

# Hamilton likes cornerback spot

By NATHAN HINES

He wears number 44 on his back and those two numbers spell double trouble for the opponents. The man behind those numbers is cornerback, Jimmy Hamilton.

Hamilton, a 6-3, 198-pound sophomore from West Jefferson High in New Orleans, La., is finally getting his chance to show Aggie fans, and the rest of the country,

how the guys from Louisiana play football.

"Tight end and strong safety were my main positions at West Jefferson, he said. "But I really thought I was a better basketball player than football player. I also high jumped in track.

"We had a pretty good football team at West Jefferson when I played. We were 34 and four for the

three years I played varsity. We were regional champs two of those years."

Hamilton said that basketball did more to help in football than anything else.

"Basketball I guess, 'cause it helped my quickness, agility and speed."

While on the subject of speed, agility and quickness, Coach Melvin

Robertson had this to say about Jimmy.

"He is very quick, fast and has good hands. It's amazing he can move as quick as he can being as big as he is."

Jimmy is only a sophomore. Sometimes the pressure of being a starter affects his play.

"The pressure is not put on me by any one person, but I can feel it

mainly because I am pressuring myself to play harder and better."

Hamilton feels that the team is also trying to play harder and better.

"I feel this is one of the greatest group of people that has ever been called a football team," Hamilton said. "Each person knows what he has to do to win, and each person does it."

"This is not coming from just a few, but from the whole team. The main reason behind the team's work is the leadership we are getting from the seniors. The older players like Walker, Mike Williams, and Donahue stay after practice and work on their individual skills, and heck, if they can do it so can us younger players."

Hamilton played the best game of his young college career this past Saturday. He tipped a pitch-out that set up our first touchdown, intercepted a pass and

had a 18-yard runback. He also made eight unassisted tackles. One of Hamilton's tackles occurred when he came across the field and made a touchdown saving tackle.

His best contribution of the game was that no one caught a pass on his side of the field the entire game.

"I expected him to play good because he has the ability," Robertson said. "But he really surprised me by not only playing good, but playing darn good."

Hamilton was a little more humble about his game performance.

"My only desire is to play the best that I can."

A plaque upon the wall summed up Hamilton's attitude.

To him who talks and talks, this addage should appeal. The steam that blows the whistle, will never turn the wheel.

"I want to help turn the wheel," he said.

## Cowboys make final cuts

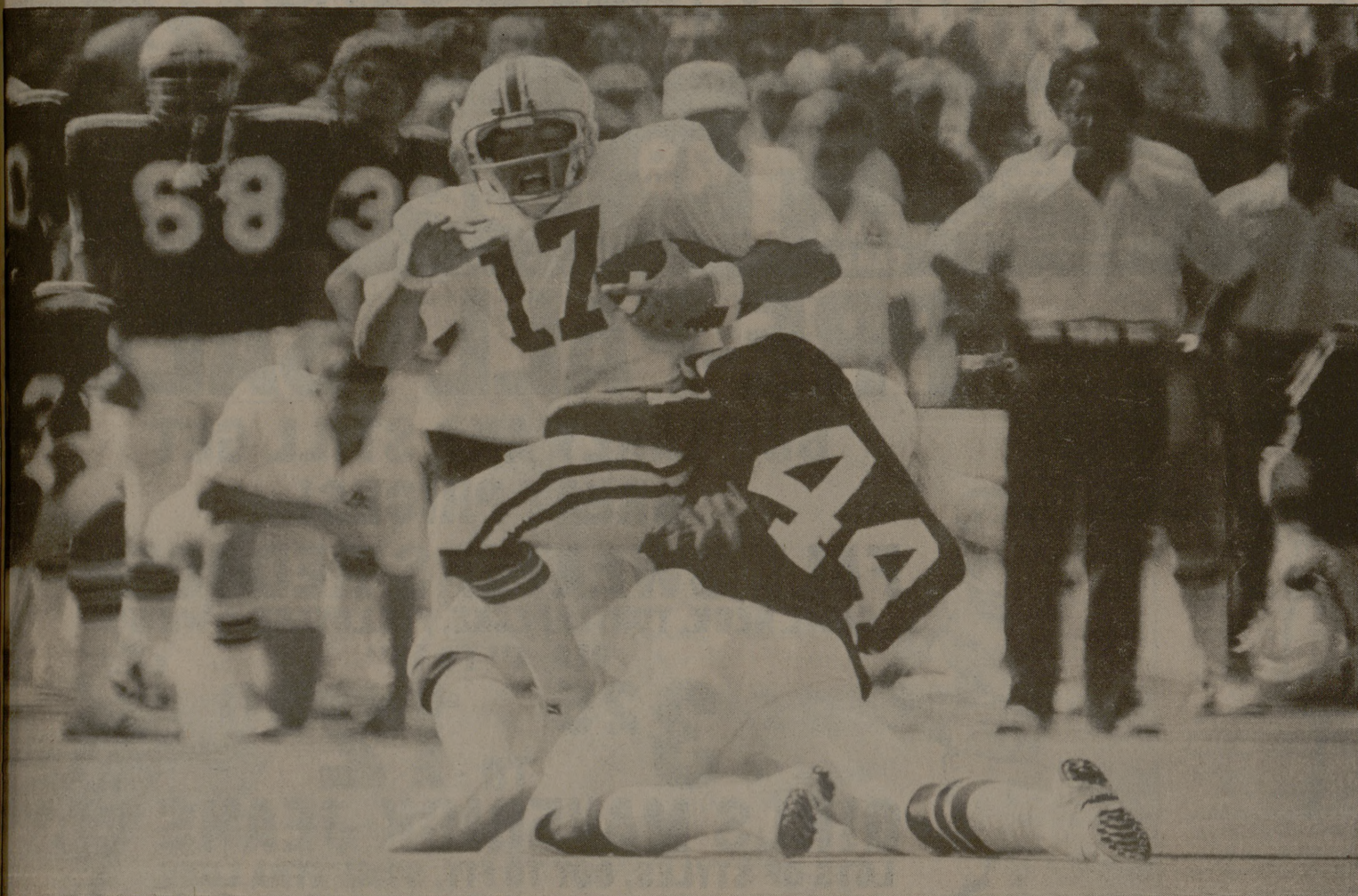
United Press International  
DALLAS — The Dallas Cowboys yesterday waived second-year cornerback Beasley Reece and rookie quarterback Steve DeBerg to reach the NFL limit of 43 players for their season opener Sunday at Minnesota.

