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Tech must prepare for Ags

Ifs and butts hurt Raiders

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Watching Texas Tech Red Raiders struggle against Texas Saturday night brought to mind the saying about ifs and butts and Merry Christmases. If it wasn't for their series of turnovers and if their freshman quarterback performed up to his capabilities and if they could have stopped Johnny Ham Jones, they could have made the game enjoyable to watch. It wasn't.

The Red Raiders folded up against the Longhorns and came away with a 24-7 loss in head coach Dockery's Southwest Conference premiere contest. With the

loss the Red Raiders fell to 1-2 on the season and to the cellar in the conference race.

The Tech demise started on its first possession when Ron Reeves, starting his first game at quarterback for the Raiders, threw his third pass of the night into the hands of Texas linebacker Bruce Scholtz who returned the ball to Tech's 39 yard line.

The Texas offense wasted little time in converting the first turnover into points. Five plays and two and one half minutes later the score was 7-0 and the contest was never closer.

Of five turnovers Tech committed on the night, the Longhorns con-

verted three into touchdowns, aided greatly by the performance of Ham Jones. In his first good game since becoming a Texas Longhorn, the senior from Hamlin carried 21 times for 128 yards and two touchdowns.

"I just decided I wasn't going to be denied anything tonight," Jones said after the game. "I've had two bad games in a row and I got tired of holding my head down and feeling sorry for myself. I made up my mind I was going after them and do anything I could to help the team."

Ham was the key to the Texas attack in Saturday's game but across the field a man by the name of Reeves was hurting Tech's efforts. After becoming a hero in last week's

victory over Arizona, the Raider freshman had his problems against the stingy Longhorn defense. Reeves went 9 for 23 passing in the game for 151 yards with one interception.

"The Texas defense didn't really confuse me," Reeves said. "They gave us more zone coverage in the secondary than we expected but that was about all they did different to what we expected."

"But they did teach me some things tonight. I learned tonight from my mistakes. It was only my second game and it was hard for me to read the defenses they did use against us. But we were able to move the ball the entire game until we killed ourself with stupid mistakes. All we can do is not look back at Texas and go on from here."

And that's the job confronting coach Dockery as he prepares his team for the Texas A&M game this weekend.

"The mistakes we made are just a part of football," Dockery reflected. "You try to learn whether you win or lose and that's what this team needs to do. Mistakes are part of growing up as football players."

If they look deep enough the Raiders can find some good in their loss. They can lay claim to the fact that they scored the first touchdown of the year on the nation's leading defense. Or that they gained 283 yards total offense and could have scored much more if they could hold on to the football. And they held one of the most potent offenses in the country to under 400 total yards on the evening.

"Texas just forces you into errors and then jumps on you," Dockery said. "Without our mistakes we played a good enough game to beat them. And that's what we'll have to stress to our players. We can't afford to let these guys die now. We have eight more games ahead to look at. This one's over and it's time to forget it."

Harvey returns

Texas A&M strong side linebacker Randy Harvey, who sat out the Memphis State game Saturday, returned to practice Monday. The 6-foot-3, 210-pound junior was sidelined during the Aggies' 58-0 victory over the Tigers with a bruised knee.

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Redskins scalp Cowboys

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Veteran Mark Moseley kicked field goals of 42 and 27 yards Monday night to lead the Washington Redskins to a 21-10 win over the arch-rival Dallas Cowboys and a two-game lead in the NFC East.

The Redskins, 5-0, took advantage of all their limited scoring opportunities to take a 6-0 halftime lead and held off the Cowboys to the night of a sellout crowd of 55,031, which included President Carter.

Dallas' only scoring was a 19-yard field goal by Rafael Septien that cut the Cowboys' deficit to 6-3 midway through the third period. But the

Mosley tested

Texas A&M quarterback Mike Moseley was admitted to St. Joseph's hospital Monday to run tests on a heart disorder that has bothered him since sophomore year. Moseley did not miss Monday afternoon workouts and is expected to return Saturday against Texas Tech.

Redskins put on a spectacular goal line stand to force Dallas to kick, and again stopped the Cowboys midway through the final period when safety Ken Houston made a game-saving interception of a Roger Staubach pass in the end zone.

In the final two minutes, Staubach drove the Cowboys from their 29 to the Washington 10, but Robert Newhouse lost 3 yards on a run and an attempted pass to Drew Pearson was incomplete. After Dallas drew a delay of game penalty, a desperation fourth-down pass intended for Tony Hill was overthrown in the corner of the end zone.

The final two points came when Washington quarterback Joe Theismann took an intentional safety with time running out.

Dallas is 3-2, tied with the New York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles for second place in the NFC East.

The three field goals were sweet revenge for Moseley, a seven-year veteran, cut by two other NFL teams. The Cowboys had questioned the legality of his kicking

shoe, but numerous inspections had turned up nothing.

Moseley kicked his first two field goals — including the 52-yarder, his longest of the season — to cap the Redskins' only two scoring threats of the first half.

Moseley kicked the field goal with 10:59 left in the first quarter.

Moseley kicked his second field goal with 11:15 remaining in the half.

The Cowboys took the second half kickoff on their 24 and drove all the way to a first down on the Redskin 2. But the Redskins stopped Preston Pearson on one running play and Tony Dorsett on two more for a spectacular goal line stand that brought on Septien to kick his field goal.

Washington retaliated with a drive of its own to the Dallas 9. But a third down Theismann pass intended for McDaniel went awry. Moseley came on to kick his third field goal with 2:40 left in the quarter.

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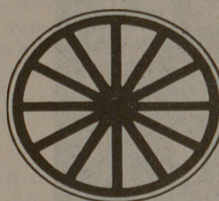
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