

Pro football scene

# No gun for Oilers' Fritsch

United Press International  
CINCINNATI — A bunch of wild and crazy Houston Oilers carried Fritsch off the field Sunday. It sure beat the alternative.

There's only two ways to go off the field," said Fritsch, recalling the "die situation he had been in a few minutes earlier. "Either they carry you off or they shoot you."

Well, they don't really shoot field goal kickers who miss crucial kicks. Chris Bahr is living proof of that, but Fritsch, Bahr and all other NFL field goal kickers know how you can feel when you blow a potential game-winner.

And so, it was Fritsch who was carried off the field after he bounced a 29-yard field goal off the left upright and over the goal post with just seconds remaining in overtime to give the Oilers to a 30-27 victory over the winless Cincinnati Bengals.

And, for Bahr and the Bengals, it was pure misery.

Bahr, who had booted a club-record 55-yard field goal with just 3:26 left in regulation to tie the game at 27-27, missed a 32-yard try with 6:55 remaining in overtime that would have given Cincinnati the win.

Fritsch hasn't missed a field goal try this season (three of three Sunday gave him eight for the year), but his game-winner Sunday nearly was wide, caroming off the left upright.

But, most of the 45,615 fans had figured Bahr's 32-yard try six minutes earlier would be "automatic" too.

Bahr, whose younger brother kicks field goals for the Pittsburgh Steelers, was hard pressed to explain what went wrong.

"I hit it better than the 55-yarder," he said. "If I hadn't looked up, I would have thought it was going to be dead center."

There also was really no excuse

for the Bengals losing the game.

Looking like a team tired of being the joke of the NFL, the Bengals had jumped to a 24-0 lead midway through the second quarter.

With rookie quarterback Jack Thompson at the controls in his first pro start in place of injured Ken Anderson, the Bengals got a pair of 1-yard touchdown runs from Pete Johnson, a 2-yard TD run from rookie Charles Alexander and a 52-yard field goal from Bahr to seize what looked like an insurmountable lead.

But, as Pastorini noted after the game, "we can do it in some strange ways."

So, the Oilers rattled off 27 straight points — on Pastorini's TD tosses of 35 yards to Ken Burrough and 22 yards to Rich Caster, an eight-yard TD gallop by Earl Campbell and field goals of 43 and 47 yards by Fritsch — to grab a 27-24 lead with 1:53 left in the third quarter.

The Bengals managed to tie it at 27-27 with 3:26 left in regulation on Bahr's 55-yard field goal, which broke the Bengals' old field goal record of 53 yards set by Horst Muhlmann in 1970 against San Diego.

After Bahr had missed his 32-yard try in overtime, Campbell darted 15 yards on a crucial fourth and one play to move the ball to the Cincy 18 and set up Fritsch's game-winning kick.

Somewhat overlooked because of Fritsch's heroics was another great individual performance by Campbell. He ran the ball 34 times for 158 yards and now has a hefty four-game rushing total of 493 yards.

As for the Bengals, who are now 0-4 and threatening to be as bad as last year's team that started off 0-8, coach Homer Rice was at a loss to explain how a club could blow a 24-0 lead.

"It's very difficult to understand and extremely tough to take," he said. "Pastorini brought them back and they outmuscled us late in the second quarter and in the third quarter."

# Undefeateds meet in Cleveland

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CLEVELAND — When the Cleveland Browns take on the Dallas Cowboys before a Municipal Stadium crowd of more than 80,000 tonight, much of the attention will be on the star running backs of each club — Tony Dorsett of the Browns and Greg Pruitt of the Cowboys.

Although Dallas Coach Tom Landry and Browns Coach Sam Rutigliano have acknowledged that they are very concerned about the multiple talents of Dorsett and Pruitt, both coaches also admit that they've spent at least as much time trying to figure out how to stop each other's quarterbacks.

(Brian) Sipe is throwing the ball very well, hitting on a lot of touchdown passes," Landry said of the Browns top signal-caller.

Indeed Sipe, emerging as a solid quarterback in his seventh year in the National Football League, has played brilliantly at times in leading the Browns to come-from-behind victories in each of their three games this month.

He has hit on 54 of 103 aerials for 833 yards, the most passing yardage by a quarterback in the American Football Conference.

Noting that Sipe has connected

on long passes in critical situations with three different receivers in each of Cleveland's three games, Rutigliano warned, "The quarterback is not going to be throwing the ball the same way every week."

Veteran quarterback Roger Staubach of the Cowboys, meanwhile, has passed 99 times for 58 completions and 750 yards. "Roger has played super. He's the main reason we're 3-0," Landry concluded.

But Rutigliano has served notice his defense will be trying to dog Staubach throughout the battle. "I think we can exert enough pressure on Staubach to force him into mistakes."

"And their offense is not going to be foreign to our defense, because our offense is like Dallas' multiple offense — using lots of motion with receivers and backs and tight ends," Rutigliano said.

The Cleveland-Dallas clash will be a battle of unbeaten teams, with both clubs boasting 3-0 records.

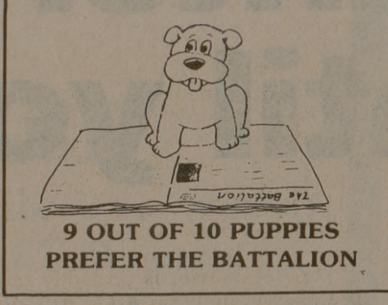
In their efforts to remain undefeated, each team undoubtedly also will gear its defenses to try to stop the elusive Dorsett and the speedy Pruitt.

"They've got a great guy coming out of the backfield. Dorsett does

more things with broken plays than any back I've ever seen. He's a very dangerous guy," Rutigliano said. "Plus, coming out of the backfield as a receiver, he poses a tremendous problem to us. But we've got a guy just like him."

