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Phillips' fake punt works

-United Press International HOUSTON — Using the "bumrooski" play in one game does of preclude employing it the next eek, says Houston Oilers head wach Bum Phillips, the proud in-

st Sunday at Oakland. The Seahawks should not be too

nnfident of stopping it, however. The "bumerooski" springs forth

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.

"One time in college we used it "ine in one game," said Phillips. The Seattle Seahawks, no doubt, ill be prepared today for the bumerooski" because the Oilers red ton a fourth-and-one situation ball in any way he can. In the pros

the ball.

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 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 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 Ag-gies 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.

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the runner can even kneel or sit on The "bumerooski" springs forth m a punting situation. Although The crucial fakery depends on the runner appearing as confused as "He got antsy and didn't wait long enough before lighting out. Our

Receivers get no respect While Renfro is rewriting Levias'

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eason mark of 1,415 yards set by

omebody better tell Mike Ren-, Emanuel Tolbert and David records, Rice's Houser is in excellent ouser that this is the year of the ning backs in the Southwest Conclosing in on more SWC records stand eight among SWC all-timers n all the bruising runners com-

Renfro, the TCU senior from Fort Yorth Arlington Heights, already ds the career yardage record for first-and the NCAA's fifth-4,000 yard gainer by storming for 153 in little thin five of the record for total more than two quarters against rer receptions when he recorded TCU. The Tyler senior now has s150th. SMU's Jerry Levias set the 4,040 career yards and 1,341 for the season. He's 74 yards shy of the one-

Texas' Roosevelt Leaks in 1973-with he last of Levias' three career arks may be safe from Renfro's two games to go. slaught—Levias had 22 Campbell has achieved his '77 to-uchdown catches and Renfro has with only two games to play. But average of 6.4 yards a whack. Leaks carried 229 times in his record ten-taries and the safe from Renfro has tals on 210 carries in nine games, an average of 6.4 yards a whack. Leaks carried 229 times in his record ten-taries and the safe from Renfro has tals on 210 carries in nine games, an average of 6.4 yards a whack. Leaks carried 229 times in his record ten-taries and the safe from Renfro has tals on 210 carries in the safe from Renfro has tals on 210 carries in the safe from Renfro has tals on 210 carries in the safe from Renfro has tals on 210 carries in the safe from Renfro has tals on 210 carries in the safe from Renfro has tals on 210 carries in the safe from Renfro has tals on 210 carries in the safe from Renfro has tals on 210 carries in the safe from Renfro has tals on 210 carries in the safe from Renfro has tals on 210 carries in the safe from Renfro has tals on 210 carries in the safe from Renfro has tals on 210 carries in the safe from Renfro has tals on 210 carries in the safe from Renfro has tals on 210 carries in the safe from Renfro has tals on 210 carries in the safe from Renfro has tals on 210 carries in the safe from Renfro has tals on 210 carries in the safe from Renfrom n, needing only one to tie the game season of '73, averaging 6.2 cord set just last year by Rice's yards a carry.

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effective long-distance they tee it up. game remaining. Tolbert also the NCAA record of a 67-yard field as at least four receptions in his goal with Franklin right behind at 65 game of the year Saturday yards, but: st Arkansas to move into the

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SMU's Tolbert, one of the SWC's who juggle the records every time The sector sever, now has 840 yards on Arkansas' Steve Little, Texas takes in his sophomore season. A&M's Tony Franklin and Texas' at ranks him sixth on the all-time Russell Erxleben are so far out in reseason charts and 291 yards bed Levias' one-year record, but were leading a Cuban election. Not Little Rock speedster has only only do Little and Erxleben share

Little holds the SWC record of top ten for most catches in a 50 career field goals, followed by Franklin with 42, followed by Erx-

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leben with 36. Little has two games left in his career, needs one field goal to equal the NCAA career position to rewrite Renfro's records next year. The junior from Dallas record, while Franklin and Erxleben are juniors and both have 13 games remaining. Little is also third in SWC career and needs 49 in his final 12 games to

catch Levias. Meanwhile, back on earth, Texas' Earl Campbell became the SWC's scoring with 266 points, 29 behind Arkansas' Bill Burnett (294).

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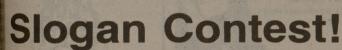
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