

# Pearson wants to start

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DALLAS — During the summer Preston Pearson did a good imitation of the invisible man. After all,

he was supposedly on his way out as Dallas Cowboys tailback and Tony Dorsett was on his way in. But if the next few Cowboys out-

ings are anything like last Sunday's, local fans will be saying: "Tony who?" The Heisman Trophy winner did

make his NFL debut Sunday in the Cowboys' thrilling 16-10 overtime win over Minnesota, but his most memorable moment came when he fumbled near the Vikings goal line in the second quarter.

Pearson, on the other hand, made an excellent catch in the end zone for Dallas' fourth quarter, go-ahead touchdown and was generally Mr. Clutch all day long.

And when the afternoon was over, Pearson hoped he had made a point with the fans.

"I just want people to realize that Preston Pearson is the starting tailback," Pearson said.

"All I want is some respect from the opposition. And I think I got some respect from Minnesota."

"We worked hard for the win against the Vikings and we deserved it. The defense kept us in the game and we wanted to show them we appreciated it."

Both defenses played superlative games Sunday, with Minnesota keeping the Cowboys out of the end zone until late in the game despite Dallas owning excellent field position the entire second half.

"Hey, this is a team game," said Cowboys defensive end Harvey Martin, who was one of those who bothered Minnesota quarterback Fran Tarkenton into three interceptions and two intentional grounding calls.

"It's not our offense vs. our defense. If our guys can't get it in the end zone the first time, we just try to get it back for them so they can try the next time."

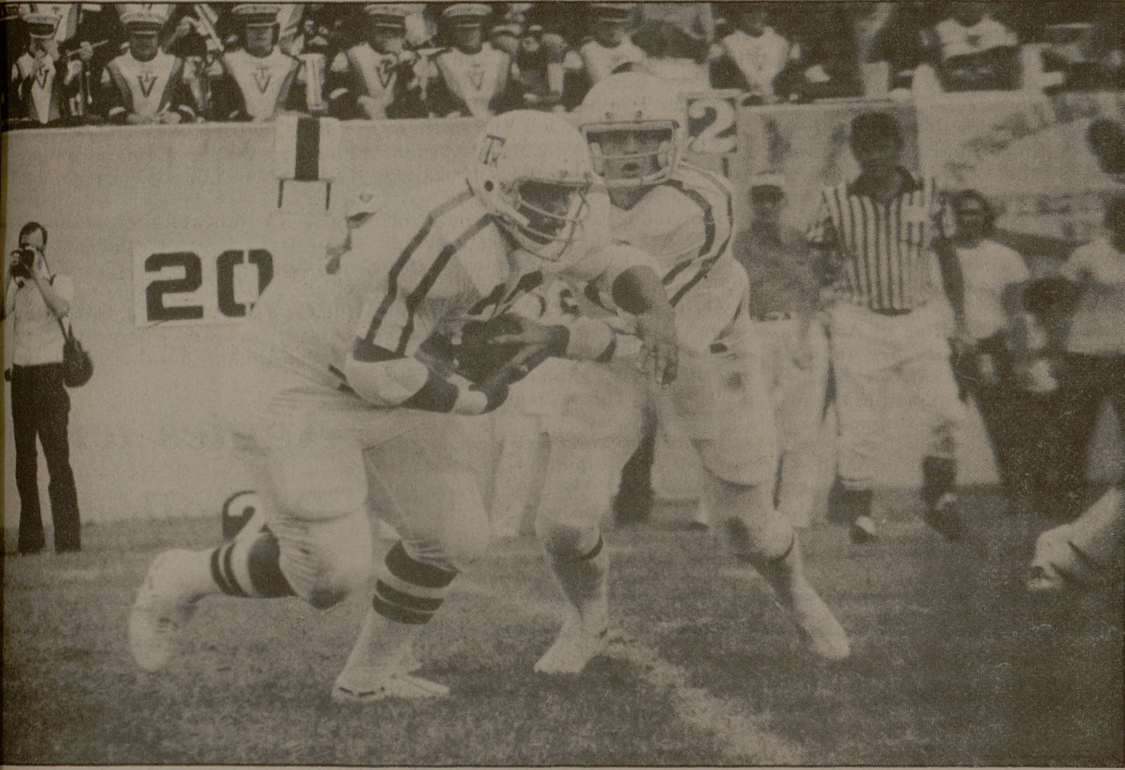
"When they marked this win in the book they marked it for the Dallas Cowboys. They marked it for the team, not just for one group of the team."

Vikings defensive end Carl Eller, however, was not so kind.

He was quoted in a Dallas newspaper as saying:

"I honestly don't think we can expect the defense to keep playing like that. Everyone is going to have to start playing better."

"Sometimes we'll have to do it. Sometimes the offense will have to do it. We may as well get that settled now."



Battalion photo by Jamie Aitken

David Walker, handing off to George Woodard, appears to be saying, "Woo." Woodard rushed for 82 yards, in leading the Ags to a 27-6 victory over Virginia Tech.

## Bennett leads Aggies on the defensive line

If a Hollywood producer came to Texas A&M looking for someone to play the role of a tough, rugged football player, he'd undoubtedly sign Phil Bennett to a contract.

