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**Lone runner**

Texas A&M's Martha Sartain won the Texas Women's Cross Country Championship in Georgetown Saturday. Her victory helped the Aggies place third behind Houston and Texas.

# Holtz re-evaluates coaching philosophy after two losses

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LITTLE ROCK — Faced with his first back-to-back losses since he has been at Arkansas, Razorback coach Lou Holtz said Sunday he was re-evaluating his coaching philosophy because he believed he had strayed from some of the things that made for success.

He told a news conference he did not want to say what those things were now because it would serve no useful purpose.

However, he said one of the first things he did after returning home following the Razorbacks' 20-9 loss Saturday night to Houston was to read the philosophy he had written soon after he became head coach at Arkansas.

"I know there will be many obstacles, pitfalls and crises ahead for me and everyone else connected with the Razorbacks," the summary of the document read. "However, there is going to be nothing that will keep us from being successful."

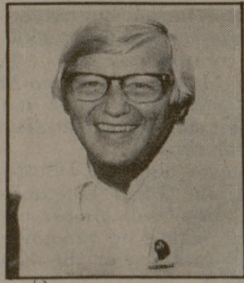
"Now, more than ever, if your philosophy is sound and those are things you believe in, you can go back on it," Holtz said, "and if it's sound, you'll see where you went off the track or else you'll need to change your philosophy."

He said some changes will be made but nothing drastic and although all personnel will be re-

evaluated, there probably will not be any position changes.

He said he and the team had a confidence problem but said that can be changed.

"We aren't jumping ship," he said. "We lost to two fine football teams (Houston and Texas) that played as well as they are capable of playing in their own backyard, but don't think for one minute that ev-



Lou Holtz

everything is bad. We played a fine football game. We did not play the great game which you have to play but we lost to two fine football teams."

He said it would be ridiculous to come in and say everything was rosy but he also said nothing could be further from the truth than that needs to be a complete shakeup.

"I can't fault one of our football players," he said. "Their effort is unreal."

Arkansas had taken a 9-0 lead by early in the second quarter on three field goals by Ish Ordonez of 27, 42 and 27 yards. Houston cut the lead to 9-7 at halftime on a 1-yard touchdown by Randy Love, then took the lead in the third quarter on a 14-yard scamper by Love. The Cougars iced the game in the final period on a 4-yard pass from Danny Davis to Willis Adams.

Arkansas running backs Ben Cowins and Jerry Eckwood carried the ball only 17 times between them during the game and Holtz said one of the changes that would be made would be to get them the ball 15-20 times each "even if we have to put one at quarterback and the other at center. We just have to get the ball to them. Both are running extremely well."

The loss dropped Arkansas' record to 4-2 on the season and to 1-2 in the conference and Holtz said the only goal the Razorbacks have now is to become 5-2 by winning next Saturday's game, which will be against Rice in Fayetteville.

"I've never been more determined in my life," he said. "It's eliminating the bad plays we have not done a very good job of doing."

Texas and Houston played perfect games against the Razorbacks but Holtz said "you can't count on what the other people are going to do."

# Motorcycle race a secret

By TIM RAVEN

A red cloud of dust arose from the red Texas clay as man and machine bounced, tumbled and finally skidded to a stop. Other racers passed by without looking.

The fallen man rose unsteadily to discover his machine — once a portrait of mechanical perfection — was a disintegrated mass of twisted metal.

"Damn," he said, and started the long walk back to the pits. Across the track another cloud of dust floated slowly eastward.

All-out competition was the rule at the "world's largest roadracing series" where over 200 of North America's best motorcycle racers competed for a \$25,000 purse.

The National Series, dubbed "the best-kept secret in sports" because of the lack of publicity, was held last weekend at the Texas World Speedway. The event was sponsored by the Western-Eastern Roadracing Association.

Despite the heavy competition, several Texans took home more than their share of the purse.

John Mick of Austin drove his

motorcycle to first-place honors in the thumper vintage class, a class of vintage, single cylinder machines.

David Cheek of Houston worked double-time to take home a pair of second-place medals in the open production class and the 750 c.c. class.

Tommy Shields of Houston took a second in the Formula 4 class, while Bucky Patterson of Houston busied himself with the 250 c.c. production and 250 c.c. superbike classes, earning second- and third-place honors, respectively.

Racers representing Quebec, Ontario and Alaska joined their colleagues from all over the United States to participate in this action-packed sport, but the stands remained empty.

