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Allen cites turnovers as Cowboys' problem

United Press International
DALLAS — The Dallas Cowboys' biggest deficiency this year has been their 23-16 loss to Miami Sunday. Special assistant coach Ernie Allen pointed it out.

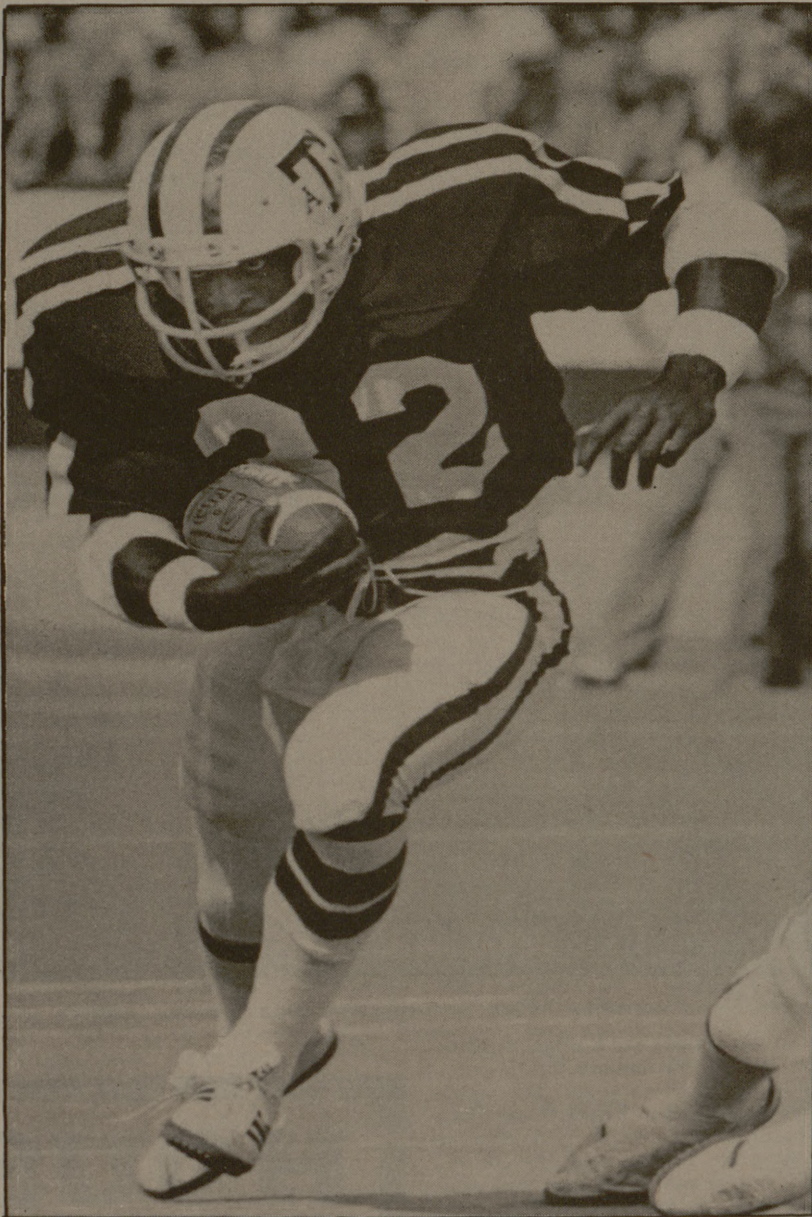
"How can Dallas be leading the league in passing, be second in rushing and be first in overall offense and look so sluggish and non-productive?" Allen was asked.

Allen said the entire question did not get out before Allen responded. "Turnovers," he said. "Look at the turnovers last year and look at this year and you will see."

Allen said, "There are some things going on that I have not been accustomed to," said Dorsett, indicating that fumbling is one of the things that is not in his game plan.

"You take away my mistake and Butch Johnson's mistake and we were in it," said Dorsett. "We fell behind before we realized we were in a tough football game. It was too late by then. Still we had a chance to win if we could have eliminated our mistakes."

A fumble by tight end Billy Joe DuPree in the final two minutes choked off a chance to tie the game and throw it into overtime.



On the move Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

Texas A&M's David Brothers carries the ball against SMU in Saturday's 20-17 Aggie victory. Brothers is Texas A&M's second-leading rusher with 510 yards so far this season.

Top 20 poll

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| 1. Oklahoma (34) (9-0) 594 | 11. LSU (6-1) 183 |
| 2. Penn St. (6) (9-0) 574 | 12. Purdue (7-1) 134 |
| 3. Alabama (8-1) 493 | 13. Notre Dame (6-2) 127 |
| 4. Nebraska (8-1) 469 | 14. Maryland (8-1) 110 |
| 5. So. Calif (7-1) 423 | 15. Clemson (7-1) 69 |
| 6. Texas (6-1) 384 | 16. Arkansas (5-2) 47 |
| 7. Michigan (7-1) 332 | 17. Washington (6-3) 14 |
| 8. Houston (7-1) 330 | 18. Navy (7-1) 12 |
| 9. UCLA (8-1) 268 | 19. Georgia Tech (6-2) 9 |
| 10. Georgia (7-1) 185 | 20. Pittsburgh (6-2) 6 |

Former Aggie offensive coordinator resigns

United Press International
MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Ben Hurst, coach of the Middle Tennessee State University football team since 1975, resigned Monday following four straight losing seasons in the Blue Raiders' helm.

