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HOUSAND OAKS, Calif. s Cowboys coach Tom Landry Monday he was disappointed the performance of the kicking s during the weekend preseason ner with San Francisco

replacement for NFC leading kicker dispute Efren Herrera, missed one extra point, had one punt blocked and another tipped during their 41-24 victory over the 49ers Saturday. Herrera has refused to report to

The Cowboys, who are seeking a training camp because of a contract I think our kicking game is behind what it ought to be at this point and I think we need to stress it a

great deal," Landry said, calling the kicking units' performance "poor." The Cowboys returned to two-a-day workouts Monday following the weekend win at Texas Stadium. Landry indicated rookie free

agent Jay Sherrill would handle the field goal and extra point place-ments against the Denver Broncos Saturday while Ove Johannson would do the kicking off.

"We'll reverse Sherrill and Johannson's roles against Denver and see how Sherrill handles the pressure of being the No. 1 kicker going into the game," he said.

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The Cowboys waived two free agent rookies Monday — safety Mike Kramer of Alabama and running back Barrett Paige of Central State (Ohio).

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Landry said rookie guard Tom Randall from Iowa State has tonsillitis and has been confined to his room until team doctors make a decision on his condition.

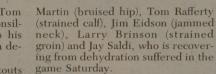
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Several veterans missed workouts in pads Monday, but were expected to be ready for Saturday's exhibition game with Denver. They were Larry Cole (twisted knee), Harvey



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Doctors said Phil Gregory would continue to work out just once a day and Rafferty did not work out as a precautionary measure



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David Boggan Sports Editor

Picking time

Ah, the smell of freshly mowed Astroturf. Yes, it's almost that time of year. A time of giving odds and placing

ts, of standing in line for tickets and of reading about Lou Holtz in the They Said It section of Sports Illustrated. Saturday Afternoon Fever. College Football 1978. Five Southwest Conference teams begin their 1978 season one

and from tomorrow. By now, interested fans have mentally in-ested as much of Dave Campbell's Texas Football as their systems an hold. They have read the multitude of predictions that have been

presented to them and have begun to form opinions of their own oncerning the upcoming football season. So have I. Herein are the Battalion sports editor's predictions for

his year's college football season:

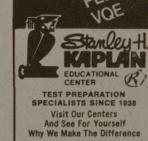
In picking a likely national champion, I have to go against the two earliest preseason prognosticators of high reputation. Both Texas Football and Playboy selected Notre Dame to be the country's top notball team last year, which it was. This year Campbell is torn between USC and Penn State, while Anson Mount of Playboy picks

I like the University of Texas at Norman, better known as Okla-homa University. Quarterbacked by San Antonian Thomas Lott and led defensively by Greg Roberts of Nacogdoches, Daryl Hunt of Odessa and George Cumby of Tyler, I believe this is the year the Sooners boom all the way to the top of the polls. Of course, this won't be decided until after the postseason bowls be decided until after the post-season bowls.

The Southwest Conference championship will be decided much arlier. Successfully picking an SWC champion for the past few years has been no easy task. Predict Texas A&M and Texas wins it. Go with Texas and Houston winds up in the Cotton Bowl. This year, as several SWC coaches have pointed out to me, there are five teams that could win the conference. Most people lean towards Arkansas, and so do I. Barring upset and injury, which realistically cannot be barred, the Razorbacks should be in the Cotton Bowl this year.

Speak of a 1978 Heisman Trophy winner and many people look at LSU's Charles Alexander. Look a little further west. With a good season this year, Texas A&M's Curtis Dickey could be well on his way to taking home a set of bookends a la Archie Griffin.

Finally, one prediction concerning professional football. With the regular season schedule increased by two games, I predict that we will be informed at least 16 times by Pat Sommerall this season that Tom Landry is the only coach the Dallas Cowboys have ever had.



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