"There were a lot of good thoughts, a lot of good ideas," said TWS General Manager George Martin, "but basically promotion was nonexistent."

## Rumor denied

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DALLAS — Dallas Cowboys President and General Manager Tex Schramm has denied a statement made by Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder that running back Tony Dorsett would be traded following the season.

Snyder, during a telecast Sunday, listed several players who would be traded and Dorsett was one of them.

"All he (Snyder) has done is go around the league and find somebody whose had some kind of problem," said Schramm.

"It's never been talked about, never been considered. It's just tragic when a network gives responsibility to an irresponsible person."



Mark Patterson

# Maroon and white fits Wilson well

This, ladies and gentlemen, is the start of a new season for the Texas Aggie football team.

Forget about the shellacking the Aggies suffered three weeks ago against the Houston Cougars. And put aside the loss to the Baylor Bears two weeks ago. Those two games seem a long, long time ago. A lot of changes have happened to the Aggies since the most for the better.

The most notable being the emergence of Tom Wilson as the head coach of the team. Wilson has come down from the press box where he watched the Bellard-coached Aggies for three and one-half years as offensive coordinator, to take over a confused and anguished group of players at a time when no other coach would have dared.

But Wilson is a man who makes things happen. He proved so in his first three days as a head coach. In his first practice Tuesday Wilson installed a new twist to the Aggie offense, inserting a man-in-motion formation. It paid off on the touchdown bomb to Carter on the game's initial play, a dream play Wilson's wanted to use for five years.

The new set is just one of the many surprises Wilson has in store for his team and fans. Exciting football will finally come to Texas A&M.

"We still have the wishbone in our offense and it's available to us if we need it, but we'll run mainly out of the I the remainder of the season," Wilson said. "We'll abandon the wishbone all together next season."

"Next year we'll run a flexible, multiple-type offense. We'll have a balanced attack as we can get, running out of the I and a good passing attack. We'll compliment a strong running game with a good passing attack, making our opponents stop the run first."

"With this kind of attack we'll be most successful against teams that are equally as good as we are. We feel like we can line-up with a team physically and out-muscle most of them. Those that we can't dominate, our multiple offense will beat them. That will be our advantage in the big games, which are most of the ones played in the conference."

The main ingredient in Wilson's offensive plans is tailback Carter Dickey. It is out of the I-formation that Wilson believes Dickey's talents can best be utilized.

"The I-formation is a quarterback-tailback oriented offense," Wilson explained. "You try to get the ball to your tailback as many times as he's physically able to carry the ball. And when you have someone with the talent that Dickey possesses, you want him to be the one with his hands on the ball."

Wilson has definite plans on what he wants to do with his team. The thing working in his favor is that the team is responding to his ideas. At a time when they could have turned against anyone coming in and readjusting their direction, the team rallied behind Wilson's week.

They believe in Wilson, so much so that members of the team passed a petition among themselves asking Jarvis Miller that Wilson be retained as head coach next season. The players got their wish when Wilson was signed to a three-year contract last Friday. Wilson was told about the petition Friday night at Cain Hall.

"I spend the night with the team every Friday night that we have a home game," Wilson said. "It's the only chance that I have to be close to the players. I think it helps."

"They showed me the petition and it really made me feel good. The players have rallied behind me and I think we're totally together now as a team. We're having fun together and I think that it's important to have fun when you play the game. The team is enjoying what they're doing and they love to play football."

The Aggies can have all the fun they want among themselves. But Wilson doesn't field a winning football team, his tenure as head coach will be a short one. Winning is foremost on his mind his last four games of the 1978 football season and he's already established some goals for the team.

"We're going to take each game individually and just try and make things happen," Wilson said. "All I want to do is play well enough to make it to a bowl game. If we can make it into a bowl what has happened it will be a great accomplishment for this team."

The Texas Aggies are fortunate that Wilson was still available to take over the head coaching position. Last year Wilson was the primary candidate for the head coaching job at Texas Tech and was virtually assured of the position by members of that university before the job was given to Tech assistant coach Rex Dockery. Wilson was greatly disappointed and the memory is still with him today.

"After the Tech thing I was at a point in my life that I didn't know what direction to go, or what to do," Wilson reflected. "Last year incident is all worked out of my blood and that part of my life is gone. I no longer have the dream of coaching at Texas Tech."

"I'm tickled to death to have an opportunity to coach here at Texas A&M. There's no doubt about it, maroon and white wears as well as red and black. I'm an Aggie to the bone."

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