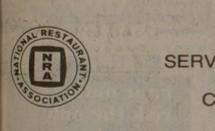
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