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Fullback or halfback?

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NEW YORK — Houston Oilers' coach Bum Phillips had a quick answer for all those who kept asking whether he planned to play Earl Campbell, the nation's No. 1 draft pick, at halfback or fullback. "It doesn't make much difference where he's running from, it's where he's running to that counts," Phillips said. Used mostly at halfback so far in the Oilers, Campbell has looked bright in pre-season games. The Oilers' front office isn't saying anything one way or another, but it's pretty much the way all the offices operate, but the word around the league is that winning a division again won't be enough, and the Oilers don't get into the World

Series, there goes Danny Ozark's job. Ozark has heard some of those rumors for a long time now and is doing his best not to pay too much attention to them. "They're something you can't control, so why let them bother you?"
If you're having trouble getting a pay raise out of your boss, listen to Hall of Famer Warren Spahn, who never was offered a salary boost in his entire career even though he won 20 or more games 13 different seasons and finished with 363 victories. "Every one I got I had to fight for," he says, "and hard."
In only a few months, Fred Shero, the New York Rangers' new general manager and coach, has discovered there's a world of difference between being merely the coach, as

he was with the Philadelphia Flyers, and trying to handle both jobs as he's doing now. As a coach, all you have to do is handle the players, but as a general manager if the paperwork isn't handled just right, you can easily overlook claiming a player and there goes the whole season shot before it even starts.
If Bert Jones isn't able to play against the Dallas Cowboys in the NFL opener Monday night, and right now the chances are he won't due to a shoulder separation, the Baltimore Colts will have to go to the bottom of the barrel for a quarterback. It has boiled down to Mike Kirkland, who has been with the Colts two years but has never played a single down for them.
One of the things Billy Martin has been instructed to do to put some weight on and fill out a little more is eat regularly. By nature, Martin is not a big man with the knife and fork. He'd see the way some of his players gorged themselves, particularly after losing a tough ballgame, and he could never understand why their appetite wasn't affected the same as his. "Sometimes I'd watch them crowd around that table and I felt like tipping it right over," he says. "I'd feel like saying to them, 'You played like pigs, now eat like pigs.'"
George Allen has the distinction of being fired quicker than any other coach in NFL history, but he wasn't the only professional coach to be sacked as an outgrowth of conducting his practice sessions too long to suit his players. In 1948, after Ray Flaherty had guided the New York Yankees to two straight divisional titles in the All-America Conference, the Yanks reported for practice the following summer and began grumbling about the sessions running too long. Ultimately, they brought their complaints to team owner Dan Topping and Topping fired Flaherty and replaced him with Red Strader.
For some of the real lowdown on what went on behind the scenes with the Yankees last year, get yourself a copy of Ed Linn's intriguing paperback, "Inside the Yankees". Painstakingly researched and wellwritten, the book provides you with a rare insight into what went on inside and outside the world champions' clubhouse during the Summer of '77.
It happened during the Giant's last trip into Shea Stadium for a series with the Mets last week. Jack Clark, the Giants' hot-hitting right fielder, singled and stole second, after which third-base coach Dave Bristol called time and warned Clark against getting caught off second by Mets' shortstop Tim Lincecum, who often slips in between unsuspecting runners like that. Clark nodded. He knew all about Foli. Two minutes later, he was picked off.

Arrested for jogging no fun, claims runner

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Distance runner Lionel Ortega, who was arrested for trespassing while jogging at the University of New Mexico track, contends it's no fun to be handcuffed and asked while wearing running clothes.
Ortega should know since he has been through that just last week when he was arrested while training for a marathon.
The former UNM standout runner was jailed briefly and charged with criminal trespass on state property — which carries a possible penalty of six months in jail, a \$100 fine or both.
And while the university during the weekend dropped the charges against Ortega, he says the dispute isn't resolved.
"I don't think it's over yet," Ortega said Monday. "I was insulted and embarrassed by UNM. It's no fun to be handcuffed and checked for weapons when you're wearing running clothes."
"I think what UNM wants more than anything is for the publicity to stop," he said. "They want this thing to blow over."
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Hill in starting lineup

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DALLAS — Dallas coach Tom Landry said Tuesday the 1978 Cowboys would open the season with second-year wide receiver Tony Hill in the starting lineup.
"He's just been great," Landry said. "The amazing thing is that he has caught 85 per cent of the passes thrown to him in training camp this year. That includes everything, pattern practice, man-on-man — everything. That is quite an achievement."
Hill, who the Cowboys drafted in the third round out of Stanford last year, caught three touchdown passes during the exhibition season. He finished 11 passes overall for 193 yards.
Last year Golden Richards and Hill Johnson alternated at the wide receiver spot opposite Drew Pearson, but Landry said he had not decided whether Hill would shuttle plays to another receiver, but hinted he might use his guards to bring in the passes.
"Tony is one of the most exceptional receivers I've seen," said Landry. "He has the ability to adjust to the ball and is really talented at catching the deep pass."
Some receivers just have a special knack and Tony is one of those. He is also excellent at running with the football after he catches it. Drew Pearson is a class by himself, but Tony has great potential, too.
Richards and Johnson played a key role in the Cowboys' Super Bowl season and each caught a pass in Dallas' 27-10 victory over Denver last

January. Johnson will probably see action as a kick returner, but Richards could well spend much of the year on the bench.
In the only other lineup change, Landry said he would start Andy Frederick at offensive tackle ahead of Rayfield Wright, who is coming off a knee injury that kept him out of action almost all of last season.
"Rayfield is not limping any more and is making progress every day, but we are going to start Andy," the coach said.



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