Hurst, 45, said his resignation is effective at the end of the current season. The Blue Raiders are now overall and 1-4 in the Ohio

Valley Conference with two games remaining.

Hurst coached in the Texas high school system and was a former assistant on the staff of Coach Bill Yeoman at the University of Houston. After seven years with Houston, he moved to Texas A&M, where he served as offensive coordinator for three years. Hurst preceded Aggie head coach Tom Wilson as Texas A&M's offensive coordinator under Emory Ballard.

"I sincerely regret that I was unable to return the football program to the level of achievement this great university has enjoyed in the past," said Hurst, who captained MTSU's 1956 football team that went to the Refrigerator Bowl.

University officials said the search for Hurst's successor will begin immediately.

"By submitting my resignation at this time, the university will have sufficient time to secure a replacement and meet those responsibilities necessary to prepare for recruiting this year's seniors," Hurst said at an afternoon news conference.

"It is most difficult to leave these players who have given so much of themselves," Hurst said of his squad. "They are a credit to this university and have handled these difficult times with much courage and dedication."

A Pulaski native, Hurst came as head coach to MTSU from Texas A&M in January of 1975, hoping to revive the school's sagging football program. His teams went 4-7 his first two years and 3-8 in 1978 for an overall record of 12-29-1.

"I am certainly sorry to have Ben Hurst leave our football program," said MTSU Athletic Director Charles Murphy, who coached Hurst in the early 1950s. "Ben is a man of excellent character and good habits. I hope that he won't get out of football because I believe that he has a future in the game."

Franklin setting kicking records

Texas A&M's barefoot kicker Franklin currently holds or shares 16 NCAA, two Southwest Conference and 13 Texas A&M records for his placekicking efforts.

Franklin's 29-yard game-winner against SMU Saturday broke three NCAA career marks: field goals (54), scoring points (282) and field goal attempts (96). He is closing in on two more SWC career marks: scoring points (128 by Happy Feller of Arkansas) and career scoring (294 by Burnett of Arkansas). Franklin will be representing Texas A&M on Nov. 18 in the Rockies. Sartain placed third and Scott finished sixth in the SWAIAW Regional Championships in Norman, Ok.

After getting upset by Lamar in the semifinals, the Texas A&M women's volleyball team made a tremendous rally to beat Houston for third place in the TAIW state tournament last weekend and qualify for the regional tournament in two weeks.

This weekend the Aggies will play in the Houston Invitational which has the top five teams in Texas involved. Lamar, Houston, UT Arlington and Texas Lutheran will also participate. The Aggies are 38-12 for the season.

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Horns, Coogs prepare Akers likes home field

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AUSTIN — The Southwest Conference's critical game of the year will take place in Memorial Stadium Saturday and Houston coach Bill Yeoman says he doesn't care where it will be.

Texas coach Fred Akers, meanwhile, is of a different opinion. "I'm glad Bill feels that way," Akers said Monday. "I think you have to have more confidence when you play in your own surroundings."

"By no stretch of the imagination is your home the only place you can play quality football. But at home everything is more familiar and your routine is less interrupted."

"There probably is too much emphasis on the home field thing, but if given a choice I think anyone would rather play at home."

When asked about Texas' home field advantage in its meeting with his Cougars, Yeoman said Monday: "We will both play on the same field."

Neither Houston or Texas have a conference loss this season and the winner of Saturday's game is the odds on choice to represent the league in the Cotton Bowl New Year's Day.

"Houston has an excellent team," said Akers. "They have great size and mobility. They have a lot of experience at several key positions and they have a lot of depth."

"Danny Davis is a fine, scrambling quarterback who comes up with big plays. They have good receivers, fine running backs and a good, tough offensive line that is performing well."

Akers said Randy McEachern would start the Houston game. "He has a lot more experience,

but Donnie Little is a much more mature football player now and I would not hesitate to put him in."

Houston has improved throughout the season and after clobbering TCU last weekend, 63-6, Horned Frogs coach F.A. Dry was obviously impressed.

"I think they are as good as anybody we have played," said Dry. "and we have played some good teams (second ranked Penn State among them)."

Yeoman, however, was not ready to classify his team among the nation's top few.

"We haven't played Oklahoma or Penn State this year," said Yeoman. "But I am encouraged by the fact that our players have kept their minds on their business and gotten better."

"I still think our team's strength is on defense, but we have played consistently well on offense, too."

The Longhorns are rated sixth in the nation and the Cougars are rated eighth nationally going into Saturday's game.

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