Earlier in the day, Dallas traded second-year running back Jim Jen-

sen to the Denver Broncos for an undisclosed 1979 draft choice.

Cowboys coaches had said Reece, from North Texas State, had been one of the better performers in training camp but had not played well in preseason games.

Jensen, a 240-pounder from Iowa, did not run the ball from scrimmage but averaged 2.1 on kickoff returns.



Jimmy Hamilton (No. 44) tackles Kansas quarterback Brian Bethke (No. 17) for an eight yard loss. The cornerback from

Marrero, La. had a good first game for the Ags. A&M defeated Kansas 28-14. Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

## Houston Coogs defeat UCLA Bruins, 17-13

United Press International  
HOUSTON — Quarterback Danny Davis directed the Houston Cougars on second half scoring drives of 93 and 80 yards, capping one himself with a one-yard run, to lead his team to a 17-13 victory over the UCLA Bruins in an inter-sectional battle between two ranked teams last night.

Davis' one-yard run ended the first long Cougars' drive and a nine-yard run by Dyrrol Thomas was good for a second touchdown and the victory in the first meeting between the two teams.

Injuries to UCLA running back Theotis Brown and kicking specialist Frank Corral in the first half took much of the punch off the UCLA offense and the Bruins failed to score in the second half despite driving inside Houston's 15-yard line three times.

Houston's victory, coming in the season opener for both teams, stretched the Cougars winning streak to seven games. The loss for UCLA was the third straight following two defeats at the end of last season.

UCLA 6-7-0-0-13  
Houston 0-3-7-7-17

UCLA—FG, Corral 36

Houston—FG, Hatfield 34

UCLA—Butler, 15 pass from Bashore. (counter kick)

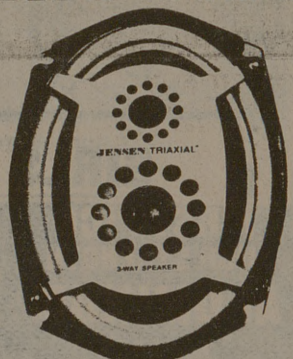
Houston—Davis, 1 run (Hatfield kick)

Houston—Thomas, 9 run (Hatfield kick) 11-38, 121

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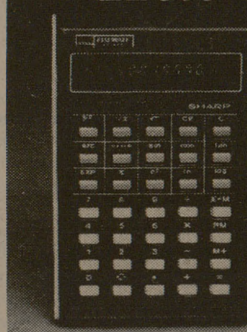
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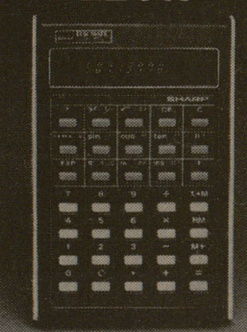
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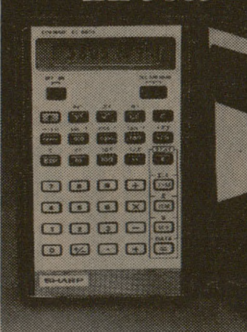
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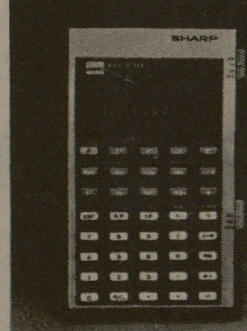
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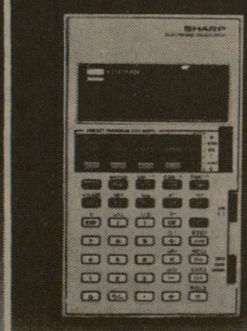
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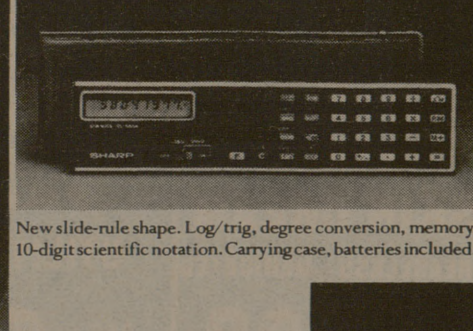
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