The guy "just like" Dorsett is Pruitt, who has rushed 51 times for 214 yards. Dorsett, no slouch himself, has 162 yards on 39 carries.

Reviewing his defense, Landry commented, "You always have to be concerned about defending a fellow like Pruitt. Sometimes we looked bad against the run and sometimes against the pass. I'd have to say we looked worse against the run in the last two games because we were playing against a top-caliber player."



# Angels fly by Rangers

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ANAHEIM, Calif. — Dave Frost tossed a six-hitter and Carney Lansford hit a three-run homer Sunday to enable the California Angels to reduce their magic number for clinching the American League West to four with a 6-1 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Lansford's home run capped a six-run fifth inning to back Frost, 16-9, who struck out five and walked none en route to his 12th complete game.

The Angels were held to one hit through four innings by Ferguson Jenkins, 15-14, but the first five California batters in the fifth hit safely.

Bobby Grich opened with a double and scored on Larry Harlow's single. After a passed ball, Harlow scored on Jim Anderson's single. Rick Miller then singled and Lansford followed with his 18th homer, a three-run shot into the left-field bullpen that gave the Angels a 5-0 lead.

Lansford had gone hitless in his 11 previous at-bats before theme run. The final run of the inning scored when reliever

Dave Rajsich surrendered an RBI fielder's choice to Grich. The Texas run was scored in the seventh when Bump Wills

doubled to the wall in center, moved to third on Al Oliver's single and scored on Willie Montanez' sacrifice fly.

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recommendations on program changes. These students are invaluable to the optimal administration of the Intramural Programs.

Applications for Council Members are available in the Intramural Office in DeWare Fieldhouse. Interviews begin Tuesday, September 24, 1979.

## The Extra Act

This year's Polo Club has gotten off to a great start by defeating the Houston Polo Club 10-6. The September 16, opener was played in Houston.

This Sunday, September 29, the Aggie Polo Players will host T.U. at 2:00. The game is scheduled for

the polo fields in front of the campus, and spectators, as always, are invited to cheer the Ags on.

The club also has a tournament scheduled to be played here against the Dennison Polo Club in early October.

## Ref's Corner

Volleyball Officials Clinic on Tuesday, September 25, 7:00 p.m. 267 G. R. White

The IM Department is still hiring sports officials for the fall semester. If you are interested, come by the IM Office and talk to Dave Kerr. The rewards are great!

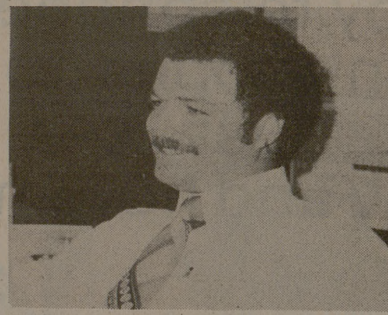
## For The Record

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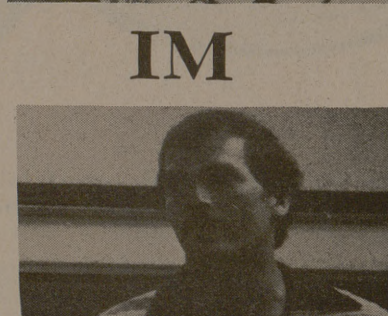
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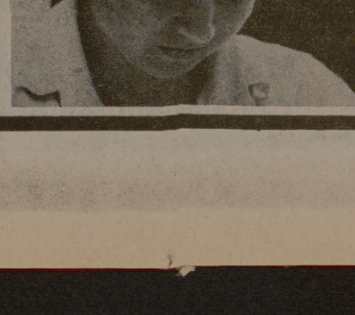
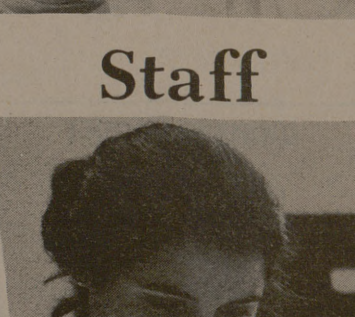
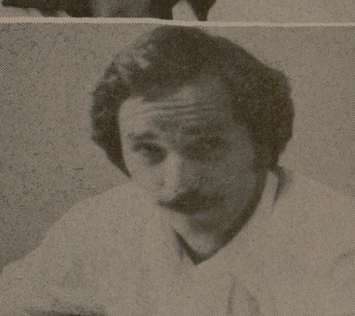
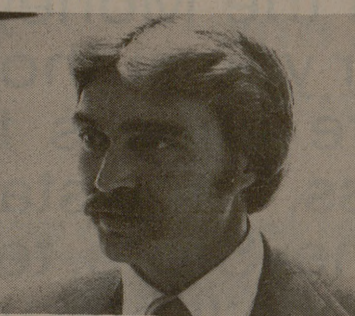


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Closing Entries:

- Team Bowling Tuesday, September 25
- Weightlifting Tuesday, September 25
- Handball Singles Tuesday, September 25

Opening Entries:

- Badminton Monday, September 24
- Putt-Putt Golf Monday, September 24
- Volleyball Monday, September 24

Meetings: Bowling Team Captains — Thursday, September 27, 5:30 p.m. Room 267 GRW

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Hey Ags! We have something new for you! So what is it already? It uses golf clubs, but it's not golf, (that's an old event around here, anyway). That's right... Putt-Putt Golf. This event is exciting because all champs are also the first record-makers. Also Pooh's Park is giving us a discount. What could be more fun than 36 holes-in-one in only two hours. Come by the IM Office and sign up, now!!

The IM Volleyball Competition is opening for entries so, "volley" on by and sign your team up. It's more fun than a barrel of monkeys let loose in G. Rollie White.

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