Not only does the 6-2, 235-pound defensive end look the part, but he's on stage in front of thousands of cheering football fans, usually puts on a command performance as well.

"Phil's one tough son-of-a-gun," says defensive end coach R. C. Slocum. "He comes out ready to play every time he steps on a football field."

Bennett, a senior physical education major, is one of the players who led to step in after the Aggies lost eight starters from last year. He was starter in last January's 37-14 Sun Bowl win over Florida.

As a three-time all-District linebacker at Marshall High School, Bennett was recruited to play that position at A&M, but was switched to defensive end his sophomore year. That year he played behind Mike Schwartz, who made all-SWC for the Aggies.

"Blake was the best technique I ever coached," says Slocum. "Phil watched him and copied some of his technique so they're a lot alike that respect."

Bennett is well aware of the pressure on the A&M defense to live up to the reputation it has established in recent years. They got their first test in the Aggies' 28-14 opening game over Kansas.

"I think we did a good job," Bennett recalls. "We had a few too many mental errors but I think our aggressiveness made up for most of them."

Aggressiveness has become a trademark at Aggieland and according to Bennett, there's no other way — especially when playing under Melvin Robertson, A&M's defensive coordinator.

"Coach Robertson is a perfectionist from the word 'go'. You either play tough and aggressive or you don't play at all. It's that simple."

One of the strong points of this year's A&M defensive corps is depth, so Robertson will be substituting more freely this year.

"We've got the players who can come in and play well behind us," says Bennett. "Obviously a player who is rested can do a better job usually than someone who's been out there a long time."

This week, the Aggie defense will have its hands full in trying to stop the explosive Texas Tech offense, led by quarterback Rodney Allison.

"We've been waiting all year to get at Tech," says Bennett. "It's our main objective right now. We can't afford to make many mistakes with Allison back there. We have to keep

him boxed in so it'll take some of the pressure off our defensive backs."

Bennett assures that there is no chance of anyone looking past Tech toward playing Michigan the week after.

"Tech's the one we need to win to get us on line to the Cotton Bowl. Beating Michigan would be like having dessert, but right now it's Texas Tech we're concerned with — no one else."

Being a senior, Bennett realizes that he has the added responsibility of helping the younger players, a job Slocum says he does well.

"First of all, Phil is a heckuva person. Also, anyone who's been around as long as he has gained quite a bit of knowledge about the game. He's not only tough, quick and aggressive, but he's also the smartest defensive end we've got as far as knowing instinctively what to do when he's out there."

Phil Bennett won't win an Oscar for his performance at defensive end because there's no acting involved. What he does is for real.

## Softball team finishes first

The combined efforts of Texas A&M women's softball pitcher Kim Bellamy and pinch hitter Liz Zemanek helped the Aggies to the championship seat of their fourth annual Women's Invitational Softball tournament this past weekend.

The win was a first for the Aggies in their four years of hosting the tournament.

Bellamy was credited for four wins and one loss to second place Stephen F. Austin. Zemanek knocked in the winning run in two of the games that went into extra innings.

In Friday's play the Aggies beat Texas Wesleyan 4-1 with Shirley Brown and Vicki Markowski each getting two hits. They then lost to Stephen F. Austin 3-2.

Saturday, the Aggies squeezed out a 1-0 win over Sam Houston State University when Zemanek hit a triple in the ninth inning and drove in the winning run.

Zemanek went on to pull out another win for the Aggies in the eighth inning with a triple against the University of Texas at Arlington. The Aggies beat UTA 3-2. Cindy Gough was credited with two hits.

In their final game, the Aggies defeated Stephen F. Austin 5-2. The win brings the Aggies to 4-1 for the season.

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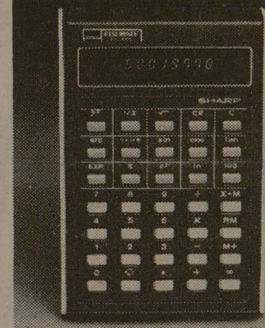
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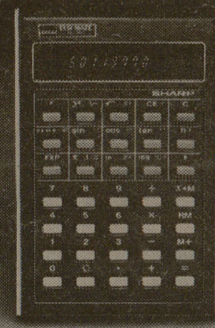
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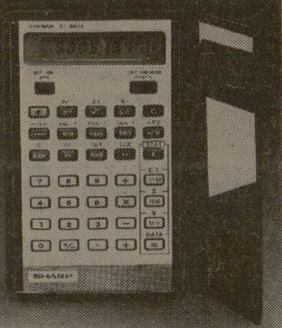
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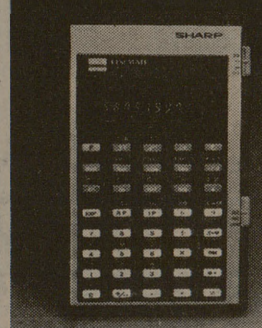
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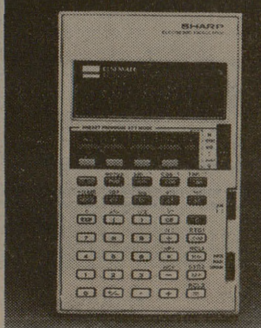
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