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Phillips' fake punt works

HOUSTON — Using the "bumerooski" play in one game does not preclude employing it the next week, says Houston Oilers head coach Bum Phillips, the proud inventor of the football oddity.

"One time in college we used it twice in one game," said Phillips. The Seattle Seahawks, no doubt, will be prepared today for the "bumerooski" because the Oilers used it on a fourth-and-one situation last Sunday at Oakland.

The Seahawks should not be too confident of stopping it, however. The "bumerooski" springs forth from a punting situation. Although

Phillips teaches a number of variations off the play, the trickery he used on the Raiders came from what looked like a normal punting alignment, with the punter deep and two blockers three yards behind the line of scrimmage.

According to the play's design, one of the blockers receives the snap. That blocker, hereinafter called the runner, quickly fakes a handoff to an end running laterally across the field and then hides the ball in any way he can. In the pros the runner can even kneel or sit on the ball.

The crucial fakery depends on the runner appearing as confused as

everyone else and forcing the defense to check out every possible ballcarrier except himself. Then, after maybe two or three seconds and assuming everyone is properly fooled, the runner goes the opposite direction from the tacklers.

"I guess I've used it 30 times," said Phillips, whose coaching career in Texas high schools, colleges and the pros spans 27 years. "And this is the least yardage we have ever gotten with it."

Rob Carpenter, the runner last Sunday, became too anxious.

"He got antsy and didn't wait long enough before lighting out. Our

own linemen hadn't even had time to clear downfield," Phillips said.

Another variation has the runner slipping the ball between his legs to a crouched lineman.

Oilers quarterback Dan Pastorni has punted from the "bumerooski" formation when no defender dropped back.

The play used at Oakland was good enough for a first down, as usual, but it ranked way down on the list of successful "bumerooski's." Phillips' memory of the play goes back to Nederland High School, where he claims to have used it to score a dozen touchdowns.

There, however, he called the play "fake punt right" and "fake punt left."

It took Phillips' boss Bear Bryant, the head coach at Texas A&M in 1957, to name the play after its inventor.

"Bear just laughed at first but I finally convinced him to try it in practice," Phillips said.

Phillips has one bad memory of the play. The Saturday after the Aggies put in the play, they tried it in a crucial game against Rice. Lloyd Taylor broke the "bumerooski" for 12 yards but was tackled by the last Rice defender. A&M lost 7-6.

Receivers get no respect

Somebody better tell Mike Renfro, Emanuel Tolbert and David Levas that this is the year of the punting backs in the Southwest Conference. Those three pass receivers are closing in on more SWC records than all the bruising runners combined.

Renfro, the TCU senior from Fort Worth Arlington Heights, already holds the career yardage record for receptions and Saturday moved to within five of the record for total career receptions when he recorded his 150th. SMU's Jerry Levas set the standard of 155 in the 1966-68 seasons.

The last of Levas' three career marks may be safe from Renfro's onslaught—Levas had 22 touchdown catches and Renfro has only two games to play. But Renfro has eight TD catches for the season, needing only one to tie the record set just last year by Rice's Kenneth Roy.

SMU's Tolbert, one of the SWC's most effective long-distance operators ever, now has 840 yards on catches in his sophomore season. That ranks him sixth on the all-time season charts and 291 yards behind Levas' one-year record, but Little Rock speedster has only one game remaining. Tolbert also needs at least four receptions in his final game of the year Saturday against Arkansas to move into the SWC top ten for most catches in a season.

While Renfro is rewriting Levas' records, Rice's Houser is in excellent position to rewrite Renfro's records next year. The junior from Dallas Sunset has 106 career receptions to stand eight among SWC all-timers and needs 49 in his final 12 games to catch Levas.

Meanwhile, back on earth, Texas' Earl Campbell became the SWC's first—and the NCAA's fifth—4,000 yard gainer by storming for 153 in little more than two quarters against TCU. The Tyler senior now has 4,040 career yards and 1,341 for the season. He's 74 yards shy of the one-season mark of 1,415 yards set by Texas' Roosevelt Leaks in 1973—with two games to go.

Campbell has achieved his '77 totals on 210 carries in nine games, an average of 6.4 yards a whack. Leaks carried 229 times in his record two-game season of '73, averaging 6.2 yards a carry.

Then there are the place kickers, who juggle the records every time they tee it up.

Arkansas' Steve Little, Texas A&M's Tony Franklin and Texas' Russell Erxleben are so far out in front in kicking that you'd think they were leading a Cuban election. Not only do Little and Erxleben share the NCAA record of a 67-yard field goal with Franklin right behind at 65 yards, but:

Little holds the SWC record of 50 career field goals, followed by Franklin with 42, followed by Erx-

leben with 36. Little has two games left in his career, needs one field goal to equal the NCAA career record, while Franklin and Erxleben are juniors and both have 13 games remaining.

Little is also third in SWC career scoring with 266 points, 29 behind Arkansas' Bill Burnett (294).

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