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Tony returns to Pittsburgh as a starter

United Press International
DALLAS — Dallas Coach Tom Landry said today Tony Dorsett would have his first start as a professional next Sunday when the Cowboys play the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"Tony's been running well and we feel we need him in there," said Landry. "This should reflect nothing against Preston Pearson. He will still share time with Tony."

Pearson has started every game at halfback for the Cowboys this season, but for the past month Dallas' offense has been moving like a 20-year-old car on a 20-degree morning.

Speculation increased following Dallas' 24-17 loss to St. Louis Monday night that the Cowboys needed a catalyst on offense. And today Landry said they did.

Dorsett, the Heisman Trophy winner and second player picked in the NFL draft this year, is the eighth leading ball carrier in the NFC although he has played only about half the time.

When he entered the game to start the second quarter of the St. Louis game Monday night he touched the ball on the first four plays and scored on a 1-yard run.

But that type of offense burst has been lacking much of the season while Dallas piled up eight wins on the strength of its defense, specialty teams and an occasional big play.

On Monday Landry had declined to speculate about Dorsett's possible starting role.



Woodard

Brothers

Smith

Dickey

Aggie notes . . .

A&M Coach Emory Bellard said that after David Walker hit David Brothers with an 8-yard pass for a first down with 31 seconds left Saturday, he signalled time out to split-end Darrell Smith and Smith signalled to an official. The official signalled time out but later said he didn't see Smith's signal and was just stopping the clock for the first down. "We thought we had time called and I was talking with Tom Wilson (in the press box) about our next play. But, that's irrelevant now. It was a good football game between two fine teams. Arkansas had a fine win but I'm still proud of our team. The most pleasure a team coach can have is to see his team work, fight, extend itself and win. And, the most disappointment is to see his team work, fight, extend itself and lose."

Arkansas Coach Lou Holtz: "A&M showed a lot of character in coming back the way it did (20-10 at half). My heart was in my throat the entire fourth quarter. We feel fortunate to win. Just like the Texas game, it was a game of evenly matched teams. This time we are in the winning locker room and last time we were in the loser's. They are a good football team . . . we are a good football team . . . what else can you say?"

A&M still is not eliminated from the Cotton Bowl host role. But, the Aggies have to win their final three — TCU, Texas, Houston — to get there. A&M QB David Walker: "I really don't care about my performance. We're just trying to keep our heads up. We know just because we lost this game, it won't kill us (in SWC race). This was the toughest loss I've ever had. Arkansas has a lot of class. They were good sports. You can just tell they have lots of class. And they have a very good football team. A lot of Arkansas players told me after the game that we were better than Texas. They ought to know."

Arkansas QB Ron Calcagni: "I have a lot of respect for David Walker. He showed great poise at the end of the game. He's a great competitor."

George Woodard, who trimmed down from 286 to 266 in two weeks, scored once against Arkansas and now has tied Joel Hunt with 30 career touchdowns in the A&M records book. . . Woodard, who gained 116 yards against Arkansas, needs 284 to pass Bubba Bean and become A&M's all-time career rushing leader. Tony Franklin booted field goals of 50 and 25 yards Saturday. He now has 42 to tie the NCAA three-year record set by Ron Garcia of Stanford in 1971-73. Franklin has 207 career points and needs six more to pass Bill McClard of Arkansas for No. 5 on the SWC all-time scoring list. . .

A crowd of 55,028 was on hand for the Aggie-Arkansas battle. It was the second-largest ever at Kyle Field. The record is 56,679 for the 1975 Texas game. Kyle Field has 49,700 permanent seats but will be expanded to about 64,000 after the 1978 season. . .

Under new coach Wanda Bender, the Texas A&M women's basketball team opens its 1977-78 season this week with four road games in a six-day period. The Aggies play St. Mary's at 5:15 p.m. Friday in

San Antonio, meet Southwest Texas at 5 p.m. Saturday in San Marcos, and visit Prairie View A&M for a 6:30 p.m. game Monday.

The first home appearance for the Aggie Ladies will come Nov. 20 against Texas Southern in a 5:15 p.m. prelude to the men's season opener against Angelo State.

The tentative starting lineup for the Aggie Ladies will have Bond, 6-0 sophomore from Angleton; Joe Troell, 5-10 junior from George West, at high post; Julia Crawford, 5-11 freshman from College Station, and Margaret Byrne, 5-9 junior from North Kingstown, R.I., at forwards, and Von Bunn, 5-5 sophomore from Victoria, guard. The second five has Susan Kimbro, 5-10 sophomore from Killeen, at center, Sherree Christian, 5-8 junior from Cypress-Fairbanks, high post, Cindy Gough, 5-9 junior from Bellaire, and Denise Bell, 5-7 senior from East Chambers, at forwards, and Karen Muskrat, senior from Bay City, at guard. Providing reserve strength will be Lori Pye, 5-6 freshman from Boulder, Colo.; Angel Copeland, 5-6 freshman from Fort Worth; Julie Geeslin, 5-6 freshman from Alton; Rhonda Hancock, 5-8 freshman from Victoria; and Debra Taylor, 5-4 sophomore from Friends Wood.

The Texas A&M women's volleyball team finished third in the TAIAW state tournament in Arlington last weekend to qualify for the Southwest AIAW Regional Tournament in Austin Friday and Saturday.

The Aggies upset highly rated Texas Lutheran Friday, 15-16-14, and beat North Texas 15-7, 15-8, and Sul Ross 15-3, 9-15, 15-10 to move into Saturday's elimination tournament. They beat Texas Lutheran again in the quarterfinals 15-10, 16-14, 15-8 before losing a hard-fought battle to UT Arlington 11-15, 15-3, 15-8, 12-15 in the semifinals. A&M then beat Texas 15-10, 16-14, 15-8 in the third place game.

The Texas A&M women's cross country team, undefeated in meets this season including the state and regional meets, competes in the AIAW National Championships Saturday in Georgetown. The meet starts at 11 a.m. and will be run over the same course on which the Aggies won the state title two weeks ago.

Running for A&M will be Ileana Hocking, Martha Sartain, Cathy Coker, Cindy Cockroft, Keress Hawkins, Susan Johnston and Kay Mallory.

The Texas A&M women's gymnastics team will meet TCU at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Rickel Athletic Complex in Fort Worth in a Class I Compulsory meet. Competing for A&M will be freshman Tanya Hrabal, senior Tina Martin, sophomore Kathy Pruett, and freshman Patti Sloat.

The Texas A&M water polo team closed out its regular season with a 20-7 record after winning the Southwest Water Polo Championship Saturday. The Aggies were led by co-captains Steve Sampson and Bob Leland with nine and eight goals respectively.

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