

Cowboy players go under the knife

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MUENSTER — Dallas Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach and wide receiver Butch Johnson — who teamed up for a 45-yard touchdown pass in Super Bowl XII last Sunday — underwent hand surgery Wednesday.

Doctors said Staubach and Johnson would stay in Muenster General Hospital, the home clinic of Cowboys physician Dr. Marvin Knight, for two or three days. Both were listed in good condition.

A Cowboys spokesman said doctors inserted a surgical pin in the index finger of Staubach's right hand to help repair a fracture in the tip of that finger and the tendon that had pulled away from the bone.

Two pins were placed in Johnson's right thumb to repair a fracture. Johnson had injured the thumb early in Dallas' 27-10 win over Denver, and further injured it when he made the spectacular catch in the end zone that boosted the

Cowboys' lead to 20-3 in the third quarter.

Doctors said both players should regain full use of their injured hands and that further examination would be made in two or three weeks.

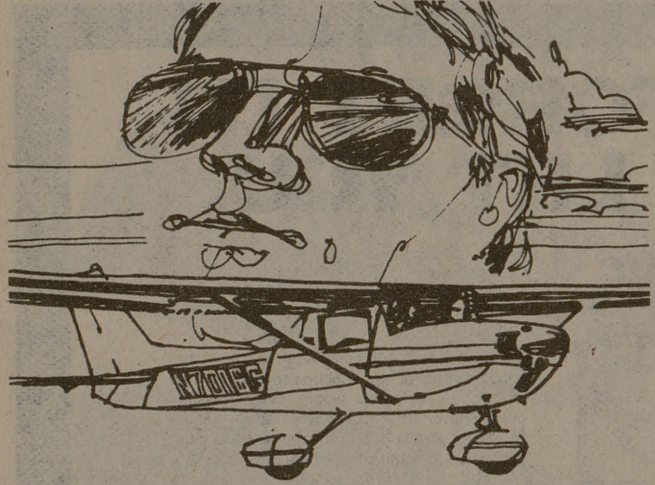
Surgery is also scheduled Thursday morning at the Muenster clinic on center John Fitzgerald's right knee and safety Randy Hughes' right foot. Fitzgerald's surgery will repair torn cartilage and Hughes' operation will deal with scar tissue which has been aggravating a nerve on the fourth toe of his right foot.

Retiring offensive tackle Ralph Neely is also scheduled for knee surgery in the near future and doctors will determine later whether surgery will be required on running back Tony Dorsett, defensive tackle Bill Gregory and cornerback Aaron Kyle.



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A&M will try to get back into the win column. The women lost to Stephen F. Austin last Tuesday night 60-46. It was the second time this

season the Aggies have lost to nationally ranked Ladyjacks.

Coach Wanda Bender's ladies now 9-7 for the season. Pat Werner continues to lead the team in scoring with an 11.0 average. Werner is the leading scorer for the Aggies. Stephen F. Austin with 14 points.

Von Bunn had 10 points last night raising her average to 11.0 points a game. More scoring needed from Bunn if the Aggies are to be competitive.

A&M shot 42 per cent from the field against the Ladyjacks in the half. But managed to hit only 30 per cent in the final period.

"We just didn't shoot well in the second half," coach Bender said. "We were right in the ball game, our shots just didn't fall. Our girls are playing better as the season progresses. Stephen F. Austin blew us out the first time we played them."

Southwest Texas should prove to be an easier opponent. Their record is 8-5.

"We should do well against the coach Bender said. "They match fairly well with us. We need to win this one because we have a game in Lubbock this weekend."

The Texas Tech game will be at 5 p.m. this Saturday.

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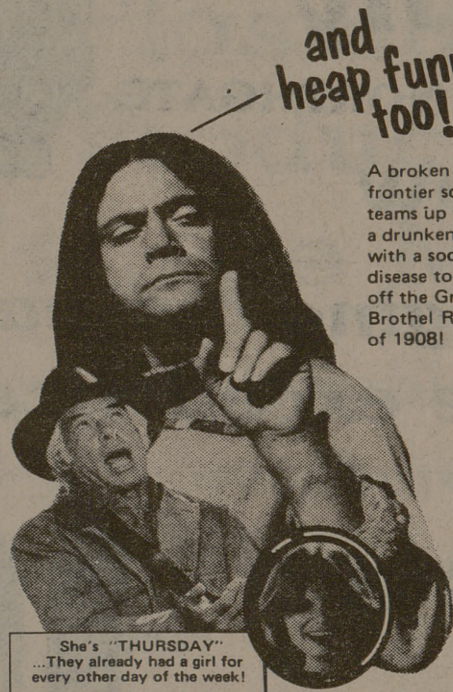
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